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INSIDE:

She tells **Alive!** why she writes, and how she finds the time.

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A Message From the CEO

We Live To Create

by John Hawkins,
President and CEO, The Club

I read a statistic not too long ago, and it said: When we're five years old, 95 percent of us draw. When we're adults, only something like five percent of us do. What happens along the way?

I was reminded of that when I received an email a month or two ago from Club Member **Stephanie Burkhart**. At the bottom of her email, she hinted that she was an author. Hey wait, I thought ... isn't she a City Employee? Turns out, she's both.

Stephanie has had published more than 30 novels and short stories. She also writes a blog ... raises a family with her husband ... leads a scout troupe ... teaches religious education ... and has a strong career as a 911 operator. Whew!

Despite her very busy life, it would be "weird" (her word) to live without writing.

Her creativity and production intrigued me. I've always loved to build things. Not that I talk about it a lot – maybe never, in these pages ... but I've been putting things together since I was a kid. Some of the shelves you see in the Club store, holding **Mariana Guevara's** awesome gear, I put together. Check 'em out, and let me know what you think.

All of this reminds me of another story, one that our editor, **John Burnes**, will hate my retelling: After we saw the success of the kids' coloring contest in *Alive!*, I suggested we begin a coloring contest for grown-ups. John, a pretty creative guy, thought that was ridiculous. But he said, let's try it, anyway. And we did. Guess what? We could hardly handle all the amazing entries. (*And speaking of that: The deadline for this year's grown-up coloring contest is in a few weeks, March 15. What are you waiting for? Turn in your entry!*)

The point I want to emphasize here is this: We all have to work, and there's dignity in that. But many of us aren't complete unless we create, too. So here's to that nagging voice in all of us, to get it going again and get creating.

Moving on ... we have a lot of retirements this month. This month's issue carries many retirement stories, and we have an usually long retirement list, too. I'm not sure what's up with all that, but I see two names I want to mention briefly.



Jon Kirk Mukri retired out of the Harbor, but most of his 20-year City career was spent leading two different departments, Rec and Parks, and Transportation. I remember when we had just recreated *Alive!* and the Club, and we were looking for departments to cover. Jon was cordial and very encouraging of our endeavors. I want to thank him for that, and wish him a rewarding retirement.



Tony Pratt, the City's leading surveyor out of Engineering, retired after 31 years of mapping the City. We featured Tony on our cover several years ago, and it was great fun following around one of his surveying crews. Tony said good things about the Club, especially how moved he was at our monthly *People We See* column. Thanks, Tony, for your service and comments. I wish you the best.

So it's nearly Spring! I wish all our Club Members fun outside ... and I encourage everyone to get creative. Be a kid again. You won't regret a minute of it.

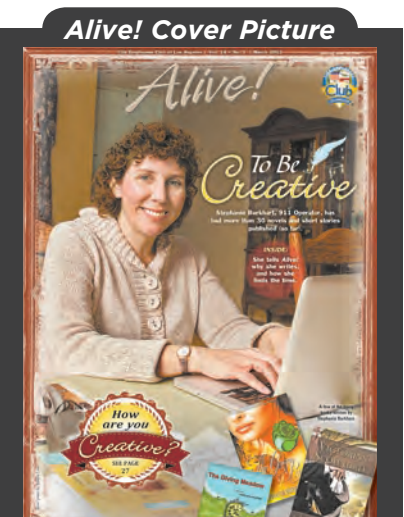
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Alive! Behind the Scenes



Club Photographer Summy Lam (left) photographs 911 Operator and published author Stephanie Burkhart at Castaic Lake.



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— Ed.



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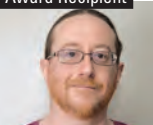
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Letters to the Editor

LETTERS OF THE MONTH

Thanks for the Valentines



Thank you for publishing our Valentine. We both enjoyed seeing it.

Also, thank you for supporting the Retired Employees Association (RLACEI). It is nice to see Robert Larios at the luncheons. A while back I won a City watch, which I appreciate and wear regularly.

– Bob Knox,
Retired, Personnel

That was sooooo awesome how you gathered all those Valentine messages from Club Members. I missed it this year but will definitely do it next year. You guys are great; keep up the fantastic work!

– Melissa Harbridge,
Retired



People We See Shines Light on Situations That Need Attention

I just wanted to thank you for the interesting articles on the people living on the streets. I always read them with my kids so they can see what happens if you don't stay on the straight and narrow path. It's also a little disheartening to think that in a city this great, we still have people living on the sidewalks without any shelter of any kind. Seems a little Third-World-ish. But thank you for bringing this all to light. I hope the mayor reads these, too.

– Thomas Garcia, General Services

Hitting the Trail With Angel Is Done; On to the Next One

Hey Angel Gomez, thank you for showing me the Summitridge Park Trail! I finally was able to go on one of your *Be Alive!* adventures. I'm looking forward to your next one, Angel!

– Timmy Alexander, Rec and Parks

Riddick Does Serious Work ... And Is Doggone Pretty, Too

My five-year-old daughter loves the cover of the February newspaper with police dog Riddick. She thinks Riddick is the prettiest dog she has ever seen. She says that he looks like he is smiling while the photo was taken and

also loved that he can wear a video camera and transmitter.

I just want to say what a terrific story about the Bomb Squad this was. The dogs are so very special and deserve all the respect.

– Jennifer Jones, Rec and Parks

Lettuce Entertain You With Maurice's Date Meal Idea

That was the funniest comment I have ever read in the Question of the Month column – the one by Maurice Hyett about Souplantation being the great place for a meal on a date. The others were entertaining, too, and lively. I very much enjoy reading this column, and I look forward to seeing it every month.

– Terry McCullough, LAFD

Linda Throws Down Gauntlet With Grown-Up Coloring Dare

I am going to win the *Grown-Up Coloring Contest* with my trusty crayons. Well okay, they're my son's crayons but I bought them, so stand back and watch my artistry in the April newspaper! Oh, and glitter? That is just the beginning. My entry is going to sparkle. That \$50 Target card is all mine!

– Linda Jacobson, General Services

Robert's Question of the Month

BY ROBERT LARIOS, Club VP of Operations
rlarios@cityemployeesclub.com



Fellow Club members answer the Question of the Month

What's the luckiest thing that's ever happened to you?



"My cousin was recently diagnosed with leukemia. I received a call that it is curable with mild chemotherapy. That is the luckiest thing that has happened!"

– Carlos Huerta, Rec and Parks, Club Member since 2015 and brand new employee



"That's easy – my two beautiful daughters and wife!"

– Charles Kagan, Sr.
Park Maintenance Supervisor, DWP, 27 years of City service, Club Member since 2002



"I have six healthy kids."

– Steve Smythe,
Building Repairer, DWP, 25 years of City service, Club Member since 2008



"Two words for you, Robert... my wife!"

– Juan Perez,
Building Repairer, DWP, 7 years of City service, Club Member since 2010



"I have to go with my gut on this – my coworker, Woody Milton!"

– Manny Chavez,
Building Repairer, DWP, 30 years of City service, Club Member since 2002



"Without a doubt it is my two grandsons."

– Patrick Marquez,
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"My wife saying yes!"

– David Castillo,
Public Works/Engineering, 9 years of City service, Club Member since 2006



"My job! I never thought it would lead to a happy and successful career!"

– Gary Arso,
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"Meeting my wife."

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Back: Elaine Andrews, Retired, Chief of Operations, 40 years of City service, Club Member; and John Alexander Willis, son. Front, from left: Betty Shapiro, Retired Sr. PSR, 25 years, Club Member; and Lillian Andrews Jeffries, aunt.



From left: Anita McKinney, Sup. of Operations, 34 years of City service, Club Member; Jesus Garcia, Sup. of Operations, 14 years, Club Member; Ben Nematdeh, Retired Chief of Operations, 29 years, Club Member; and Carlyle Kidd, Sup. of Operations, 31 years.



From left: John Hamilton, Retired Operations, 40 years of City service, Club Member; Phyllis Massey, Retired Airport Police, 34 years, Club Member; Sgt. Al Turner, Retired, Airport Police, 44 years, Club Member; Dorsey Martin, CT, 25 years, Club Member; Officer Sandra Smith, Retired, 39 years, Club Member; and Det. Billye Henderson, 39 years, Club Member.



Back: Marie O'Kelly-Green, Sr. Management Analyst II, 25 years of City service, Club Member. Front, from left: Olivia Riter, Personnel Director, 28 years, Club Member; Ray Jack, Airport Manager II, 29 years; Charley Mimms, Chief Construction Inspector, 47 years, Club Member; and Renee Anderson, Union Rep., 21 years.



Elaine Andrews with the Diamond Sisters.



Back: Roslyn and Michael Harris, guests. Front, from left: Jim and Sondra Phillips, guests; Charlene Bearden, guest; and Cynthia and Barry Jernigan, guests.



From left: Kayley King, Management Analyst, 26 years of City service, Club Member; Adriana Renteria, Sr. Management Analyst, 25 years; Jacqueline Yaft, Deputy Exec. Dir., 5 years; Barry Rondinella, Dir. of Operations, 4 years, Club Member; Ylises Aguirre, Airport Manager, 25 years; and Lalis Nematzaceh, guest.



From left: Courtney Kenard, Prop. Mgr., 19 years of City service, Club Member; Stephanie Young, Management Analyst II, 24 years, Club Member; Althea Edwards, Prop. Mgr., 23 years; and Vivian Howell, Prop Mgr., 31 years.

Airports

Story by Jeanette Gadut, Club Counselor; Photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Director of Product Development



Bon Voyage, Elaine

Elaine Marie Andrews retires after 40 years of City service.

On Jan. 23, family, friends and colleagues gathered at the Hilton DoubleTree Hotel to celebrate the retirement of Elaine Marie Andrews, Club Member, from her position as Chief of Operations II, Terminal Operations, at the Los Angeles International Airport.

The night was filled with stories of Elaine's tenacity and hard work during her 40 year City career, along with endearing stories shared by family and friends. Elaine's jovial spirit brightened the room – an example of her positivity was when she was asked how she would be spending her retirement. Her response was, "I plan on sitting on the porch in the morning and waving to the working people!"

The best of wishes to you, Elaine! Thank you for allowing the Club to be part of a wonderful event.



Elaine makes her grand entrance.



Club Director of Product Development Arlene Herrero presents Elaine Andrews with a plaque.



Back, from left: Paula Adams, Club Member; and Capt. La Ponda Fitzpatrick, Retired, 33 years of City service, Club Member. Front: Minerva Gutierrez, Sr. PA, 26 years, Club Member; and Linda Brown, Acting Personnel Records Supervisor, Club Rep, 25 years of service.



Paula Adams, Club Member, and Elaine Andrews, Club Member, with her LA City Council Resolution certificate.



Charley Mims, Club Member, presents Elaine, Club Member, with a Union Local 721 retirement plaque.



Elaine Andrews and her son, John, embrace after his speech and reading his poem.



From left: Micaela Leblanc, Info Systems Manager, 26 years of City service; Renee Gonzalez-Fong, Sr. Management Analyst II, 26 years, Club Member; Stefanie VanReyn, Sr. Management Analyst II, 34 years, Club Member; and Regina Tennelle, Sr. Management Analyst II, 23 years, Club Member; Marie O'Kelly-Green, Sr. Management Analyst II, 25 years of City service.

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In Santa Cruz, Santa Monica

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Happy Mother's Day

From the Club!

CLUB MEMBERS: Pay tribute to your mom this Mother's Day with a photo and message of lifelong love, published in Alive!

In our May issue, we'll print a photo of you and your mom (or just your mom)... and a two-or three-sentence message of Happy Mother's Day from you. Photos can be either print or digital. Send it in now!

- Send in a print or digital photo of you and your mom (or just your mom). Send **high resolution** digital photos to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com. Send print photos (or drop them off in person) to the Club Store, 120 West 2nd St., Los Angeles 90012
- Include a message of Happy Mother's Day (up to three sentences).
- **Deadline: April 15**

Be Alive!

Angel's Abalone Cove Shoreline Park

Angel Gomez, Club Director of Sales

– Rancho Palos Verdes

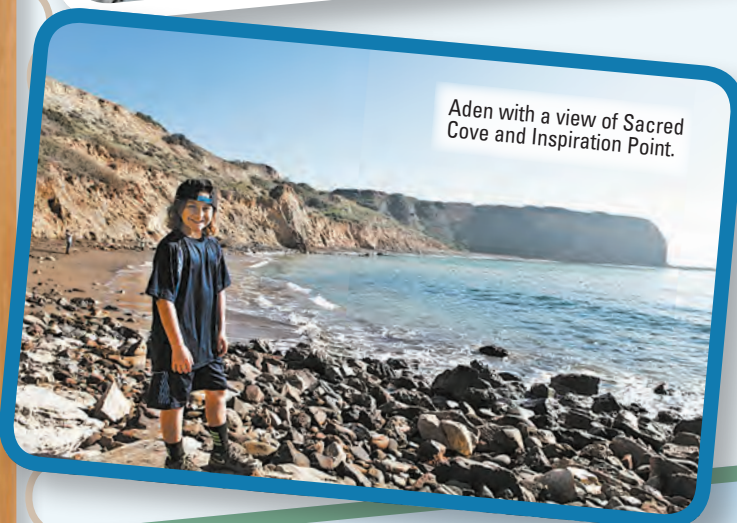
Abalone Cove from the trail.



Kathy, Angel Jr. and Aden.



Angel Jr. and Aden by the Sacred Cove Cave.



Aden with a view of Sacred Cove and Inspiration Point.



The Abalone Cove Map, with Catalina Island in the background.

Hello again! This month we travel to Rancho Palos Verdes. I thought it would be a good idea to get some fresh ocean air, and this location gives that and much, much more. You can start with the amazing views right from the parking lot; enjoy for a moment, and then you can walk along the path and enjoy gorgeous coastal scenery. And, on a clear day you can see Catalina Island right off the coast. Let's begin!

The Hike

There is a system of trails so you can start at different places. The following trails are all open (and beginning from the west side going eastward): Via de Campo, Chapel View Trail, Abalone Cove Trail, Beach School Trail, Sea Dahlia Trail, Olmsted Trail, Smuggler's Trail, Cave Trail, Sacred Cove View Trail, Cliffside Trail, and of course, there are the two coves, Abalone Cove and Sacred Cove. If you want the best views and photos, then travel to Portuguese Point and Inspiration Point. The best time would be early in the morning so you can get the best light and also in the afternoon, after 4 p.m. If you have time, stay for the sunset. Gorgeous!

The Abalone Cove Ecological Reserve features two beaches (Abalone Cove and Sacred Cove). The 64-acre reserve contains a state ecological preserve with important natural marine resources and the bottom of the Portuguese Bend landslide area. The area has sea caves, black sand and rare plants. There is a lot to see, and of course while you are looking around and getting involved you are actually exercising

and enjoying every minute of your day.

We really liked this hike, with simple trails with lots of options: You can walk down by the beach or you can stay high up on the cliffs and get just as nice of a view. We enjoyed both and went back the next weekend for more exercise and fun. If you enjoy walking, hiking or just being outside, I would definitely make plans and spend sometime at this location. Even if you just parked and walked to the cliff trail you would have a nice relaxing time.

We all enjoyed our time on the trail, going almost three miles; I burned 432 calories. That's not bad, for an hour of casual walking. I have already been back twice and will probably go back again for a third and fourth time. I love the views and peaceful environment all around. Take an hour out of your day and enjoy.

Important: You will need extra shoes and sunscreen; bring plenty of water and snacks, too.

Send pictures of the great views to me at agomez@cityemployeesclub.com.

As always, be safe and Be Alive!

Angel



Beach School Trail – there is a lifeguard on duty here.



Look at the signs: no lifeguard, no nude sunbathing, and look out for rattlesnakes.

Abalone Cove Shoreline Park

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Highlights: Two beaches, tide pools, a state ecological reserve and about five miles of trails crossing rocky bluffs with great views.

Distance: About two to three miles starting from the parking lot.

Approximate Time: 90 minutes (depending on your pace).

Difficulty: Up and down and a bit hilly, but an easy hike.

Challenges: Steep slopes with lots of inclines, the paths are uneven and may have some erosion, so please be very careful. Some of the trails start very thin (in width) and go downward very quickly.

Parking: \$5

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Juanita Brown and Joyce Wright celebrate their retirements!



Wendy Edison, 18 years of City service, was the host.



Juanita Brown's grand-daughter, Treasure, makes a presentation.



Joyce Wright's sister, Cynthia, makes a presentation.



Joyce Wright's daughter, Anitra Wright, DWP, makes presentations.



Seated, from left: Adriana Ramirez, SCT, 6 years of City service; Rosa Rayos Lainez, SCT, 15 years; and Elvira Bailon, Accounting Clerk II, 25 years. Standing: Sonia Solis, Management Analyst II, 14 years, and Tasha Tennell SCT 8 years.

LAPD

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations

So Long, Juanita And Joyce

Juanita Brown and Joyce Wright retire from LAPD Fiscal Operations.

The Police Dept.'s Fiscal Operations Division held a double retirement party Feb. 3 – for Accounting Clerks Juanita Brown and Joyce Wright. The party was held at Almansor Court. Juanita Brown began her City career as a Clerk Typist, General Services, in 1987. She transferred to the DWP in 1998, and was promoted to Sr. Clerk Typist, Transportation, later in 1998. After transferring to Public Works, she then was promoted to Accounting Clerk I, LAPD, in 2005. She retired Jan. 29 of this year. Joyce Wright began her City career in 2001, when she was hired as an Accounting Clerk I, LAPD. She was promoted to Accounting Clerk II in 2005, and she retired Feb. 5.

Congratulations to Juanita and Joyce for their contributions to the fiscal health of the City! *Alive! thanks Wendy Edison for her help in producing this article.*



Truc Nguyen, Sr. Management Analyst II, 26 years of City service, presents ACEA Local 3090 AFSCME retirement certificates and gifts.



From left: Encarnacio (Mayenne) Manahan, Accounting Clerk II, 13 years of City service; Tracie Mathis, Payroll Supervisor I, 20 years; and Veda Simms, Clerk Typist, 31 years.



From left: Gabriel Gnanapragasam, Management Analyst II, 13 years of City service; Damian Pacheco, Management Analyst II, 13 years; and Ian Monteilh, Management Analyst II, 12 years.



Seated, from left: Reinita Shaw, Retired Payroll Supervisor I, and her sister; and Eric Hang, Sr. Accountant II, 15 years of City service. Standing: Elena Nihoa-Asucan, Sr. Management Analyst II, 28 years; Peter Fong, Pr. Accountant II, 25 years; Patricia Paterno, Management Analyst II, 15 years; Hanh Tran, Fiscal Systems Spec. II, 31 years; and Anna Robinson, Accounting Clerk II, 8 years.



Betty Jai, Dept. Chief Accountant III, 27 years of City service, presents the City of Los Angeles retirement certificates.



Laura Luna, Police Admin. II, 27 years of City service, presents the LAPD retirement certificates.



Tracie Mathis, Payroll Supervisor I, 20 years of City service, makes presentations.



Elena Nihoa-Asucan, Sr. Management Analyst II, 28 years of City service, makes presentations.



Amerika Tagalao (Erik), Payroll Supervisor II, 29 years of City service.



From left: Veronica Yeo, Pr. Accountant II 13 years of City service; Angelina Pura, Accountant, II, 3 years; Medy Mamaril Paraglee, Accountant II, 14 years; Maribelle Dumlaog, SCT, 18 years; James Schuyler, Management Assistant, 11 years; Young Cho, Sr. Accountant II, 9 years; and Connie Ng, Sr. Accountant II, 13 years.



Seated, from left: Arlene Ventura, Accounting Clerk I, 15 years of City service; Jocelyn Redublo, SCT, 16 years; and Jennifer Trinidad, Accounting Clerk II, 8 years. Standing: Cho (Michelle) Ma, Accountant II, 16 years; Florian Faner, Accounting Clerk II, 14 years; Buenafe (Fe) Victorino, SCT, 15 years; Linda Marin, SCT, 12 years; and Jeannette Diaz, Accounting Clerk I, 25 years.



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Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



1

California



Here's **Michael Barnes, Harbor**, sampling the local brews in Torrance. "I spent the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend visiting local brewers. There are so many, and one can drink only so much. I highly recommend Monkish on Western Avenue in Torrance. Their Belgian-style beers are farm-house-ish and monastic-ish in the true brewing traditions, with just about something for everyone."

2

Australia



Here's **John Radovcich, Harbor**, in Australia. "It was no *White Christmas* for me. I spent our winter holidays in the nice warm sun in Australia. Being that I work for the Harbor Department, I try to take a photo of myself at a port or harbor for *Alive!* This one here was taken in the city of Fremantle in western Australia. To my left, but not in the photo, is the Western Australian Maritime Museum. This museum is the equivalent of New York's Ellis Island. The museum has more than 400 granite panels with the names of all the immigrants from all over the world, mainly Eastern Europe, who passed through Fremantle to come to Australia between the early 1900s and mid-1960s. It was a very touching moment for me when I found the name of my father's sister among the thousands and thousands of names etched into one of the panels."

3

Guatemala



Milton David Lopez, LAPD, visited Guatemala. "Santiago Atitlán is a municipality in the Sololá department of Guatemala. The town is situated on Lago de Atitlán, which has an elevation of 5,105 feet. The town sits on a bay of Lago Atitlan between two volcanoes. The majority of the residents are indigenous Mayans. It was the capital of the Tz'utujil people in pre-Columbian times, when its name was Chuitinamit. Santiago Atitlán is the home of the Cojolya Weaving Center and Museum, founded by the Cojolya Association of Maya Women Weavers. The museum shows the history, tradition, and process of backstrap-loom weaving, and the evolution of the traditional costume of the Tzutujil, the indigenous people of Santiago Atitlán. Mayra, the little girl in the picture with the outfit called Corte, demonstrates this. Santiago Atitlán also offers tours and classes. It is a great place to visit and a great place to be."



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A depiction of the *Alive! Around the World* map at Club Headquarters

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~ Tales From the City Archives ~



by Michael E. Holland
City Archivist

The story of the recent outbreak of measles at Disneyland and the efforts taken to identify the source has a familiar ring to it. Historical amnesia deprives us of the painful and sometimes tragic lessons learned at someone's expense in our collective past. That's a shame. I hope to illustrate my point by reminding all of us about a serious threat that was everywhere in America, including Los Angeles, almost a century ago. I am referring to the influenza epidemic of 1918-19, and I will be using both Council files and the Health Department reports to make my case.

The City's Department of Health was led by Dr. Luther M. Powers from 1893 until his death in 1924. Dr. Powers oversaw a variety of programs that tested food, milk and water samples for safety, conducted health screenings and treatment in the City Jail and also advocated for public toilets for the indigent. Every year, the annual report condensed the public health of the City into a series of reports submitted by the various divisions, including Infant Welfare and Milk Inspection.

The reports reveal how the concern for public safety conflicted with the rights of private citizens and industry during the flu crisis.

There have been several books written about the 1918 influenza outbreak and its devastating effects around the world. *The Great Influenza* by John M. Barry is one that puts the global impact in perspective. Our 1919 Health Department Annual Report, from Box B-1059, is more of a snapshot composed of what was known or believed to be true at the time. This is the road map I'll be using.

"This disease was introduced into Los Angeles by an infected training ship...after Sept. 15, 1918, and also from infected tourists..." begins the report. The Health Department was caught off-guard as the first patients arrived at the General Receiving Hospital on Sept. 22. The mayor's office reacted quickly by establishing not one but two committees. One committee was composed of doctors and the second of business and public safety entities. The Health Department's accounting division reported that the first emergency hospital at 936 Yale St. was up and running within 48 hours. "We were called upon to equip a hospital when equipment and supplies were extremely scarce and deliveries problematical." Remember that the First World War was still being fought and medical supplies and gasoline were prioritized for the war effort. Two other hospitals were established in San Pedro and Mount Washington despite concerns from local citizens about having them in their neighborhoods.

Mayor Frederic Thomas Woodman declared a state of emergency on Oct. 11.

As I read the report, I was struck by how quickly the City got things done to combat the virus. The City Council was quick to approve funding for more nurses and facilities to deal with the flu. They also passed Ordinance 38522, on Oct. 10, to quarantine the citizens by closing schools, theatres and other public gatherings to prevent the spread of the virus. The quarantine report details other measures: funerals being private instead of public affairs, and the closure of poolrooms and auction houses. Café entertainment was prohibited. A "stay at home week" was proclaimed, and factory work schedules were staggered to prevent crowding on streetcars to reduce the odds of transmitting the illness.

But there was pushback over inconsistent application of the rules laid out in the quarantine ordinance. Movie theatres were closed (causing most studios to suspend production and distribution), but stores and restaurants were allowed to stay open. The Theatre Owners Association (TOA) sent a petition to the Council in file # 2220(1918), demanding that the theatres be reopened and all citizens compelled to wear facemasks instead. They argued that the "incomplete closure law had allowed influenza to increase 500 percent since Oct. 10." Likewise, the Merchant and Manufacturers Association protested that any action to restrict access to stores to appease the TOA was "unpatriotic, unfair and unjust."

The opponents had a point. The

quarantine report contains this statement: "Interpretation of the closing ordinance presented daily problems. Music was stopped in cafes - should the demonstration of phonographs be permitted? Schools were closed - should this include music teachers giving lessons in studios...the Department sought at all times to avoid discrimination and to enforce the ban with as little discomfort and financial loss as possible."

In early December, Dr. Powers responded with the Health Commissioners request that the TOA petition be granted, as the number of reported cases had dropped. The ordinance was rescinded on Dec. 2. However, an almost immediate resurgence of infections brought about a different approach that sought to limit exposure from the home.

Badge-carrying health inspectors and LAPD officers were given broad powers to place a house under quarantine, preventing anyone from entering or leaving. Some 4,036 buildings were quarantined in Los Angeles during December 1918 alone.

The report includes details of the role played by the Health Inspectors. More than 350 strong, they covered 100 distinct neighborhoods throughout the City "running errands, deliver[ing] groceries and otherwise minister[ing] to the needs of families in quarantine."

Many of the inspectors were returning soldiers from the battlefields. Special effort went into identifying sick passengers arriving at railway stations for treatment and isolation. Streetcars and taxis were inspected followed by regular disinfecting treatments.

Ethnic communities - not named in the report - were described as being difficult to manage due to language issues and customs including large public funerals and parades. One social club had its entire membership quarantined at the same time. The penalties for violating the quarantine ranged from a \$15 fine up to 30 days in jail. There were 29 cases taken to trial between Dec. 30, 1918, and June 14, 1919. Most were settled with the fines or a few days in jail. The number of quarantined buildings reached 13,876 during that same time.

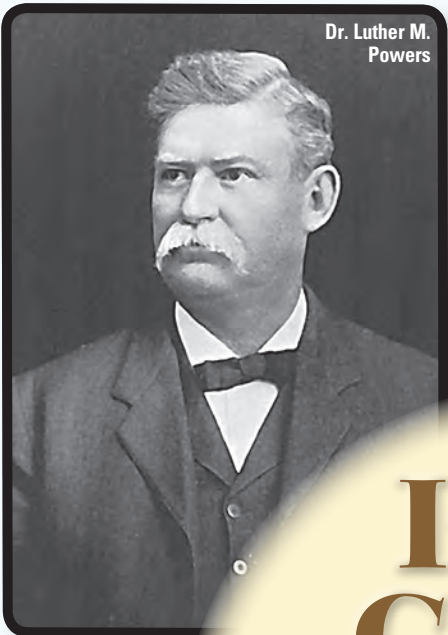
The 1918-19 annual report listed 57,774 reported cases of influenza. Dr. Powers believed that this was

less than half of the actual cases due to under-reporting. There is a statistical sheet in the report that converts all deaths citywide into specific categories including age, race and place of birth. The most likely influenza victim during 1918-19 was a married white male aged 20 to 45 years. Infant deaths numbered 53, and deaths of people aged 65 and over reached 63. The death toll attributed to the flu as primary or as a secondary factor between September 1918 and May 1919 was 3,482. The 1920 annual report described a resurgence of influenza in January of that year, with 9,147 cases recorded and 239 deaths. The City of Los Angeles recorded 17,863 deaths from all causes within this two-year period, and the total death toll by the flu was 3,721, just more than 20 percent.

The National Archives Website (www.nara.gov) estimates that 50 million people worldwide died during the pandemic of 1918-19. This was a time when people traveled by ships and trains, and many of the medical advances we rely on didn't exist.

Two ironies that caught my attention as I was finishing the research for this story were that, during the flu outbreak in Los Angeles, not one death from measles was listed in the statistics. The second was that an LAPD officer who had just returned from fighting in France died of influenza while serving as a quarantine inspector.

The pandemic of 1918-19 proves that the adage is still valid: "They who forget their history are doomed to repeat it." Stay healthy.



Dr. Luther M. Powers

In the Grip of Influenza

The City suffered as the flu infected the world in 1918.

was greatly in excess of any previous year. Following is a list showing the number of arrests made, offenses charged, judges before whom tried, and final disposition of the cases:

Date	Complaint charged	Judge	Disposition
12-30-18	Allowing child to leave quarantined premises	Cheesebrough	\$15 fine
12-31-18	Leaving quarantined house	do	do
1-10-19	do	Richardson	30 days in jail
1-15-19	do	Cheesebrough	\$10 fine
1-17-19	Failing to report influenza case	do	\$20 fine
1-19-19	Leaving quarantined house	do	Dismissed for lack of evidence
1-20-19	do	Chambers	15 days in jail
1-20-19	Allowing child to leave quarantined premises	Crawford	\$5 fine
1-20-19	Leaving quarantined premises	do	do
1-23-19	do	do	Dismissed
1-23-19	Entering quarantined house	do	\$10 fine
1-25-19	Failure to report influenza case	Richardson	\$50 fine
1-25-19	Leaving quarantined premises	do	\$50 fine
1-25-19	Leaving quarantined premises while ill with influenza	Crawford	\$25 fine
1-26-19	Leaving quarantined premises	Richardson	\$15 fine
1-31-19	Leaving quarantined premises	do	\$15 fine & 30 days
2-7-19	Leaving quarantined premises	Frederickson	30 days suspended
2-7-19	Moving influenza patient in public conveyance without permit	Cheesebrough	\$10 fine
2-7-19	Leaving quarantined premises while ill with influenza	do	Bail of \$50 forfeited
2-7-19	Moving influenza patient without permit	do	\$25 fine
2-10-19	Entering quarantined premises	do	\$5 fine
2-13-19	Leaving quarantined premises	Richardson	\$25 fine
2-27-19	Entering quarantined premises	Chambers	10 days; suspended
3-31-19	Allowing child to leave quarantined premises	Richardson	\$25 fine
4-3-19	Entering quarantined premises	Crawford	\$3 fine
4-16-19	Leaving quarantined premises	Chambers	\$50 fine
4-16-19	Leaving quarantined premises	do	\$20 fine
4-17-19	Leaving quarantined premises	do	\$20 fine; suspended
5-27-19	Allowing child to enter quarantined premises	Crawford	\$2 fine
6-14-19	Leaving quarantined premises	Richardson	\$25 fine
		Chambers	\$20 fine; suspended

The following table gives the number of houses quarantined during the past fiscal year. This list does not give the number of cases which existed, but the actual number of premises placarded. In a great many instances from two to six persons were quarantined in one house.

	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mch.	Apr.	May	June	Total
Diphtheria . .	39	30	47	59	60	66	44	32	31	36	43	21	508
Scarlet fever .	4	8	21	13	16	14	26	32	32	35	16	25	242
Smallpox . . .	5	2	1	5	8	4	4	5	19	7	10	1	71
Ep. CS Meningitis	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	8
Influenza . . .	-	-	-	-	-	4036	8298	342	652	505	26	16	13876
Pneumonia . .	-	-	-	-	-	397	459	34	85	137	13	17	1162
Typhoid	3	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10

A list of arrests for quarantine-related offenses.



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Aug. 13: RLACEI annual picnic, 11:30 a.m., Grace E. Simons Lodge, Los Angeles

Sept. 2: LARFPA general meeting, Grace E. Simons Lodge, Los Angeles

Oct. 8: RLACEI annual corporation meeting and elections, 11:30 a.m., Friendship Auditorium, Los Angeles

Dec. 2: LARFPA general meeting, Grace E. Simons Lodge, Los Angeles

Dec. 3: RLACEI holiday party, noon, Friendship Auditorium, Los Angeles

Dec. 13: LARFPA Christmas party, 11 a.m., Sportsmen's Lodge, Studio City

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Action Urged for Upcoming LACERS Commission Voting

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Ed Harding

President's Report By Edward J. Harding President, RLACEI

Our first order of business is to re-elect Michael Wilkinson to the LACERS Commission. I am going to remind you that Michael took Ken Spiker's place and is doing just what Ken did. They both are "fighters" whose main objective is to preserve our pension benefits we worked so

hard for. In addition, Michael, as did Ken, keeps us informed on current pension status at our Director's meetings and keeping our retired RLACEI members informed in the monthly *Alive!* newspaper.

I can't emphasize enough on how important it is to re-elect Michael. Also, be sure to urge your retired friends and colleagues to for vote for him.

On a sad note, I lost two friends in January: Bill White,

retired Director, Public Works/Street Maintenance, and Howard E. "Buck" Buchanan, Retired Superintendent, Public Works/Street Maintenance. Buck and I worked together most of our years at Street Maintenance. See Buck's memorial article in Mary Beetz's column.

Another reminder: Make reservations to our annual general meeting, set for 11 a.m. April 9 at the Friendship Hall. I'll see you there.

LACERS Retired Election: Mail Your Ballot!



Michael R. Wilkinson

LACERS Board Update, By Michael R. Wilkinson

Okay, I can hear it already. "What do you mean we have another election for the Retired Member seat on the LACERS Board? You haven't even served a year and a half and it is a five-year term!"

Well, I am glad you asked. The last election was held in the late summer of 2013 when Ken Spiker retired after 19 years of distinguished service. I was elected to "finish" the remainder of Ken's five-year term, which ends June 30.

So, in a few weeks you will get a ballot with the names of retirees who are running for the new five-year term with the ballots due to be mailed back and received by the City Clerk's Office

by April 10. If the top candidate receives at least 50 percent plus one vote, then the election will be decided. Otherwise the top two candidates will have a runoff.

As you ponder your choice, I would like to go over a recap of some of the highlights of the past year:

LACERS' investments returned 18.2 percent, after fees, which far exceeds the current assumed rate of return of 7.5 percent for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. The assumed rate of return is the forward-looking estimate for investment returns, which is needed to properly budget, so that there is sufficient money to fund our retirement far into the future.

The City Council approved the maximum health subsidy increase to cover 100 percent of the premium cost of two-party Kaiser.

LACERS will be providing a month of zero premiums for Anthem Blue Cross because of lower health costs for the most recent period. The month is yet to be determined, but it will be this spring.

The Pew Research Center rated LACERS as the best funded retiree health benefit plan among all the big cities surveyed.

LACERS' Well program expands with a full time wellness coordinator, Tara Miller, a Registered Dietitian. This program encourages healthy living through cooking and exercise classes, regional walks and biometric screenings. Participants in some activities even get free gift cards!

Yes, I am a candidate, and I would be honored to continue to represent all of you for the next five years.

Supreme Court Ruling Has Local Implications



Michael Karsch

Legislative Report: Pension Law and Policy, By Michael Karsch

The 2013 pension reform bill enacted by the Legislature and the governor has achieved some modest provisions for new hires by cities covered by CALPERS (Los Angeles is not in CALPERS) and by most counties.

In San Diego County, the Deputy Sheriffs Association sued the county over new provisions for new hires, based on the 2013 reform: New hires would get reduced pension formulas and would have to pay more toward their pensions. The Appeals Court held that the change in benefits was proper pursuant to the 2013 law, but not the

increased contribution required for new hires. The matter was thus a partial victory for each side, labor and management. But its significance may be that the California Rule, which refers to long-standing court interpretations that forbid the government from reducing pension benefits for public going forward, may be experiencing some changes under the recent reform pushed through by Gov. Brown.

Switching to non-public pension plans at the national level – the U.S. Supreme Court held in late January that "there is no presumption that retiree medical benefits are vested," posted in the California Public Agency Labor and Employment Blog on Jan. 27. The specific case involves workers at M&G Polymers' plant in West Virginia. Employees whose

age and years worked equal 95 points would get full healthcare benefits (along with their pensions). The health benefits were part of a collective bargaining agreement that expired every three years. At such agreement's expiration in 2006, the company asked that its current retirees contribute to the cost of their health insurance. The workers sued, claiming that their prior healthcare benefit was negotiated and became a vested right superseding a new agreement. The district court ruled in favor of the employer, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed, and then the Supreme Court unanimously reversed the Sixth's ruling, finding for the employer. The ruling argued that the vested right rule had no basis in contract law. It also argued that there was

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a clear distinction between the principal of pensions being deferred compensation and medical benefits being a negotiated collective bargaining issue subject to expiration dates. The Supreme Court further noted that “when a contract is silent as to the duration of retiree benefits, a court may not infer that the parties intended those

benefits to vest for life.”

The blog further drew attention to California law in the case of Retired Employees’ Association of Orange County v. County of Orange that “retiree medical benefits contained in a collective bargaining agreement are to be interpreted according to ordinary contract principles.”

By Michael R. Wilkinson – continued

In the M&G Polymers’ case, that means a collective bargaining agreement with a set expiration date does not impose obligations beyond that date. Still, there are considerable court opinions that may favor worker health benefits that are negotiated.

Bylaw Change Proposed for RLACEI Review

An RLACEI bylaw change is being proposed to move the annual general membership meeting from September to October. The motion needs board approval and will be voted on at the membership meeting on April 9.

The bylaw’s proposed change is as follows:

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 2

The election of directors shall take place at the Annual General

Membership meeting in October September with their installation at the December meeting. The elected directors shall assume their offices on January 1.

Section 3

Six (6) Directors shall be elected at the October September Annual General Membership meeting each odd year. Seven (7) Directors shall be elected at the October September Annual General Membership meeting each even year. Directors shall be elected to serve two years or until their successors are elected.

LACERS Update

LACERS



Mary Beetz

LACERS Well March Events

LACERS Well is hosting three fitness related events during the month of March. Please visit the LACERS Well website at www.LACERS.org/LACERSWell for locations, dates, and registration information. Retired Members and one guest are welcome at these events. Spaces are limited, so be sure to visit the website and sign up as soon as possible. Drawings will be held with special prizes given out at each event.

I have had several calls from RLACEI members requesting medical contact telephone numbers, I hope the below listed numbers will be of help. This information can also be obtain from LACERS.com

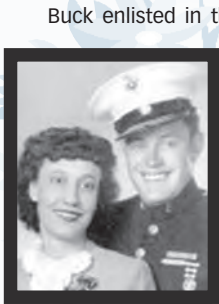
Health Plan and Other Important Contact Information

<u>Anthem Blue Cross HMO</u>	<u>California Department of Managed Health Care</u>	<u>LACERS Customer Service</u>	<u>Social Security Administration</u>
(866) 940-8303	(888) 466-2219	(800) 779-8328	(800) 772-1213
TDD (800) 735-2929	TDD (877) 688-9891	TDD (888) 349-3996	TTY (800) 325-0778
<u>Anthem Blue Cross PPO</u>	<u>Kaiser Permanente HMO</u>	<u>Medicare</u>	<u>UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage HMO</u>
(866) 940-8303	(800) 464-4000	(800) MEDICARE	(800) 457-8506, CA, AZ, NV
TDD (800) 735-2929	TDD (800) 777-1370	TTY (877) 486-2048	TTY 711, CA, AZ, NV
<u>Anthem Blue Cross Life & Health Medicare Plan</u>	<u>Kaiser Permanente HMO Senior Advantage</u>	<u>SCAN Health Plan</u>	
(866) 940-8303	(800) 443-0815	(800) 559-3500, CA	
(866) 470-6265 PDP (Rx)	TDD (800) 777-1370	(888) 540-7226, AZ	
TDD (800) 735-2929		TDD (800) 735-2929, CA	
TTY 711 PDP (Rx)		TTY (800) 367-8939, AZ	

In Memoriam

Howard E. “Buck” Buchanan
March 30, 1922 – Jan. 23, 2015

pass along the sad news of the passing of Howard “Buck” Buchanan of Public Works, who died in January.



Buck enlisted in the Marine Corps and served from 1942 to 1946. After discharge, he started his career with the City of Los Angeles Survey Department. After different positions and promotions he found his calling in the Street Maintenance Division and eventually retired as a Superintendent.

He is survived by his wife Lena, daughter Diane (Jim) and son Bill (Debi). Surviving grandchildren are Jeff, Matt, Greg and Kelly, and great-grandchildren Jolene, Maya, Jake, Jessica, Madeline, Brett and Andrew.



Life After Retirement

If you have news about yourself, family or other retirees that you would like to share with our readers, send it and we will publish it.

If you would like to contact a former City Employee that you met or worked with, send your contact information and we will publish it so they can contact you.

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

Mail information to:

Mary Beetz at 137 Westmont Drive, Alhambra, CA 91801 or Email: mbeetz4841@aol.com

Report Shows Pension Funds Are Improving

LARFPA



Lee Kebler

I hope all of you retirees read the report from the Fire and Police Pension System – Pension Perspective. It tells you the great job the staff of the system does to protect and enhance our pension. This is the first time in six years that there was an increase in the funds liability. We are up 3.5 percent to 86.6 percent. Kudos to the staff, and an extra special thanks to Tom Lopez and his investment team for having 18.76 percent return on last year’s investments.

This issue also mentioned that

retired Fire Board Commissioner Sam Diannitto’s term of office will expire June 30, and an election for the next term of office is scheduled to take place March 21. All retired Fire members should have received an application to file for the position by the time you read this article. I don’t know who is or isn’t going to run for the board, but I do know that Sam has had a remarkable career, having served 40 years as Commissioner, both as an active member and a retired member. The Fire and Pension

Board of Commissioners have named the boardroom in the new headquarters building the Sam Diannitto Board Room in his honor, and his contributions to the system. If anyone deserved to be elected to the board again it should be Sam Diannitto, if he decides to run at this time.

I hope to see you at our next general meeting at 10 a.m. March 4 at Grace E. Simons Lodge. We’ll provide coffee, donuts, lunch and a great speaker.

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RETIREMENT HELPLINE

Who to call? Call the Helpline and reach the officers of the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. If you move or change your address, contact Helen Salgado. Also notify LACERS, ACEBSA and LAFCU. For information on problems, activities, meetings or membership. Each officer’s extension is listed below.

Los Angeles City Employees’ Retirement System: (800) 779-8328

RLACEI Retirement Counselors and Retiree Helplines (800) 678-4145

• Mary Beetz	Ext. 711
• Cliff Cannon	Ext. 715
• Hal Danowitz	Ext. 707
• Americo Garza	Ext. 710
• Edward Harding	Ext. 703
• Michael Karsch	Ext. 704
• Gary Mattingly	Ext. 702
• Phillip Orland	Ext. 709
• Neil Ricci	Ext. 714
• Helen Salgado (membership)	Ext. 713
• Ken Spiker	Ext. 705
• Tom Stemnock	Ext. 708
• Michael Wilkinson	Ext. 712

Questions: Ext. 0

RSVP: Ext. 701

DWP Retirement Plan Office (213) 367-1722

RLACEI:

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Hal Danowitz: Secretary/Treasurer

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Hal Danowitz: Finance
Americo Garza: Picnic, Holiday Party and Installation
Neil Ricci: Health and Nominating
Helen Salgado: Membership
Ken Spiker: Legal and Legislative
Tom Stemnock: Audit and Golf

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2013 Club Excellence Award Recipient

By Hal Danowitz,
Secretary, RLACEI

Terazin, and on to Paris

Hal and Evelyn take an anniversary cruise down the Danube.

PART 5



We are off again! Our most recent trip included a visit to Berlin, a cruise on the Danube (from Budapest to Prague) and a stop on the way home in Paris.

Last month we visited Nuremberg as part of our seven-day Danube River cruise on the *MS AmaCerto*, before spending three days in Prague and six days in Paris and then coming home.

We began our final day of the organized tour (Nov. 6, 2013). The next day we were scheduled to fly to Paris.

That morning, we had our tour of the fortress town of Terezin (Theresiensstadt). This was the camp that the Nazis used to fool the inspectors that the prisoners were given good care. None of that was real, just a front. The real use was as a transfer point to Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen concentration camps. This visit was very meaningful to our traveling companions, as Max's grandmother was held in this camp.

The ride to the town took about an hour. This site held two major fortified areas since



The Terezin cemetery.

the 1400s. It was divided into the "little fortress" and the "large fortress." The large fortress is actually the entire town, and the little fortress was built as a military installation. The entire project was authorized by King Fredrick, the last king of Austria and Germany (including Czechoslovakia and other small surrounding countries that were all ruled by the Hapsburgs for about 300 years). He wanted the fortified town and military fortress to send a message that the area was impregnable from attacks from the east. This proved to be true until the opposing army attacked from the north. Enough about history, except to say at one time the town had 7,000 residents.

Our first stop and the longest was at the "little fortress," which was used as a prison/concentration camp. It was not an extermination camp, but prisoners were executed here. We visited the barracks, which had wooden bunks three and four levels high, which slept 60 prisoners on each level; there was one toilet and one sink, 300 to 400 in a cell. We had an excellent tour guide and saw the shower (the real one), the laundry and the medical area. We saw the punishment cell, which held 60 inmates, with no bunks or facilities. It was said they had to sleep standing up. Our group size was 32, and we filled up the room. There were solitary confinement cells that had no light and were the size of a small closet. Both Jews and Christians were held here in separate sections. The men and women were also separated as were children older than 12. There is a cemetery, which has a Jewish section and a Christian one.

Before we left for the "big fortress" across the river we saw a propaganda film produced by the Nazis on the "town," which was a showcase for the "relocation" of the Jewish population to the ghettos. The entire town had been turned into a Jewish ghetto in 1941, and the Jews of the surrounding area, including Prague, were relocated here. It held between 60,000 and 80,000 Jews during the war, and most of them were sent to extermination camps. You can imagine how cramped conditions were, to fit 80,000 people into a town built for 7,000.

In the ghetto we saw the railroad where the Jews were brought to the town. Once there, the Nazis let them take care of themselves as long as

they didn't cause trouble. There were seven secret synagogues, and we visited the one that remains. It was hidden behind the interior courtyard of a mortuary. We also visited the museum, which has a very good pictorial history of Terezin. I didn't think I would become emotional, but standing in the barracks and cells where fellow Jews were held, tortured and murdered is a very moving

experience. There were also pictures done by children in the town during the period it was a ghetto. Very moving. There was a souvenir shop, but I don't think anyone wanted a reminder. There were note cards available with reproductions of the children's hand-drawn pictures. Considering most of them didn't survive, it was too painful a reminder. We then had the long ride back to Prague.

We had dinner in Prague at Zvonice, an expensive restaurant in an old bell tower within walking distance from the hotel in the old city. The food and presentation were good, but I thought that my meal the previous night was much better and cost half the price. None of us had ever been in a belfry, much less had dinner in one.

Our flight to Paris the next morning (Nov. 7) was at 9:50 a.m. The Hilton offered a car service to the airport for \$40, which we used. We landed at Charles de Gaulle Airport about 11:30 a.m. I had scheduled a car and driver from Black Lane, who we used in Berlin. They are very reliable and on time. From the airport to our apartment took almost an hour.

The apartment was at 280 rue de Saint Honore 75001, on the fourth floor with an elevator. It was not very big, maybe 380 square feet, with a large bathroom, kitchen/living area with a washing machine. It had WiFi, cable TV and a DVR. The sleeping area was a double bed in back of the apartment with a low divider wall. The location couldn't have been better; check it out on Google maps. There were many cafes and restaurants in the area, even a Starbucks. We had lunch at a cafe next to the apartment; it was good but expensive for lunch. We found a market and bought a few things to keep in the apartment. Both Evelyn and I had colds, so we relaxed that day. The weather was much warmer than Prague and it was partly cloudy.

The street was a shopping paradise, with every high-end designer represented. Prices – don't ask. I doubt I saw a pair of shoes for under 250 euros.

The next day we slept almost to 8 a.m., which felt good. That morning we took a walking tour of Hemingway's Paris. We met the guide at Metro Cardinal Lemonine at 10:30 a.m. We navigated the Metro system and got there at about 10:20 a.m. There were 12 other people on the tour. We couldn't find a place to get coffee and roll so we walked hungry. Our guide was an American who had lived in Paris for 19 years. The area was the Latin Quarter. Many writers lived or set their stories here: James Joyce, George Orwell and

Balzac, and the area was immortalized by Hemingway's *A Moveable Feast* and *The Sun Also Rises* and by Woody Allen in *Midnight in Paris*. It rained most of our walk, but we saw where the various writers lived and a lot of places we had not seen before. We finished about 12:30 p.m., afterwards stopping at a Crepes Cafe and had lunch; for 10 euros each it was very good. It was not uncommon to see dogs in restaurants; however, the Crepes Cafe had a cute little terrier mix as a house dog that greeted everyone then lost interest unless something fell off the table that was edible.

We got back to the apartment around 2:30 p.m. and planned to go to dinner at a place recommended by our daughter, Michelle, and her husband, JP.

The restaurant was Relais Entrecôte (15 rue Marbeuf, 75008). It opened at 7 p.m., and we were told to get there at least before 7 because people start lining up. We left our apartment and took the Metro. We have become experts at riding the Metro. The problems come after you get back on the street in deciding which way to go. We managed to miss the street to turn so we got to the restaurant at about 6:45 p.m., and we joined the line. The doors opened at 7 p.m. and we were able to get a table without further waiting. They really packed them in. There was no menu; it was salad, steak (rare, medium, well done) fries, bread. You could order drinks and dessert. The base price is 25.80



The entrance to the camp.



The camp.



A barracks.



Linda and Evelyn in one of the secret synagogues.



A famous café in the Saint-Germain-des-Prés area where Hemingway hung out.



Evelyn at the entrance to our apartment building in Paris.

euros per person. Oh did I mention it was all you can eat. They kept bringing steak and fries for as long as you can stuff it down. The food was good, but not great, but it was an experience that you should do when in Paris. A gentleman with the party next to us was very chatty. He was from Lebanon but working in Dubai; he was very nice and we exchanged stories. We even agreed that people are lot alike if you just get to know each other.

It occurred to me that a bottle of Diet Coke cost more than a glass of wine, which is normal. I guess I will drink wine. Will report next month if this remains true.

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37th Annual
Retirees Invitational
Golf Tournament



The 37th Annual Retired Los Angeles City Employees Invitational Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course with a “Shotgun Start” at 7:30 a.m. The course is located at 630 South Almansor Street, Alhambra, CA 91801. Check-in is at 7:00 a.m. **SOFT SPIKES MANDATORY!**

- The tournament is open to retired and active employees and friends. The cost is \$67 for R.L.A.C.E.I. and City Club Members (\$77 for all others) and includes green fees, carts, prizes and lunch at the Almansor Court restaurant. Lunch only is \$25.
- Those interested in participating must complete the reservation form and mail it with their check payable to **“R.L.A.C.E.I.” by May 25th** to: Tom Stemnock, Chairman, 4040 Vineland Avenue, Suite 108, Studio City, CA 91604. For any questions, call Chairman Tom Stemnock at (818) 487-6789.

2015 Golf Tournament Reservation Form

Name _____ Phone _____

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Amount Included \$ _____ \$67 for R.L.A.C.E.I. and City Club Members (\$77 for all others)

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Make checks payable to R.L.A.C.E.I. NOTICE: SOFT SPIKES MANDATORY!

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Reservation deadline: Monday, May 25th. Mail completed reservation form and check to:
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The Best Years

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
Abido, Eduardo B.	Sr. Detention Officer	LAPD	33	Henry, Charlotte R.	Exec. Admin. As. III	Harbor	37	Packard, Michael P.	Librarian III	Library	15
Abon, John R.	Civil Engr. As. IV	Public Works	24	Hernandez, Peter	Sr. Per. Analyst II	Airports	24	Paco, Lemuel M.	Pr. Civil Engineer	Public Works	30
Alderete, Rosie	Storekeeper II	Airports	27	Hines, Tilton J.	Clerk Typist	Public Works	12	Pan, Karl K.Y.	Second Dep. G.M.	Harbor	11
Andrade, Viola J.	Sr. Clerk Typist	Fire Police Pen.	30	Huynh, Nam	Director of Systems	Controller	31	Pau, Dwight	Accounting Clerk II	Building & Safety	24
Arias, Gary	Hvy. Duty Eqp. Mch.	Public Works	23	Kantor, Michael E.	Deputy City Eng. II	Public Works	30	Peery, Dale Allen	Structural Engineer	Building & Safety	30
Arwanaghi, Farideh	Legal Secretary	City Attorney	14	Khanbabian, Vahe	Env. Comp. Insp.	Public Works	26	Petty, Mary A.	Maint. Laborer	Airports	13
Baynton, William	Sr. Sfty. Eg. Prs. Ves.	Building & Safety	34	Kuns, Renae	Sr. Clerk Typist	Transportation	38	Poon, Alick M.	Carpenter I	Rec and Parks	22
Bell, Alan Peter	Dep. Dir. of Planning	Planning	32	Jackson, Rogers Sr.	Equipment Mech.	General Services	15	Potts, Rosa M.	Custodian	Airports	16
Bickett, Laurence	Signal Sys. Sup. II	Transportation	45	Johnson, Michael R.	Street Ser. Work. III	Public Works	24	Pouncy, Alexzine L.	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	32
Blake, David W.	Accounting Clerk II	Public Works	14	Jones, Natalie P.	Sr. Clerk Typist	General Services	31	Pratt, Anthony M.	Engineer of Surveys	Public Works	32
Bond, Sonia E.	Exec. Admin. As. III	LAPD	30	Jordon, Shirley J.	Clerk Typist	Library	7	Provencio, Magdalena	Clerk Typist	LAPD	31
Brown, Michael P.	Pr. Civil Engineer	Public Works	30	Lagny, Janice G.	Secretary	Airports	32	Putnam, Howard S.	Sr. Park Main. Sup.	Airports	40
Carney, Dale	Build. Mech. Ins.	Building & Safety	22	Lewis, Michael	Ref. Coll. Tr. Op. II	Public Works	26	Rangel, Elizabeth	Council Aide V	Council	17
Carter, Valerie	Clerk Typist	Transportation	25	Lewis, Rhonda Leah	Police Admin. III	LAPD	31	Raygoza, Ramiro R.	Gardener Caretaker	Airports	29
Coker, Wanda L.	Witn. Service Co.	City Attorney	30	Manley, Elsa Olivia	Exec. Admin. As. III	LAPD	34	Reyes, Trinidad G.	Maint. Const. Helper	Airports	26
Cormier, Anita M.	Man. Analyst II	Airports	41	Mares, Martha M.	Airport Guide II	Airports	10	Rivie, Jessica	Real Estate Officer II	Harbor	38
Day, Louisa	Sr. Clerk Typist	Planning	26	Marroquin, Herbert	Traf. Pain. Sign P. III	Transportation	19	Ryu, Sonyong Jung	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	34
Deluca, Richard A.	Painter II	Airports	27	Mateer, James I.	Airport Safety Of.	Airports	13	Sainumyom, Preecha	Mat. Tex. Engr. As. IV	General Services	34
Dickinson, Terry M.	Wastw. Mgr. III	Public Works	31	Mathewson, David	First Dep. G.M.	Harbor	35	Sherman, Sandra J.	Sr. Clerk Typist	Building & Safety	14
Duniven, Michael L.	Storekeeper II	General Services	14	McDaniel, Robin R.	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	35	Sifton, Thomas J.	Building Mech. Ins.	Building & Safety	12
Fajardo, Anthony	Str. Ser. Supv. II	Public Works	22	McHugh, Thomas D.	Airports Main. Supt.	Airports	29	Slottow, Jeffrey R.	Accounting Clerk II	Finance	29
Farsai, Farain	Civil Engineer	Public Works	28	McMasters, Robert	Chief Const. Ins.	Public Works	44	Stone, Linda	Custodian	Airports	29
Francisco, Anceo	Equipment Op.	Public Works	25	McNerney, Carol A.	Airport Guide II	Airports	3	Taylor, Arleen P.	Chief Man. Analyst	Public Works	30
Fujioka, William T.	City Ad. Officer	CAO	31	Mellinger, Enriqueta	Police Service Rep.	LAPD	31	Victor, Ruben E.	Custodian	General Services	25
Gordon, Richard M.	Equipment Operator	Public Works	30	Men, Fung Ping	Pr. Accountant II	Harbor	27	Walsh, Jim	Main. Const. Helper	General Services	26
Granados, Rachel S.	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAFD	33	Merina, Cynthia T.	Sr. Librarian	Library	12	Watts, Sandra Y.	Airport Guide II	Airports	5
Gregerson, Paul G.	Physician I	Personnel	28	Millager, Kyle Rae	Chief Man. Analyst	Library	37	Werner, Dennis R.	Sup. of Operations III	Airports	33
Griebel, William B.	Equipment Operator	Rec and Parks	25	Miller, Beverly D.	Hearing Officer	City Attorney	13	Williams, Lawrence	Chief Manag. Analyst	Public Works	30
Gring, Newton P.	Carpenter I	Airports	29	Mukri, Jon K.	First Dep. Gen. Ma.	Harbor	20	Wilson, Lee Abe	Traf. Mk/Sn P. Spt. III	Transportation	27
Gulla, Timothy	Maintenance Supt.	Airports	29	Mutuc, Leilanie J.	Clerk Typist	LAPD	16	Yoshimura, Eileen R.	Financial Manager II	Harbor	32
Gutierrez, Florencio	Geogr. Info. Spec.	Planning	28	Neely, Richard	Water Utility Worker	Harbor	28	Young, Walter	Messenger Clerk	Library	17
Guzman, Teri Lee	Property Officer	LAPD	27	Nisperos, Rodney J.	Const. Main. Sup. II	Rec and Parks	30				
Hammontree, James	Sr. Park Main. Supv.	Rec and Parks	30	Ngo, Bichthuan	Info. Systems Ma. II	ITA	30				

Show Us Your Grandkids!

Retirees: Alive! wants to show off your grandkids! So send in those photos! Here's how:

- 1. Make sure to have the permission from their parents. If you send in a photo, Alive! assumes you have already received that permission.
- 2. Photos with you in them are better, but if not, that's okay, too.
- 3. Make sure you list the names of your grandkids.
- 4. Tell us, in a sentence or two, a little bit about them – their school,

their accomplishments, what they love to do, how proud you are of them, etc.

- 5. Digital photos are best! Send them to: talkback@cityemployees-club.com

Send Prints To: Grandkids City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 120 W. 2nd St., Los Angeles, CA 90012 (800) 464-0452

If you want the print photo returned, make sure you write your name and phone number on the back.



RETIREES AROUND THE WORLD



1 Washington D.C.



Here's **Mike Wilkinson, Retired, City Attorney's Office and current RLACEI Board Member**, in front of the White House. "This was taken while I was in Washington at the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems, to protect public pensions."

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Texas



Here's **Richard Radmacher, Retired, DWP**, in Dealy Plaza, Dallas, where President John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

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Tara Miller, MS RD/N
(Registered Dietitian/
Nutritionist)
LACERS Well Program
Coordinator

"What are some healthy snacks?" — Marjorie Dall

Smart Snacking

Figuring out what is "healthy" can be a real challenge, and one almost needs a degree in chemistry to understand some food ingredient lists. To make it simple and offer a working guide, here are my two golden rules to mastering the art of healthful snacking: **Go natural.** Choose foods that are as close as possible to "as nature intended." This means avoiding over-processed artificial ingredients and unnatural hues. A good rule of thumb is that if a food, open to the elements (like the kitchen counter), can stay edible without refrigeration for longer

than 48 hours, it doesn't belong in your diet. Although some fruits and vegetables are exceptions, it's smart snacking to choose organic varieties, which often contain less potentially harmful preservatives.

Combine the "trifecta" of nutrients: healthy fats, lean proteins and complex carbohydrates. Sounds challenging? Don't worry, your ancestors were doing it way before it was "hip." Each of these three nutrients offers multiple benefits. For example, healthy fats offer satiety, which tells the brain "I'm full," while protein and carbohydrates serve as fuel or energy stor-

age, depending on need. Combined in healthy snacks, this trio helps to manage fatigue and blood sugar, all while providing the necessary vitamins and minerals needed for the body's behind-the-scenes functions we take for granted, like breathing, thinking, maintaining hormonal balance, etc.

Here are some snacks ideas that follow these two golden rules:

- 1/2 cup plain (unsweetened) Greek yogurt with 1/4 cup blueberries and 1 tbsp. sliced almonds or pecans. If the plain yogurt is too tart, add a touch of honey.
- 1/2 cup hummus, 1/4 cup cucumbers, 1 tbsp. sliced olives, and 6 whole grain crackers or 1 cup sliced vegetables.
- home-made trail mix: mix 1/2 cup dried fruit of choice (cran-

berries, raisins, cherries, etc.), 1 cup nuts (almonds, pecans, walnuts, cashews, and/or hazelnuts), and 1 cup unsweetened cereal (rice Chex and/or bran flakes), and if you are feeling adventurous, add 1/4 cup mini dark chocolate pieces. Portioned into mini Ziploc bags, this snack is portable, satisfying and delicious!

- Apple or banana slices with 1 tbsp. natural peanut butter.
- 1/2 to 1 cup quinoa and edamame salad: This super easy, highly adaptable side dish can be served hot or cold. Quinoa resembles a grain, but is actually a seed and is gluten-free. Edamame or soybeans add crunch, color and vitamins to the mix. Need a recipe? Check out ours at www.LACERS.org/lacerswell.

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The Healthy Domino Effect

LACERS Member Mavis Minjares gives tips on staying healthy after retirement.

March is National Nutrition Month and this year's theme is "Bite Into a Healthy Lifestyle," so I was delighted that Mavis Minjares, one of our LACERS Members, was willing to shed some candid insight on her experience with health after retirement. I first met Mavis at the LACERS Well Extravaganza last year, and she's been inspiring me ever since. Enjoy!

Mavis, healthy living can mean different things to different people. How would you define it?

MAVIS: To me, it means getting enough sleep; eating nutritionally (healthy foods, and it doesn't have to be something fancy, just simple); exercising, which would be something you enjoy doing; and trying to manage stress, because I think stress can be the most difficult thing! When people are stressed, they have a tendency to not get enough sleep, don't eat as well and don't exercise. Stress puts barriers to living a healthy lifestyle and that's important. If someone is an emotional eater, which I used to be in the past, I would say to monitor stress because you will tend to over eat when you are upset. So, it's these four components... the overall package.

I agree. It's not one extreme behavior or another, but how all these factors intertwine, how to realistically put these pieces together to live better overall. Both of us have people in our lives, folks we love, who are not necessarily gung-ho about getting healthy. What do you think is the biggest barrier for someone to incorporate healthy living?

I think it's society. People get all these mixed messages to eat bad food, eat fast food. They are barraged with it, like a billboard with a huge donut on it.

A larger-than-life-sized donut!

Right, so I think it's very hard. Many times in restaurants, you may not get cooperation to order healthfully because friends and family don't do it, so they don't support you doing it.

Eating is such a social event. I have many patients who have made fantastic lifestyle improvements, but then when eating out, are told by friends and family "come on, just have one slice, it won't kill you" or "it's a special occasion, just this once." We sabotage ourselves and each other.

Right, and I think we have to be strong or committed to saying I won't do that, and after we become more comfortable saying no, friends and family accept it. Later, they make changes that are positive and they get inspired, too.

So what is the thing that you are the most proud of with your health?

I feel really good. I noticed that by getting enough sleep, eating healthy and exercising, that I feel good. Although I have arthritis and herniated disks, these healthy habits have

helped so I can still do ballet. I found out that I don't have the aches and pains that many people have at my age. And now, that's what keeps me going, the motivational factor – feeling good.

Change is hard. We've all felt it. And feeling bad about failing to make a change can be a real stumbling block. What was your biggest "change" challenge?

I used to smoke. And I really enjoyed it! But at 30, I decided I should quit because I didn't want to develop lung cancer. I tried and tried and at 33 I managed to quit. It took me three years! I tried different things to quit. I smoked a brand I didn't like since I liked menthols, and smoked a pack of Marlboros. So then, I didn't enjoy smoking anymore. After I quit, I gained weight and women hate that, and I noticed that although I was still active, my body needed to go through detox for a whole year, so I really saw the damage

that smoking had done. And the good news is that now, after a chest x-ray, my doctor said it's like I was never a smoker! I feel good that I was able to do that! As you are aging, each decade, the more you can improve your health, the more important it is.

That's fantastic! I love that you broke the relationship you had with smoking. Brilliant! So tell me

a little bit about your true love, ballet.

I love ballet, it involves every part of your body. The goal is to try to make it look good, to look beautiful with what you are doing; no matter what level you are at, you can always try to make it beautiful. It's a total fulfillment – everything merges together. I feel like my whole body gets exercise and attention, and it works the mental parts, too. Ballet gives you discipline, and I've taken that discipline out into my life and it's helped me financially. And I think it really helps my self-esteem.

I feel that same way about yoga, which I thought I was going to hate. As a dancer growing up, I felt that yoga was just stretching and I didn't need it, but luckily an instructor friend showed me how wrong I was! One class with her and I was hooked. But, this can be hard for a lot of people: trying something physically new and knowing that they may not like it or even hate it. What would you say to someone who can't find an activity that they truly love, like you have?

Someone told me once to give a class three chances before quitting, so I do that – I go to different classes and give it three tries, and I've gotten all my good classes that way. They are all the different styles. All one has to do is get started and this will have a positive domino effect. I think it's always good to have something to improve on, which is just part of the process that makes you a better person. If you get a little better, and a little better... it adds up to "you're better!"

Great advice!



By Tara Miller,
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Well Program
Coordinator



Mavis Minjares

Rec and Parks

Banning Fundraiser Wears a Mask

Banning Museum’s annual gala set for March 28.

Friends of Banning Museum has scheduled its annual fundraising event, the Wisteria Regale, for Saturday, March 28, from 5 to 10 p.m. at the Banning Museum’s historic stagecoach barn, located at the museum, 401 East M St. in Wilmington.

This year’s event offers an evening of illusion and intrigue. Guests will be formally greeted at the Mansion’s front door and welcomed to stroll the lower floor of the residence while enjoying live music from the parlor. The night’s entertainment will also include Magic Castle magician Nathan Gibson.

Victorian-era or formal attire and mask are admired but not required.

Guests will experience the elegance and graciousness of a formal Victorian-era gala with a sumptuous dinner, hosted bar, enchanting music, period dancers and a silent auction. Keeping with tradition, the event will also crown the King and Queen of Wisteria and present two high school seniors with a \$2,000 scholarship to further their education after graduating Banning High School.

The cost of the event is \$150 per person. Reservations are required. Please call Friends of Banning Museum at (310) 548-2005 for further information or to make a reservation.

Proceeds from the Wisteria Regale will assist Friends of Banning Museum, a nonprofit corporation, in its mission to “Preserve History, Promote Education, and Inspire Entrepreneurial Spirit.”

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Congratulations,
GRADUATES



Airports

Story and photos courtesy Ralph Morones, Director of Construction and Maintenance, Airports

Goodbyes to Gulla and McHugh

Tim Gulla, Tom McHugh retire from Airports after nearly 30 years each of City service.



At the retirement celebration for Tom McHugh and Tim Gulla.



On Jan. 7, Airports Maintenance Services management gathered at Tony P's in Marina del Rey to celebrate the retirements of Airport Maintenance Superintendents Tom McHugh and Tim Gulla.

Tom was accompanied by his wife, Teri, and their two daughters, Traci and Taryn. Tom completed 29 years of service to the City. He started in Rec and Parks as a painter and worked there for 13 years. He worked at LAX the remainder of his career as the Paint Shop Supervisor and then as a superintendent managing the Recycle program at LAX and the Airfield Marking program in his final years.

Tim was accompanied by his wife, Ileen. Tim also completed 29 years of service to the City. He started his career as an Equipment Mechanic in General Services. He eventually was promoted to Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic. At Airports, he was promoted to Airport Maintenance Supervisor and worked at Ontario Airport. He eventually was promoted to Airport Maintenance Superintendent with responsibility for crews who manage all pavement surfaces at LAX.

Both Tom and Tim plan to travel and enjoy their retirements with their families. Airports has lost two talented and long-tenured individuals who set standards for professionalism and were a shining example to their subordinates and supervisors.



Larios in the City

BY ROBERT LARIOS, Club VP of Operations
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Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations, honors City employees for their achievements.

Good Going, Glenn

A hearty thank-you goes to **Glenn Carlisle, DWP** (right), upon his retirement after 30 years of City service.



Thanks to Joyce, Juanita

LAPD's Fiscal Operations is losing two great employees to retirement. **Joyce M. Wright, Accounting Clerk II** (left, first photo), retires with 13 years of City service.

Juanita Brown, Accounting Clerk I,

(right, second photo), retires with 27 years of City service. Thanks for your great service!



DWP

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations

Congrats, Randy!

Randy Howard retires from the DWP to take a position in Northern California.

Congratulations are in store for Randy Howard, who retired from his position as Sr. Assistant General Manager, Power, DWP, to become General Manager at Northern California Power Agency.

DWP colleagues, friends and family held a going-away open house Jan. 29 in the JFB executive conference room.

Randy has more than 30 years of experience in the industry, and many of those as an executive at the DWP. As Sr. Assistant General Manager, he led more than 5,600 employees and managed more than \$10 billion in assets.

In addition to leading the Power System, he led the DWP's Customer Service Division, represented the utility in local, state, and federal policy areas, worked closely with labor unions, and represented the utility before rating agencies and investor groups. In recent years, he had overseen several critically important initiatives at the DWP, including the transition of the utility's resource portfolio away from reliance on coal-based resources. Good luck, Randy!



Retiree Randy Howard, DWP, with his son, Andrew, and wife, Lisa.



John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins, Club CEO

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"A refurbished Long Beach dock."

– Victor Ladd, LAPD

John's comment: Nice work, Victor – a spectacular sunset with perfect framing of this new dock. Well done!



"I captured this beautiful picture of the sun setting off the coast of San Pedro!"

– John and Elena Sousa,
Airport Police, SACU

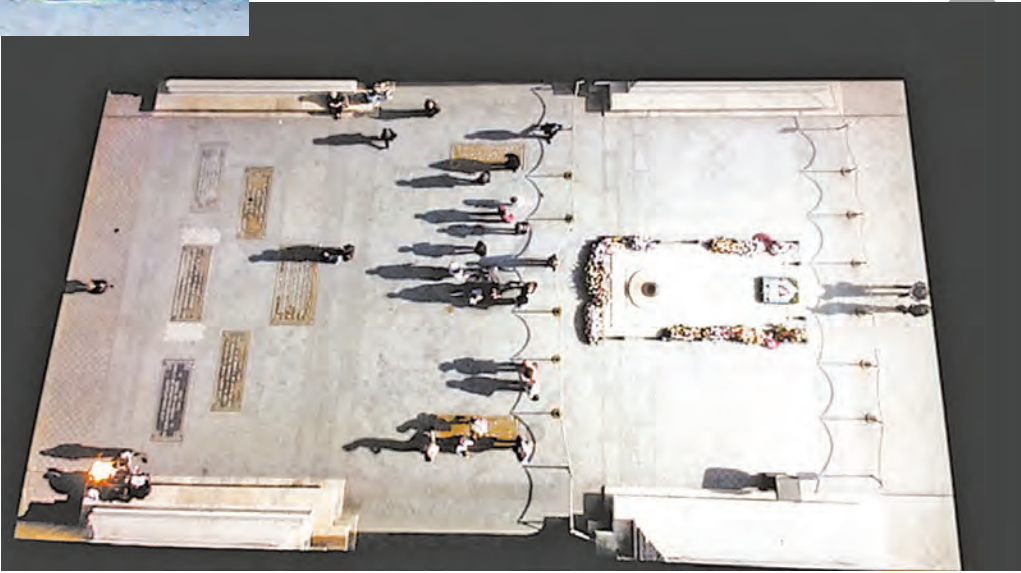
John's comment: John and Elena, my favorite part of this picture is how the two silhouetted palm trees and the cliffside add to the dramatic nature of this view. Well done!



"The photo was taken in the Melk Abbey, in the Wachau Valley overlooking the Danube River. I went on a cruise of the Danube River during Thanksgiving with my travel club, Big Buddha Travel Club. The Christmas Markets were beautiful and the cruise as smooth as glass. The last day we had snow in Nuremberg to top off a great trip."

– Debora Fore,
PCP II, Retired, LAPD

John's comment: Deborah, I love this picture. You caught the monk at just the right time. It looks like a National Geographic image!



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- Digital photos optimally should be between 100K and 2 megabytes in size and may be e-mailed to: pictureperfect@cityemployees-club.com
- The contest is all in good fun: The Club cannot be responsible for delays in delivering *Alive!*, or for delays in the transmission of responses.

Rec and Parks

Story courtesy Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

Earth Day For the Birds



Cabrillo Aquarium hosts annual Earth Day Fair with focus on local birds.

Club Members are invited to join the 45th Annual Earth Day Fair and Coastal Bird Fest at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, Sat., April 18, with a day of free programs including a beach cleanup, demonstrations, information and activities. Participation options include joining the beach cleanup, grunion egg hatching, guided walks to the salt marsh and more. Participants can help be a part of the solution by joining in a beach cleanup from 8 to 10 a.m., with supplies and refreshments provided.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., there will be exhibitor booths and presentations throughout the day to see what people are doing to help care for the earth. Musicians will share about the ocean through songs. Participants can learn about the coastal environment and take part in salt marsh open house, habitat walks, coastal bird walks and bird lectures from experts in the field.

During the spring, more than 100 species of birds can be found around the Cabrillo Beach Coastal Park, including shorebirds, sparrows, raptors and more. Migrating birds utilize the wide variety of habitats in the Coastal Park for feeding and resting during their long journeys. The Earth Day and Coastal Bird Fest will celebrate the resident and visiting birds of this area, and their role in the environment.

Throughout the day the Aquarium will be open (until 5 p.m.) with opportunities to examine Southern California marine life, visit the touch tank, search the Virginia Reid Moore Marine Research Library for more information about local sea life, observe the newest arrivals in the Aquatic Nursery and investigate the interactive Exploration Center.

The Aquarium is at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr. in San Pedro and is a Rec and Parks facility with support from Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. Admission is free; limited car parking at Cabrillo Beach is \$1 per hour. Information: (310) 548-7562 or www.cabrilloomarineaquarium.org



Zoo

Photo by Sherry Yuen-Ruan, Zoo

Honoring The Earth

Zoo celebrates Earth Day.

The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens plans to celebrate Earth Day with a week-end expo spotlighting wildlife and the role it plays in the health of Planet Earth from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 18-19. Interactive stations throughout the Zoo will provide guests an opportunity to explore information and ideas about animal conservation and preservation, sustainable living for humans, recycling, and how to make Earth a better place to live.



Earth Day at the Zoo helps teach humans how to share the planet with its animals.

All activities are free with paid Zoo admission, which is \$19 for general admission (ages 13 to 61), \$16 for seniors (ages 62+) and \$14 for children (ages 2 to 12). No ticket is required for children under 2. Admission for Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association members is free. The Los Angeles Zoo is located in Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura (134) and Golden State (5) freeways. Free parking is available. For additional information, contact (323) 644-6042 or visit www.lazoo.org



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Renting a House or Apartment

One question people often ask is, "Should I bother buying an insurance policy if I only rent my home?"

The answer is yes! Not only is it an incredibly smart idea, but renter's insurance is also one of the least expensive policies you can buy! Most car insurance companies will give you a discount if you buy your renter's insurance from them, and the savings on your car insurance is often enough to pay for their renter's policy.

Renters insurance provides financial protection against the loss or destruction of your possessions when you rent a house or apartment. If you rent a house or apartment and think that your landlord is financially responsible when there is a fire, theft or other catastrophe ... think again.

Your landlord may have insurance to protect the building you are living in. But your landlord's policy won't replace your personal possessions or pay for your living expenses while the building is being repaired.

The only way to protect yourself financially against disasters is to buy a renters insurance policy.

Renters Insurance includes three basic types of protection:

- Personal possessions
- Liability
- Additional living expenses

Personal Possessions

Standard renters insurance protects your personal belongings against damage from fire, smoke, lightning, vandalism, theft, explosion, windstorm, water and other disasters listed in the policy. Floods and earthquakes are not covered. Separate insurance policies have to be purchased to cover these disasters.

To decide how much insurance to buy, you need to know the value of all your personal possessions including furniture, clothing, electronics, appliances, kitchen utensils and even towels and bedding. In other words, if your home were to burn, you should have enough insurance to replace all of your possessions.

The easiest way to figure out how much insurance coverage to buy is to create a home inventory (a detailed list of all of your personal possessions, with their estimated value). To help make this task easier, the Insurance Information Institute offers free Web-based software, which you can find at www.knowyourstuff.org. An up-to-date home inventory will also make filing an insurance claim faster and easier.

Liability

Standard renters insurance policies provide liability protection against lawsuits for bodily injury or property damage that you or your family members cause to other people. It also pays for damage your pets cause.

So, for example, if your son, daughter or dog accidentally ruins your neighbor's expensive rug, you'll be covered. However, if your children or pets destroy your own rug, you will not be covered.

The liability portion of a renters policy pays for both the cost of defending you in court and for court awards, up to the limit of the policy. Liability limits generally start at about \$300,000. Some experts recommend that you buy at least \$1 million worth of protection.

You can also buy an *umbrella or excess liability policy*, which provides higher limits and broader coverage. Generally, umbrella policies cost between \$200 to \$350 a year for an extra \$1 million of liability protection.

The liability coverage in a renters policy is reason enough to spend the money! Your policy also provides *no-fault medical coverage*. So, if a friend or neighbor is injured in your home, you can submit their medical bills directly to your insurance company. You can generally get \$1,000 to \$5,000 worth of this coverage. It doesn't, however, pay the medical bills for your own family or your pet.



Additional Living Expenses

Many people don't know that *additional living expenses* coverage, also known as ALE, is included in a renters insurance policy. If your home is destroyed by a disaster that your policy covers and you need to live elsewhere, renters insurance covers your additional living expenses. Policies will generally reimburse you the difference between your additional living expenses and your normal living expenses. ALE covers hotel bills, temporary rentals, restaurant meals and other expenses you have incurred while your home is being rebuilt.

There are two types of renters insurance policies:

- Actual cash value pays to replace your possessions minus an amount for depreciation (the reduction in the value of items due to age and use) up to the limit of your policy.
- Replacement cost pays the actual cost of replacing your possessions (with no deduction for depreciation), up to the limit of your policy. The price of replacement cost coverage is about 10 percent more than actual cash value coverage but can be well worth the extra cost. Don't buy any other kind!

Be safe and have fun!

Have a question?

Is there something about *insurance* that you've always wanted to know, but were too ashamed to ask? Maybe something that you've just always been curious about? Feel free to send me an email at jeffg@ua-insurance.com, and I will try to answer your question in one of our monthly columns.

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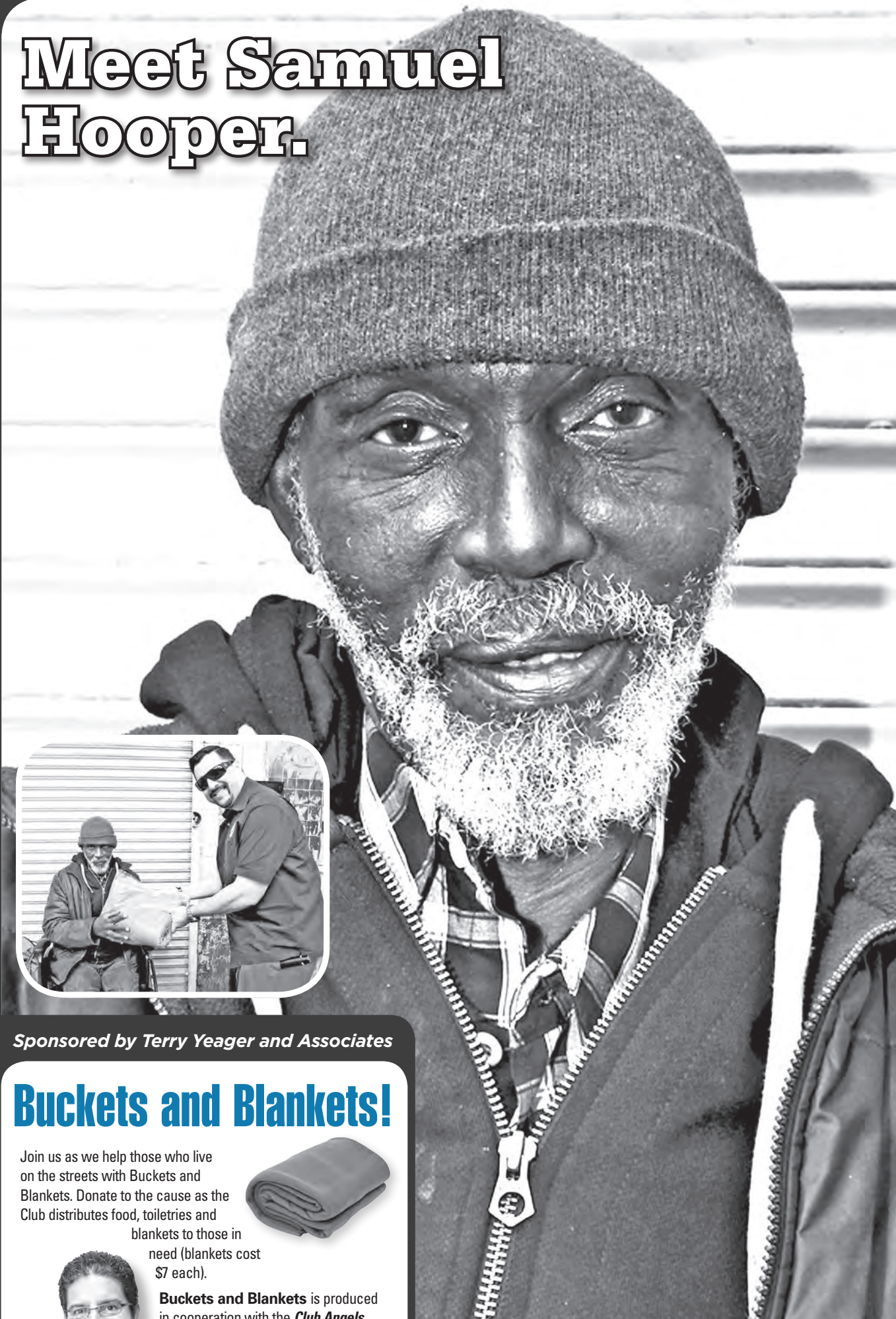
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an interview on the streets downtown

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AGE: "I'm 66."

BIRTHPLACE: "In sunny San Diego, homie!"

MARITAL STATUS: "Never been married."

FAMILY: "I have three sisters, and we get along just fine."

PARENTS DIVORCED? "No."

EDUCATION: "Up to high school. I got my diploma."

MILITARY SERVICE: "Nope. Never thought about joining."

PLAYED SPORTS? "Sure did. I played football, basketball and baseball."

TROPHIES/AWARDS: "I got a few for baseball, but I can't remember what they were for. Let's just say I got one for being the MVP."

WHEN MOVED TO LA: "1967."

WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "I am homeless. I don't live anywhere ... just here and there."

RELIGION: Pounding his chest: "I am Muslim."

MEDICATIONS: "Sure. Plenty of 'em."

FAVORITE MOVIE: "I don't have one."

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Do I look like I watch TV?" He laughs.

FAVORITE ACTOR: "I have three - Denzel Washington, Steve McQueen and my man, the white fighter Steven Seagal."

FAVORITE ACTRESS: "I don't have one, but I can tell you that Pam Grier wouldn't make the list - she can't act."

FAVORITE FOOD: "Lamb chops, steaks and prime rib."

FAVORITE CANDY: "Anything chocolate."

FAVORITE MUSIC: "Jazz."

FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY: "Compton is cool."

LAST JOB: "I was a custodian for a spell."

HIS STORY: "I became homeless in 1999 when my mother died. Losing her took me down in a bad way, and I started using drugs. Here I am."

WORST PART OF SLEEPING ON THE STREET: "The danger. You don't know if you are going to wake up because someone is going to kill you. The other thing that I have worry about is the cold weather."

LAST THING EATEN: "You just saw me, homie - a chocolate chip cookie."

MOST PRIZED POSSESSION: "My wheelchair. I need it to get around."

HOW TO HELP THE HOMELESS IF YOU WERE MAYOR: "I would make more shelters with quality services."

IF YOU HAD \$1 MILLION: "I would take care of my family - those who are left, of course."

IN FIVE YEARS: "Homie, please... I hope I am still alive."

ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Every day is a new day. What happened yesterday is in the past. Give everyone a chance so that we all have better days in the future."

The Club gave Samuel a Bucket and a Blanket, a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, two pairs of socks, shampoo, hand wipes, some food, \$20 and bottled water.

The interview, conducted by Robert Larios, took place Feb. 23 downtown.

{ In this monthly feature, Club CEO John Hawkins, Director of Sales Angel Gomez and VP of Operations Robert Larios, introduce you to people you see every day, but you might not know who they are. The Club reminds you that we all have names and stories to tell. }

Airports

Story and photos courtesy Ralph Morones,
Director of Construction and Maintenance, Airports

Away You Go, Howard

Howard Putnam retires from Airports after 41 years of City service.

Howard Putnam, Landscape Shop Sr. Park Maintenance Supervisor, Airports, retired Jan. 24. He gave 41 years of service to the City at Rec and Parks and the last several years at LAX.

Howard was highly regarded for his leadership and supervision of a staff of 55 Gardener/Caretakers and subordinate Supervisors and Seniors. His staff was cohesive, and everyone worked great together, which is attributed to Howard's ability to create a good working environment in his shop.

On Jan. 22, his crew, retirees, co-workers from Maintenance Services Division and Environment Services Division all gathered at the Maintenance Services Division Landscape Shop to enjoy a barbecue luncheon prepared by members of the Landscape Shop and served by women from across the Division.


The photos show the gratitude and appreciation exhibited from all of his co-workers and friends at Airports.

Thanks for your service, Howard!



At the retirement barbecue for Howard Putnam.





The Smart Move

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

Can Insurance Help The Healing Process?

Anything that can reduce stress has the potential to speed up the healing process, according to researchers. One of the greatest sources of stress during medical recovery is financial stress. Uncertainties about out-of-pocket medical costs, uncompensated time off from work, unexpected costs related to childcare, travel and spousal loss of income while caring for a sick or injured loved one can add up to significant financial psychological stress.

According to Janice Kiecolt-Glaser, a professor at the Ohio State University College of Medicine, groundbreaking research has shown that stress can slow wound healing, diminish the strength of immune responses to vaccines, enhance susceptibility to infectious illness, boost allergy symptoms, and reactivate latent viruses.

Psychological stress can extend the time required to heal wounds by 25 percent or more. Studies in which researchers have measured the rate of the healing of wounds show that stress slows closure. For example, dental students took an average of 40 percent longer to heal a small, standardized wound made prior to exams, compared to an identical wound made during their summer vacation.

In contrast to the relatively mild and predictable stress of academic examinations, surgery is a high-stakes stressor, and people's anxiety levels before surgery are often very high. After surgery, anxiety and depression can make pain worse—and pain is certainly another stressor that can slow your healing.

The immune system plays a central role in wound healing, and stress alters your immune system's ability to heal wounds. Cortisol, one of the hormones that is very responsive to stress, is a factor. Stress-induced elevations in cortisol interfere with activities important for wound healing, including the production of pro-inflammatory cytokines at the wound site that are important for the early parts of the healing process.

If one can eliminate or minimize the financial stress associated with critical illnesses and accidents, the research shows that the healing process speeds up. Insurance products like critical illness insurance and accident insurance can provide thousands of dollars to help cover the costs of those unexpected and sometimes overwhelming expenses.

Patrick Miller represents **Dearborn Insurance**, the Club's new partner for three areas—critical illness insurance, retirement income and accident medical expenses. Currently, the Club offers three Dearborn products: the Security Builder Plan, the Timber Ridge Critical Illness Plan, and Accident Medical Expense Plan. Ask your Club Counselor for details. Contact Dearborn National at (888) 443-8829.



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*“I love to write.
Love to write.”*

— Stephanie Burkhart,
PSR III, LAPD



‘Not Writing Is

On Feb. 18, *Alive!* editor John Burnes interviewed Stephanie Burkhart, PSR III, LAPD, 15 years of City service, about her hobby of writing, and being creative. The interview took place at Castaic Lake and at the home she shares with her husband, Officer III Brent Burkhart, LAPD, and their two sons, Andrew, 12, and Joe, 8.

Stephanie, thanks for talking to us today about your writing career. Have you always written? Has writing always been a part of your life?

STEPHANIE BURKHART: I can remember in the 1970s there was a show called *The Electric Company*, and there was always a Spiderman skit on the show. After watching the show I would go to my kitchen table and pull out my crayons and my markers and just make drawings and writings about the Spiderman skit, and those are the earliest memories I have of writing. And then in high school I got more into it. I got into comic books, really.

Reading them or writing them?

STEPHANIE: Reading them at first. I liked the *X-men*, the *Teen Titans*, the *Legion of Superheroes*, all of that stuff. And then more toward junior or senior year, I actually started trying to write them, which is – well, it was kind of funny in a way, because I didn’t understand the actual craft of



Stephanie Burkhart at work on her next novel.

Alive! Feature

To Be Creative

Alive! photos by Summy Lam

An LAPD 911 operator has published more than 30 works in the last four years.

How are you creative?
Stephanie Burkhardt, PSR III, LAPD, writes.

And writes and writes. When she finds more time between work and raising two sons with her husband, she writes some more.

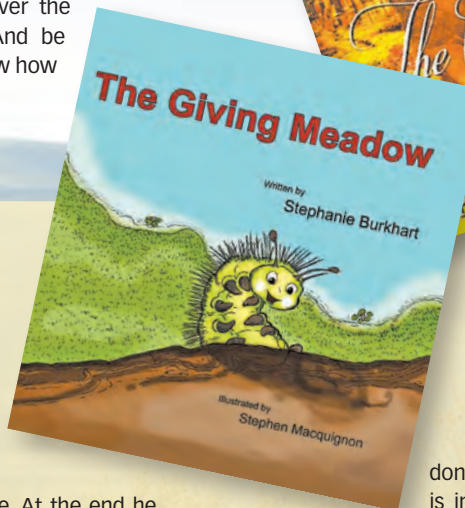
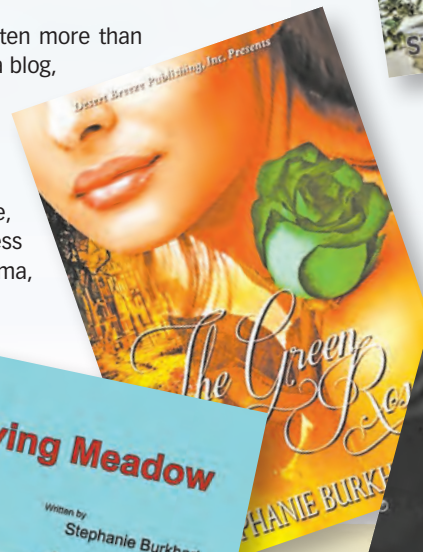
All City Employees have main responsibilities to their careers and their families. But many, like Stephanie, have hobbies to do what their heart compels them to do. They are creative because they must be.

From her home, Stephanie has written more than 30 books and short stories. She writes a blog, and she plans to keep on writing. Because, as she says, she just has to. If she didn't, she says, she would feel weird.

Read the interview with Stephanie, and *be inspired* to get going and express yourself creatively through music, drama, writing, dance, volunteering ... whatever the muses dictate. And be sure to let us know how you are creative!



Some of the many books written by Stephanie Burkhardt, PSR III, LAPD.



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writing, and then I wrote some when I was in the Army. I wrote a story about an American corporal who goes to Berlin on the Berlin orientation tour, and the train is derailed in the middle of East Germany, and she has to make her way to Berlin. I initially self-published that very early on, but then I took it off the shelves because I want to do some more work on it.

And when was that?

STEPHANIE: 2001. That was my first real story that I put together, and I do intend to get back to that as soon as I finish all of my other commitments. I want to polish it off and then resubmit it.

How did you get your first novel published in 2010?

STEPHANIE: I took *The Wolf's Kiss*, which was one of my short stories and expanded it. I had written it in the first person, and I sent it to several publishers. Desert Breeze showed an interest in it. But they said they wanted me to write it in the third person using not only the heroine's perspective, but the hero's perspective, too. I said okay. So I went back, and it took me maybe about four or five months to retool it and change the point of view. I resubmitted it to them. They said they loved it. "We'll take it."

Wow.

STEPHANIE: Shortly after that I wrote *The Giving Meadow*. At the time I was teaching at my church. They wanted a play that they could put on at Easter to teach the little ones about the transformation Jesus goes through. And the only thing really that is even close to that is a caterpillar becoming a butterfly, and children understand that. So I wrote this play about this caterpillar that travels through a meadow and he learns to

share and care. At the end he becomes a butterfly and everybody still likes him. So I showed that to one of my friends on writing.com, and I didn't realize that she was actually the publisher of 4RV. I said, hey, what do you think of this? Do you like this idea? She said, "Oh my God. I love it. I want to publish it." It was a nice surprise. So I said, okay, sure. Most of my children's stories come from my ideas from working with the kids at the religious education program at my church.

Which is ...

STEPHANIE: St. Kateri Tekawitha in Valencia.

Got it. Let's talk about some numbers here. How many works would you say you have had published, whether they're novels or short stories that are parts of anthologies.

STEPHANIE: That's a very big number!

That's exactly why I'm asking.

STEPHANIE: I'd say at least 30, in that ballpark.

I think on Amazon alone there are 32, yes.

STEPHANIE: Yes. I know I have about 13 novels with Desert Breeze. I have three children's books with 4RV, and I have maybe six or seven short stories with Victory Tales Press.

I also saw that you're on iBooks. You're in the Apple ecosystem, but not as many as there are on Amazon.

STEPHANIE: No. It all depends on the distribution. I

don't understand distribution that well. The publisher is in charge of contacting distribution outlets. Victory Tales Press, I think, is actually very good. They hit up Smashwords. They're on Kobo.

Now, everything that I found on Amazon, this is all since 2010. You self-published one but then you removed that. So everything that's available now has been only since around 2010. That's a lot of output. That's only four years and two months or something, and yet it's 32 things.

STEPHANIE: I love to write.

That's amazing. You're very productive.

STEPHANIE: I love to write. Love to write. I've slowed down a bit lately due to other commitments.

And you have a family.

STEPHANIE: Yes.

Styles and Inspiration

How many publishers do you work with?

STEPHANIE: Right now, I'm working with three.

For your different genres.

STEPHANIE: Right. Desert Breeze is for my romantic novels. Victory Tales press is more for my romantic short stories. And then 4RV is for my children's books.

One of your genres is steampunk?

STEPHANIE: Yes, that's with Desert Breeze.

The hero and the heroine travel back through time and they're in Queen Victoria's era. Steampunk

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Stephanie Burkhardt takes walks around Castaic Lake to help her focus and find inspiration for her writing. The walks are an important part of her creative process.

is interesting because everything in the Victorian Era that they would consider futuristic has already happened. So you kind of have to think about what's futuristic as what's already happened that didn't happen back then, like dirigibles. Or fancy goggles where you can see at night.

Are there any sort of genres that you want to try?

STEPHANIE: Yes and no. I love reading historical romances and I would like to try it, but I don't think my voice is there. Anything earlier than Queen Victoria I don't think I could do. It's a challenge. I don't understand the subtle nuances. I would call it a purse where somebody long ago would call it a reticule. I would have to do a lot of research on it, and I don't want to spend that much time researching. I want to write.

And other than your children's work, most of you what you write is romance, is that right?

STEPHANIE: Most of it, yes.

Why do you feel naturally drawn to romance? How does that inspire you?

STEPHANIE: What I like about romance is that it's hopeful. I think there could be a lot more hope in the world. When you get to the end of the romance, the hero and the heroine are going to be a couple, and they're going to ride off into the sunset, so to speak. It just leaves you with a good, happy, hopeful feeling. That's what I like about it.

Sitting on the bench or walking by the lake, how does that inspire you?

STEPHANIE: It slows me down a little bit, and I think I need to be in a little bit of a slower pace because I've got a very fast-paced life. I work. I've got the boys. I'm into scouting. And I teach religious education for my church.

What I like about spending time at Castaic Lake is I get to slow down and hang out with my thoughts for a little bit, to develop ideas. I don't have to worry about somebody coming at me saying I need you to do this right now or you have to get this done, right now. I can just kind of sit there and relax and smell the air and look at the view, and the thoughts come to me.

Awards and Opinions

To make sure we're complete, tell us all of the awards and citations and honors that you've achieved.

STEPHANIE: Oh, bless you. Prior to publishing in 2010, I participated in a lot of Writer's Digest writing competitions. One goes back to 2006 – an honorable mention for my short story, *The Music Box*, a horror story. Another one is *Red Paint Crimson Blood* the following year, another horror story. This one is based on Dracula, and I really had a fun time researching and writing that one.

I received two other awards for a Writer's Digest genre popular fiction. One was a romance called *Wolf's Kiss*. I based *The Hungarian* off of it. And one was a suspense thriller. It's called *The Pennemünde Secret*, about a British lieutenant who snuck into Pennemünde when they tested the first V2 rocket in Germany.

I got another one for a horror story, *The Watchtower*. It's another Dracula-based story.

I won eighth place in the writing awards for *Spontaneous Decision* for mainstream literary, not romance or a children's book. It's the only story inspired by my work at the LAPD dispatch center. It's about a dispatcher who has to make a decision about whether she wants to keep the job or move on to another job. It won eighth place that year in the mainstream. Very exciting.

A Gentleman and a Rogue won the Gold Medal in the romance historical for Readers' Favorites in 2013.

The Count's Lair won second place in 2011 from Readers' Favorites. And the series *Danube in Candlelight* was a finalist in the romance, fantasy, paranormal category. My steampunk *Victorian Scoundrel* won bronze in the romance historical. And *A Gentleman and a Rogue* won gold in romance historical.

There are two more. *The Wolf's Torment* is only available as an e-book, but it won gold in fictional supernatural. And two years ago *Made in America* also placed 8th in the Mainstream/literary category from Writer's Digest.

What kind of feedback do you get?

STEPHANIE: Most of the reviews are very good. They're four or five stars. People really enjoy the stories. Occasionally you get a one star. I think I got a one star for *The Hungarian*. It said, "Too many sex scenes." For that, you just have to roll with it.

What kind of comments do people give you?

STEPHANIE: Gosh, basically, that they enjoy them. They like it.

I have some beta readers who I use at work, Amy and Kathy and Tiffany. I'll take my stuff to work and I say, hey can you read this, and they'll usually read it on a break or on some down time. They give me really raw feedback. "I like this character. I don't like this character because they did this." "If you want this character to be the bad guy, then keep him on this path. If you don't you might want to change this." "This scene works. This scene doesn't work." "You know, what you've got a typo here. Fix this." They really help me to polish off the story before I present it to the publisher.

What are you working on now for them to read?

STEPHANIE: I'm working on book four of my steampunk series, *A Princess Is Always Right*. Amy's gone through some of it, so her notes are in here.

Does anybody in the City know you do this?

STEPHANIE: Not that I know of. People at work know I do this. I do have a work permit. If you have a second job you have to file a work permit.

What suffers is actually my marketing because I'm so hands-on. I don't have much opportunity to market myself, and I have a limited budget. I've been targeting reviews through blog review tours.

What's next? Do you have any future commitments from your publishers?

STEPHANIE: This is my last contracted work – *A Princess Is Always Right*. It's due in April, and I'm almost there. Right now, it's at 50,000 words.

After that?

STEPHANIE: I'm going to keep writing. I have one that I put aside to finish because I knew it was due in April, and the other one didn't really have a due date. And once I finish that I'm going to start shopping it around to several other small presses.

You'd love for this to be optioned into a movie, right?

STEPHANIE: Oh my gosh, yes. I think all of my series – the steampunk series, *Victorian Scoundrel*, the *Moldavian Moon* series, the *Budapest Moon* series – all of them would make a great TV series or great movies. Trust me.

Finding the Time

How do you juggle your time? You've got a lot of things going on. How do you find time to be creative?

STEPHANIE: I started putting myself on a to-do list. I call it my organization list, and every day at the beginning of the day I'll write down what I've got to do. I check it off as I do it. If I don't do it, it goes on to the next day's list. And if it doesn't get done in two or three days it gets a big fat star, which means I've got to do it right now. I don't get to many big fat stars. But occasionally I get one.

When do you write? Do you write in the morning?

STEPHANIE: If I'm on an off-day I will write in the morning. But usually I write at night. The kids go to bed and I'll take an hour, and I really have to budget my time – an hour, no more, no less. And at work, when I have downtime, on my code seven, I might take a little time and write there, too. That's helpful because my work can be very stressful, taking back-to-back phone calls can wear you down mentally. Sometimes when I have my break I just want to write to relieve the stress.

How would you encourage other people to find that time to be creative?

STEPHANIE: You have to budget your time just like you budget money. Brent and I work out a household budget, and we really try hard to stick to it. I find you have to do that with time, too. I know that sounds weird, but that's what my lists are all about.

I would also say, if you want to write, or if this is a path that you're interested in, be a reader first and read everything. Read horror stories. Read fiction. Read biographies. Read Stephanie Plum and Janet Evanovich. Just read a whole variety and find out what you really like to read.

What do you read?

STEPHANIE: Right now I'm reading Janet Evanovich, and I'm reading *The Death Cure* by James Dashner. It's more like a young adult teen story because my son Andrew is in that age group, and he likes to talk about the books he reads. So I read the books he reads.

And I'm on book three of George R.R. Martin's *Game of Thrones* series, *Storm of Swords*.

There's a lot to read with *Game of Thrones*.

STEPHANIE: I love that series. It's wonderful.

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About Stephanie



Stephanie Burkhardt was born and raised in Manchester, N.H. She served in the U.S. Army from 1986-97 in the Military Police Corps. She spent three tours overseas in Muenster, Fulda, Bad Hersfeld, and Hanau, Germany. She also deployed to Hungary in 1997 in support of Operation Joint Guard.

In 1995, she earned a Bachelor's degree in political science, *magna cum laude*, and was awarded the Outstanding Evening College Award from California Baptist University. After leaving the Army, she settled in California and in 2000 became a 911 dispatcher for the LAPD. She's a published author with Desert Breeze Publishing, Victory Tales Press, and 4RV Publishing. Her latest release is her children's book, *Brady's Lost Blanket*, with 4RV Publishing. She's married with two young sons and serves as a Den Leader for Cub Scout Pack 40 out of Valencia, and teaches religion at her church. Stephanie loves coffee, adores chocolate, and enjoys a good barbecue.

You can find her on the Internet at:
www.stephanieburkhart.com



Are you Creative?

Let us know!

If Stephanie has inspired you to express yourself creatively, or if you already have a productive hobby, we want to know!

Send us a note about what you do to be creative, and submit a photo if you want. We hope to publish what we can in a future issue

Send your submissions to
talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

How do you switch gears so easily between your different responsibilities?

STEPHANIE: I don't know. I just do. I think it involves flexibility. If you're a naturally flexible person, it's easy to switch gears. But if you're not that flexible, or if you're more rigid, then it's harder for you. You have to be a naturally flexible person.



Stephanie takes a break from writing to answer *Alive!*'s questions.

Does your family value this as much as you do?

STEPHANIE: The boys really get a kick out of my children's books. My husband really liked the illustrations in *The Giving Meadow*.

Is this something that you would want to do full-time?

STEPHANIE: Yes! That would be great. If I could just live in my head and write my stories I'd be happy.

You'd sell something to Hollywood and then you'd be able to buy a lake house and spend time up there. I've got your whole life planned out for you! Do you have long-range goals?

STEPHANIE: I would like to retire from the City, and then just go out and see the rest of the world that I didn't see when I was in the Army.

Why Write?

Why do you write?

STEPHANIE: I don't know. I write because there's this little niggling thing inside me, a feeling that says I must write. If I don't write I feel weird. It's hard to explain. If you get into the habit of doing something and then you don't do it, you feel weird. It's always been with me that I've always been compelled to do it. If I don't write I really feel off my game.

Do you write every day?

STEPHANIE: I try to write a little something every day. I've been focusing on blog work and trying to be a little bit more active on my blog. I think today's blog entry is about the Girl Scouts and Girl Scout cookies.

How can people find your blog?

STEPHANIE: It's sgcardin.blogspot.com

What's the hardest part about writing?

STEPHANIE: Finding the time. I've got plenty of ideas. Trust me, I've got a notebook with them.

Can you imagine your life without being creative?

STEPHANIE: No. I think I'd be very boring or I'd feel like I'm a very boring person.

Where does your creativity come from? Does it come from the hopefulness that you mentioned earlier?

STEPHANIE: Perhaps. I don't really know.

It's not easy to talk about creativity, especially when you're humble, as you are.

STEPHANIE: Right now, I'm a little overwhelmed.

You haven't thought that much about it?

STEPHANIE: No, because I think it comes so naturally.

Right. Thanks for your time, Stephanie.

STEPHANIE: Thank you.





Coloring with Mariana!



Compiled by
Mariana Guevara,
Club Store Manager

The *Alive!* Children's Coloring Contest



Natalee Hernandez, 5
• BIRTHDAY: May 22 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Dr. McStuffins" • FAVORITE SNACK: Chocolate raisins • BEST FRIEND: Aubrey
• WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO SEAWORLD? I love Shamu. She is not a killer whale. She is Shamu! • PARENT: Marco Hernandez, Transportation



Blake Watrin, 6
• BIRTHDAY: October 24 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Gravity Falls" • FAVORITE SNACK: Cookies
• BEST FRIEND: Noah • WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO SEAWORLD? I want to go SeaWorld to see Shamu!
• PARENTS: Mike and Genalie Watrin, Public Works

Honorable Mention

CHILD	AGE	PARENT/GUARDIAN	DEPT
Milana Mihalak	1	Gary Kenton	General Services
Alie Diaz	2	Jose Diaz	Transportation
Rebecca Grimm	2	Emma Grimm	Building & Safety
Morgan Rowley	2	Jaren Rowley	DWP
Sophia Anne Aubin	4	Michael Aubin	DWP
Kayla Avellaneda	4	Roberta Avellaneda	LAPD
Abbigail Cadby	4	Melissa Cadby & Ed Wold	DWP
Emma Christopher	4	James Christopher	DWP
Megan Dormani	4	Sharon & Farhad Dormani	DWP
Aaron Grimm	4	Emma Grimm	Building & Safety
Milo Parish	4	Kendra Parish & Ed Wold	DWP
Natalia Romero	4	Eloy Mendoza	Rec & Parks
Saylor Rowley	4	Jaren Rowley	DWP
Scarlett Esparza	5	Trinidad Quiroz	LAPD
Leahanna James	5	Maria Aguiniga	City Council
Piper Janovec	5	James Janovec	Airports
Matthew John Lansang	5	Leann Lansang	LAPD
Malia Murga	5	Vicky Chan	Retired
Samantha Smith	5	Derek Smith	LAPD

CHILD	AGE	PARENT/GUARDIAN	DEPT
Colin Taylor	5	Real & Barbara Paradise	Retired
Ethan Alvarado	6	Carlos Alvarado Chavez	DWP
Jackson Cadby	6	Melissa Cadby & Ed Wold	DWP
Thomas De Arco	6	Kevin Wilson	Retired
Jade Renet Glenchur	6	Mark Glenchur	LAFD
Leah Grimm	6	Emma Grimm	Building & Safety
Brooklyn Iasparro	6	Dominick Iasparro	LAPD
Dallas Loera	6	Rigoberto Loera	Public Works
Sarah Lucero	6	Jose Lucero	DWP
Hector Damien Meza	6	Hector Meza	General Services
Emerson Parish	6	Kendra Parish & Ed Wold	DWP
Anthony Vasquez	6	Suzy Vasquez	LAPD
Rebecca Wamsley	6	Steve Wamsley	Rec & Parks
Marcos (Herbert/Aguirre)	6	Amber Herbert & David Aguirre	LAPD
Gianna (DiGiorgio)	6	Irene DiGiorgio	Retired
Rosasalyn Glenchur	7	Mark Glenchur	LAPD
Madison Kuzichev	7	Alfred Kuzichev	LAPD
Bella Lopez	7	David Lopez	DWP
Olivia Parish	7	Kendra Parish & Ed Wold	DWP

Look for our next
contest in the
April edition of
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Congratulations to the
WINNERS!
of our Club Coloring Contest!

Congratulations to the winners of *Alive!*'s last coloring contest. Everyone who turned in a design is a winner in our opinion! But our top four participants win 4 Free Tickets to SeaWorld!



Winner
8 to 10
YEARS OLD

Allison Kim, 10

- BIRTHDAY: April 6 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: The Nature Channel • FAVORITE SNACK: Yogurt • BEST FRIEND: Sofia • WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO SEAWORLD? I want to go because I want to see orcas and fishes.
- PARENT: Yang Kim, DWP



Winner
11 to 13
YEARS OLD

Melanie Thongthoi, 11

- BIRTHDAY: December 23 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Futurama" • FAVORITE SNACK: Chips • BEST FRIEND: Angie • WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO SEAWORLD? I want to go to this park because I have never been there and I really want to see all the amazing shows.
- PARENT: Manasporn Khantisiri, LAPD

Honorable Mention – continued

CHILD	AGE	PARENT/GUARDIAN	DEPT	CHILD	AGE	PARENT/GUARDIAN	DEPT
Am&a Brewster	8	Mark Brewster	LAFD	Airika Ritter	10	Kenneth Ritter	Rec & Parks
Alexa Espiritu	8	Jose Espiritu	Public Works	Kennady Rowley	10	Jaren Rowley	DWP
Kirra-Tatsu Hackett	8	Robin Odell	Retired	Angelina Amie	11	Lawrence Amie	Public Works
Amy Lindsey	8	Brian Lindsey	Public Works	Lisset Duarte	11	Mario Duarte	General Services
Giovanna Pemble	8	Gail Staugaard	Retired	Katie Garcia	11	Tatiana Garcia	LAPD
Addison Sousa	8	John Sousa	Airports	Gregory Hernandez	11	Mark Hernandez	DWP
Julia Taylor	8	Real & Barbara Paradise	Retired	Jordyn Jiron	11	Robert F. Contreras	Retired
Jerina Valencia	8	Hugo Valencia	Airports	Briana Lucero	11	Jose Lucero	DWP
Sophia Vazquez	8	Suzy Vasquez	LAPD	Maryam Mala	11	Saeed Mala	Airports
Angelica Barraza	9	Ramon Barraza	DWP	Marcus Ortega	11	Renee Ramirez	LAFD
Sydney Hernandez	9	Eduardo Hernandez	Rec & Parks	Alyssa Pantoja	11	Daniel Pantoja	Animal Services
Giancarlo Lombardo	9	Grace Gonzalez	Retired	Michelle Lynn Perkins	11	Kimberly Perkins	Retired
Jaelyn Parish	9	Kendra Parish & Ed Wold	DWP	Jacob Campos	12	Juan Campos	DWP
Lucas Plascencia	9	Gustavo Plascencia	City Attorney	Peter Otoshi	12	John Otoshi	DWP
Arianna Roberts	9	Elaine Tanaka & Kendall Roberts	Retired	Brandon Roberts	12	Elaine Tanaka & Kendall Roberts	Retired
Victor Tario	9	Jenipher Quintanilla	Airports	Shawn Jackson	13	Phyllis Massey	Retired
Raymond Trinh	9	Thai Viet Trinh	Public Works	Gabriela Lucero	13	Christopher Lucero	DWP
Leilani Willard	9	Amy Willard	DWP	Am&a Salamanca	13	Emilio Salamanca	Finance
James (Khan)	9	Musa Khan	City Clerk	Lily (Cruz)	13	Mavdoqueo Cruz	Public Works



Glenn Carlisle and his wife, Susan.



From left: Dan Eason, Retired, 30 years of City service and Greg Zuniga, Sheet Metal Supervisor, 25 years, enjoy refreshments.



Robert Larios, the Club's Vice President of Operations, congratulates Glenn Carlisle and presents him with an award from the Club.



From left: Jorge Mendez, 25 years of City service; and Mike Spaleng, Building Repair Supervisor, 29 years.

DWP

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations

Goodbye, Glenn

Glenn Carlisle retires from DWP after 30 years of City service.

Friends, coworkers and family held a retirement event Jan. 29 for Glenn Carlisle, DWP, Club Member, who retires with 30 years of City service.

The party was held at the DWP North Hollywood Yard.

Glenn plans to golf, go fishing, and then move to Texas with his wife, Susan. He wishes everyone happiness and leaves the DWP by saying, "Enjoy your work in the department. I sure did!"

Congratulations, Glenn! Enjoy your retirement.

The Club thanks Tito Valente, AC Mechanic Supervisor, for his assistance.



From left: Carlos Gomez, Construction and Maintenance Superintendent, Operational Support Services Division, Field Operations, 31 years of City service, with Glenn Carlisle.



Louie Lozano of IBEW presents an award to Glenn Carlisle.



From left: Gabriel Garibay, AC Foreman, 9 years of City service; and John Griffin, AC Mechanic, 12 years.



From left: Tito Valente and Glenn Carlisle.



From left: Scott Bestwick, AC Mechanic, 25 years of City service; and Bill Redmond, AC Foreman, 28 years.



From left: Ricardo Ramirez, AC Mechanic, 9 years of City service; and Tony Takami, Sr. Locksmith, 27 years.

BOARD-WALK FUN!

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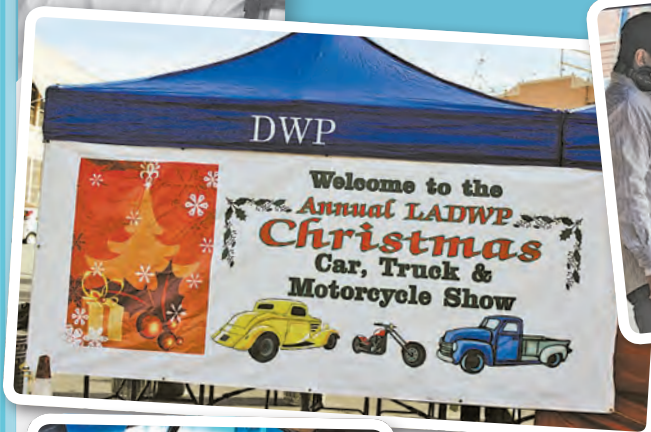
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By EVERETT BENNETT, Construction Inspector,
Public Works/Contract Administration



Cars and Families at DWP Christmas Party



It was an amazing free show filled with food, good music from the live DJ and a parking lot crammed full of some of the most beautiful classics in L.A. As I walked around attempting to be a "photographer," I heard people saying it was the best show to date. For me, this show is the very reason I started this column. It brings together the car "family" and the City "family." I was honored to be part of such a great group of talent that cherishes automotive history and carries dedication every day for the City of L.A. and its residents, and help make this the best City in the world to call home.



A big thanks goes to Donald Taylor for his hospitality, and I look forward to attending the 25th annual show and Christmas party in December of this year. For all of you, mark your calendars and be sure to make this show part of your holiday festivities. Enjoy the pictures!



PROUD OF YOUR WHEELS?
SEND IN A PHOTO!

Send us your information too – name, title and City department, a phone number (we won't print it) and a paragraph about why you love your car, what kind of car and year it is and some fun details of how you got it, how you restored it, etc. Send it all to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

The City Parties!

LAPD Chief's Party

Here are Capt. Andy Neiman and Ian M., LAPD, at the LAPD's Chief Beck's Ball, held Nov. 22 at the LA Hotel downtown.



Christmas Cat

Jim Booth, Retired, took his cat, Seemore, to see Santa. Hope you got all you wished for, Seemore!



Story and photos by Dalila Vielma, Club Counselor

LAPD Civilian Wellness

LAPD's new Civilian Wellness/Memorial Foundation held its second annual Cycling for Santa and Elf Walk Dec. 9.

The event was a fundraiser to benefit civilian LAPD employees and their immediate family members who have experienced unforeseen catastrophic circumstances, including death, illness and injury.

At this year's event, there were several cycling Santas traveling from the LAPD 911 Dispatch Center in the West Hills area of the San Fernando Valley to the finish line at LAPD HQ. The other event was an "Elf Walk," a three-quarter-mile walk through the Civic Center area of Downtown Los Angeles. The finish line was in front of LAPD HQ, and everyone present was able to partake in homemade chili, indulge their sweet tooth with cookies or other holiday treats, and a little seasonal shopping at the participating vendor booths.

The Los Angeles Kings Ice Crew and a rockin' DJ were also on hand to join in the festivities! Donations were tax deductible, and all proceeds will go to the Parker Foundation's Civilian Wellness Program to support the civilian personnel facing catastrophic financial circumstances.

Part 3
Special Holiday Party Section

The City Parties!

Here in March, Alive! concludes its coverage of the City Social Season 2014, with stories and photos from Club staff ... and sent in by you, too.

Enjoy the memories!



The City Parties!

From left: Terra Jones, Sr. Clerk Typist, 14 years of City service, Club Member; and Biniko Y. Hawkins, Executive Administrative Assistant, 25 years.



Cindy Serrano, Delivery Driver, 9 years of City service, Club Member; and Mike Sakamoto, Director of Systems, 26 years.



Top, from left: Miguel Torres, Clerk, 8 years of City service, Club Member; Seretha Wong, Clerk Typist, 3 years; Lydia Marquez, Clerk Typist, 19 years, Club Member; and Maria Vite, Office Manager, 15 years, Club Member. Bottom: Pierre Riotoc, Special Events, 9 years; and Jenny Galandeynes, Clerk Typist, 2 years.

Walter Griffin, Printer Press Operator I, 21 years of City service.



From left: John Tusso, Plumber, 13 years of City service; and James Perry, Plumber, 5 years.



From left: Ceola Beard, Custodian, 25 years of City service, Club Member; Rosie Moore, Sr. Clerk Typist, 13 years; Sylvia Moran, Sr. Clerk Typist, 20 years; and Beth Wendt, Plumbing Supervisor, 10 years, Club Member.

Story by Noelle Kauffman, Club Member Services Coordinator;
Photos by Dalila Vielma, Club Counselor

General Services

On Dec. 10, General Services held its annual holiday party lunch at the El Pueblo Historical Monument Courtyard. This year's event was sports-themed, and everyone was encouraged to dress in their favorite sport team's gear!

The lunch consisted of a variety of sandwiches, chips, sodas and cake for dessert. There was also a photo booth, raffles and sports games, which included ping pong, a basketball-throwing contest and a football-throwing contest.

General Services definitely knows how to throw an awesome holiday party! Thank you for inviting the Club to join in on the fun festivities!



From left: Andrew Diaz, Plumber, 10 years of City service; and Ramon Montiel, Plumber, 6 years.



From left: John Trevogda, Chief Management Analyst, 23 years of City service, Club Member; and Eric Robles, Sr. Management Analyst for Directory of Special Services, 15 years.



From left: Greg Tonkin, Plumber, 15 years of City service; and Mark Roussel, Construction and Maintenance Superintendent, 20 years.



From left: Jon Johnson, Supervisor, 16 years of City service, Club Member; David Taque Jr., Equipment Mechanic, 8 years; Carlos Vazquez, Welder, 9 years, Club Member; and Thomas Ruiz, Auto Repair, 9 years, Club Member.



From left: Lexi Galaz, DMO II, 8 years of City service; Gerald St. Onge, Director, 20 years, Club Member; and Tim Ochoa, Carpenter, 6 years.



From left: Robert Garcia, Auto Painter, 27 years of City service; and David Hales, Welder, 17 years.



From left: Paz Sagun, Chemist, 14 years of City service; and Ricardo Aguilar, Materials Testing Technician, 3 years.



From left: Jesse Adams, Laborer, 10 years of City service; and Richmond Aulisio, Carpenter, 2 years.



From left: Al Griffin, Truck Operator, 18 years of City service; Kevin Reaux, Truck Operator, 28 years, Club Member; Froilan Gamez, Delivery Driver, 5 years; and Ray Smith, Truck Operator, 9 years.



Bino Sambrano, Maintenance, 1 year of City service.



Ramon Galvez, Accounting Clerk, 8 years of City service.



From left: Sean Anderson, City Craft Assistant Electrician, 5 years of City service; Robert Mayorga, Electrician, 14 years; and Herman Smith, Electrician, 14 years.



Beth Wendt, Plumbing Supervisor, 10 years of City service, Club Member; and Art Flores, Plumber, 8 years.



From left: Allen Pavaella, Plumber, 16 years of City service; David Shubin, Plumber, 6 years, Club Member; Don Hoffman, Water Conservation, 3 months; and Gerardo Vejar, Plumber, 3 months.



From left: Jorge Esparza, Materials Testing Tech, 15 years of City service; Eddie Bernache, Materials Testing Tech, 15 years; Jesus Barajas, Materials Engineering Assistant, 15 years.

The City Parties!



Story and photos courtesy Maurice Hyett, Construction and Maintenance Supervisor

General Services: Construction Forces/Building Maintenance

Construction Forces and Building Maintenance Divisions held their annual holiday party, “a celebration steeped in tradition,” Dec. 23. The big party was held at Piper Tech.

The well-known party contained much fun, songs, families and Christmas cheer.

As strong tradition would dictate, General Services/Building Maintenance and Construction Forces Divisions pulled off another enjoyable annual holiday potluck party. Activities included the traditional panoramic group photo, winter potluck holiday feast, raffles, contests, prizes, treats, Santa’s arrival, an LAFD Fire truck tour and show, and LAPD heliport tour.

Special thanks also go to the following, for their generous support and extra help with the event:

- David Paschal, Assistant General Manager, General Services
- George Yamanaka, LAPD Motor Transport Division
- Mike Goodrich, LAPD Motor Transport Division
- Lt. Robert Binder, LAPD Air Support Division, Piper Tech
- LAPD Air Support Division, Piper Tech heliport, and all its generous staff
- Capt. George Perez, LAFD
- LAFD Fire Station 4 and all its Firefighters and staff, and
- Robert Larios, VP of Operations, City Employees Club, representing Alive!

The Club thanks Maurice Hyett, Construction and Maintenance Supervisor II, General Services/Construction Forces Division, for his assistance.



Photo by Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operation

Transportation South LA Yard

Transportation’s South LA Yard held its Christmas lunch Dec. 17 at the yard on South Figueroa St.

Those attending hosted children from the 75th Street Elementary School. Each year the South LA Yard sponsors a toy and coat giveaway.

Special thanks to Yolanda Barnes for her assistance.

The City Parties!



From left: Armando Perez, RCTO, with guests Bethany Kemp and Elsa Perez.



From left: Kevin House, RCTO and party coordinator, 7 years of City service, Club Member; and Danny Govea, RCTO, 10 years, Club Member.



From left: Elsa Inclan, guest, and Armando Perez, Supervisor, 21 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: John Diaz, RCTO, 24 years of City service, Club Member; and Kimiko Diaz, guest.



From left: Lenore Jones, Supervisor, 37 years of City service, Club Member, with Trista Jones, guest.



From left: Arturo Salazar, RCTO, 13 years of City service, and Angie Salazar, guest.



From left: Tarras and Howard Cross, RCTO, 7 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Karl Robinson, RCTO, 5 months of City service; and Cheryl Robinson, guest.



From left: Sandy and Ray Cruz, Superintendent, 28 years of City service, Club Member.



Shawndy and David Carlson, Supervisor, 25 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Howard Cross, RCTO, 7 years of City service, Club Member; Cash Russell, RCTO II, 20 years, Club Member; and Kevin House, RCTO and party coordinator, 7 years, Club Member.

Story and photos by Noelle Kauffman, Club Member Services Coordinator

West Valley Sanitation

On Dec. 13, Public Works' West Valley Sanitation Yard held its holiday party at the delicious El Queso Grande Mexican restaurant in Granada Hills. The private party included a buffet dinner, a photo booth, raffles, and dancing. A great time was had by all who attended!



From left: Guests Gary Sibert, Edith Sibert and Lori Sibert with Brian Sibert, RCTO II, 26 years of City service, Club Member.



Elena and Danny Soto, RCTO, 9 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Sally and John Elizondo, RCTO II, 9 years of City service, Club Member.

Transportation/ Central Division

Transportation's Central Division held its end-of-the-year luncheon Dec. 10 at Central Division.

There was lots of great food and good cheer to honor School on Wheels, the recipient of 2014's division toy drive.



Lt. Iral Turner, 25 years of City service, Club Member, with Kim Ellis, Traffic Officer, 25 years, and also the chef for all the day's festivities!



From left: Russell Flores, Warehouse and Tool Room worker, 15 years of City service, Club Member; and Julio Diaz, Traffic Officer II, 15 years.



From left: Richard Garcia, Traffic Officer II, 28 years of City service, Club Member; and Liaz Pallares, Traffic Officer II, 15 years.



From left: Greg Sarelli, Assistant Department Chief, 3 years of City service; Brian Hale, Department Chief, 3 years, Club Member; Sharon Poland, Traffic Officer II, 24 years, Club Member, with Sarah and Charles of School on Wheels, the recipient of all the proceeds collected by employees from the central division.



Gregory Hill, Traffic Officer II, 18 years of City service, won the first raffle prize. He's shown with Brian Hale and Janice Norwood.



From left: Hurshal Booker, Traffic Officer II, 10 years of City service; Victor Hernandez, Traffic Officer II, 16 years, Club Member; and Jesus Lopez, Traffic Officer II, 18 years, Club Member.

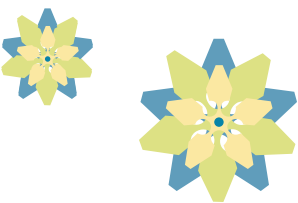


From left: Tim Scranton, 25 years of City service; Joe Ceballos, 27 years; Jerald Anderson, 28 years; Kim Hall, 11 years; and Joe Anderson, 11 years.





Life's Important Moments



Share your moments!

Did you get married? Have a baby? Get a promotion? We want to hear from you. Share your news with the world! Send all notices and high resolution photos with the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com or send paper notices and print photos to: Alive!, 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Welcome New Members!

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

New Members

Airports

Emeterio Fuentes
Amber Hernandez
Kaylee Smith

Animal Services

Lisa Del Campo
Cynthia Hockman
Denise Margarit

Building and Safety

Bryan Epstein

City Attorney

Steve Houchin

City Clerk

Howard Jones

City Council

Maria Souza-Rountree

CDD

Rodolfo Leyva

LAFD

Alex Barcelona
Ivan Carmona
Michael Cunningham
Jesus De La Cruz

Eric Dillon
Christian Erazo
Sean I'Anson

Michael Ketaily
Mark Lillenberg
William Peralta
Richard Ramirez
Dennis Roach
Larry Salas
Leonard Sedillos
Andre Voelker
James Westland
Jesse Wong

General Services

Dinesh Chaudhuri
Chris Dukes
Antonio Gutierrez
Danny Mosqueda
Irene Santana
Anthony Smith II
Than Tiet
Silvia Valladares
Octavio Vergara
Alfredo Lagdamen

Harbor

Patrick Cella

Yolander Garner
Sheila Gonzales

Housing

Ruben Gollas
Nadine Shimoji

ITA

Duncan Angami

Library

Erin Devitt

Mayor's Office

Tyric Buchanan

Personnel

Margo Bell
Carolyn Davis
Maria Garza

LAPD

Geraldo Arrieta
James Bland
David Clark
Ryan Cooper
Francisco Duarte
Eric Esturban
Alan Gilmer
John Harrison

Jason Marquez
Quinette Mcleod
Claudia Negrete
Rogelio Quiles
Marisa Ramos
Abraham Rivera
Brenda Salazar
Mark Sommer
Di Sun
Debra Tinker

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Jeffrey Difiore
Gilardo Inclan
Robert Savinelli

PW-Street Lighting

Cecillia Leanos

PW-Street Services

Thomas Earnest
Carlos Matamoros
Luis Uribe

Rec and Parks

Anthony Aguinaga
Tammy Charro

Bashirrah Creswell
Joshua Hill
Carmen Magana
Juan Maldonado
Rafael Rodriguez
Hilario Zepeda

Transportation

Wayne Beach
Kevin Leony
Jordan Smith
Michael Soria
Brandon Wilson

Retired

Luis Chavez
Dollie Guidry
Charley Mims
Cortez Norwood

DWP

Darla Adeoye
Louis Chavez
Regina Luna
Terry Osier

Other

Kevin Alvarado
Joel Amador Jr.

Jason Basset
William Bright
Matthew Buzo
Carlos Carcamo
John Cunha
Ricardo De Los Santos
Horacio Garcia
Efrain Gonzalez
Brandon Gonzalez
Fernando Guerrero
Javert Johnson
Jesse Kirby
Gloria Lee
Alfrin Leggins
Andrew Lorton
Sunny Nunez
Jered Odrich
Leo Ortega
Paul Payne
Michael Puente
Heidi Roe
Gabriel Solis
Minor Stone
Patrick Toolis
Joseph Velasco



Special Achievement

Have you or your children recently achieved something special? Send to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Lifesaver!

Here's to **Mike Bejerano, DWP**, who saved a life while on duty.

On Jan. 30, DWP employee Mike Bejerano was working in the Venice area. He was sent to pick up lunch for his crew. When he arrived at the store he saw a chaotic scene, so he checked to see what was going on.

He saw a woman on the ground having a medical emergency. Her adult son was running around in distress because he did not know how to help his mother, another woman was praying, and another person was on the phone with a 911 operator. Mike had been given CPR training at work recently, so he stepped in to

help the woman on the ground. The 911 operator coached Mike while he was performing CPR. Mike helped keep the woman alive until the LAFD Paramedics arrived and took over.

Congratulations, Mike, for your quick thinking and assertive actions that saved the woman's life!

Peace of Mind

BY TIFFANY SY,
The Club's Peace of Mind Expert
tsy@cityemployeesclub.com



Pre-Planning for Funeral Expenses

Planning your own funeral or memorial service can provide peace of mind to you and your family. Advance planning allows you to design the exact type of service you'd like down to the very details, so that your friends and family celebrate you as you wish. And by letting your family know how you'd like your funeral or memorial service to be, they'll have less difficult and complicated decisions to make during an emotionally distressful time.

Generally, families having to deal with an unplanned funeral are left to second guess details and are required to make great financial decisions they may not be prepared for. The cost of an average funeral in today's industry can average tens of thousands of dollars. Most people do not have that much saved.

The Club's latest benefit involves advance planning, which allows City Employees, retirees and spouses to pre-

fund and pre-arrange for funeral services so your families don't have to. Packages include cremation or burial benefits and are backed by Homesteaders Inc., a national leader among funeral insurance companies and rated "excellent" by A.M. Best. Homesteaders provides an insurance funding plan that grows to help offset inflation, and coverage begins on day one of the policy effective date if the unthinkable occurs so that family members aren't stuck

with the entire bill. The Club has added the convenience of payroll/pension deductions to prefund final expenses over a seven year payment plan, and rates are locked so it does not increase with your age.

Come see us at the Club Store or inquire by calling your Member Services Counselor for more details.





• **Alive! In The Military**
• **Graduations**

Have a photo of a recent event?
Send photo and the appropriate information
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Births

Have a photo of a recent birth?
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Miles James Medina, born Dec. 10 to Mark and Monica Medina, and big sister Madison, 5. Miles is the 10th grandchild of Red Medina, Public Works/Contract Administration, and Lupe Medina, Retired City Employees Club staffer.



Weddings

Have a photo of a recent wedding?
Send photo and the appropriate information to
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Veronica Grayson and Melvin Brownlee, Sept. 20 in Murfreesboro, Tenn. Veronica is a Systems Analyst II, Controller, 23 years of City service.



In Memoriam

Our thoughts and condolences are with the family and friends of the following current and retired City employees who have passed away. The number after the name indicates years of service.

Active

Der Sarkissian, Vahe, Building and Safety, 19
Gosselin, James, DWP, 30
Menchaca, Mario, DWP, 2
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It's Time to

Tell Their Story

An Alive! feature

Every month, *Alive!* publishes the names of those current or retired City Employees who have died. But who were they? Did you know them? If you worked with any of these people, knew a story or two about them or were related to them, consider writing to *Alive!* and letting us know. *Tell their story!*

- Write a few sentences or paragraphs
- Send in a photo, if you have one
- Let us know your name and connection to the deceased
- Send your memories to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com
Subject line: Tell Their Story



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Remembering Clifford Rich
Department of Transportation

*By Annette Bently-Pintor,
daughter of the deceased*

I'm writing this with a heavy heart to inform the Club of my father's passing Jan. 28. He was one day shy of his 91st birthday.

drafted into World War II in January 1943. Serving three years with General Patton's Third Army, he landed on Omaha Beach, France in 1944. He worked as a civilian employee for the United States Army in Germany and spoke fluent German.

After the war, Cliff worked in New York for the Highway Department and also as a mechanic, then served proudly and courageously as a Police Officer in Amherst, N.Y. for more than 29 years.

In 1978, Clifford moved to Los Angeles and worked in the LAPD as a Traffic Officer in 1978. He worked six months in the Central District and then transferred to the Van Nuys Division, where he remained after 1985 when they became the DOT (Department of Transportation). Clifford was a stable fixture in the department

for more than 28 years. He retired at the age of 83.

Our beloved Clifford battled cancer for approximately 25 years. The Lord called our beloved Clifford home Jan. 28th. He will forever be in our hearts.

Services took place Feb. 16, President's Day.

A Facebook page has been set up for tributes: www.facebook.com/tocliffordwithlove



Clifford Rich
~ 1924 – 2015 ~

My dad was a truly remarkable man who loved working with his fellow Transportation officers and spoke fondly of them. When my father retired he was the oldest Officer in the history of DOT.

Clifford Rich was born Jan. 29, 1924 in Buffalo, N.Y. At 19, he was



LAFD, LAPD



To Baldly Go

It's time for St. Baldrick's! FS 89 will be used for the head-shaving fundraiser against childhood cancers.



On Sat., March 21, LAFD and LAPD personnel, and other City Employees, too, will participate in their 12th annual combined St. Baldrick's fundraising event. Participants, or "shavees" as they are known, collect pledges from friends and family in exchange for shaving their heads. The bald heads signify solidarity with child victims of cancer, who often lose their hair while undergoing treatment. All money raised goes to the St. Baldrick's Foundation and is distributed to doctors and other researchers on the front lines of the war on childhood cancer.

This year's location is again Fire Station 89, 7063 Laurel Canyon Blvd. in North Hollywood. The event is set to begin at 7 a.m. and runs to 1 p.m.

The event features a silent auction, a raffle, a free IHOP sausage and pancake breakfast,

and food trucks at lunchtime (for a fee). Entertainment will be provided by magicians, balloon artists, face painters, and local radio stations. And fire and police apparatus are expected to be present for children to explore and for photo opportunities.

Participants and helpers are needed to staff this event. If you are able to help, please contact Lt. Greg Doyle at (818) 634-6127; Firefighter Danny Wu at (626) 590-6240; or Engineer Sean Kennedy, (626) 664-9711. If you would like to be a "shavee" or you are interested in pledging, you can sign up at www.stbaldricks.org/events/LAFDLAPD



Who: LAPD and LAFD Personnel (all are welcome, though)
What: Fundraiser for childhood cancer research
When: Sat., March 21, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Where: LAFD Fire Station 89, 7063 Laurel Canyon Blvd., North Hollywood
How: Sign up or donate at: www.stbaldricks.org/events/LAFDLAPD
Info: Contact Lt. Greg Doyle, (818) 634-6127; LAFD Firefighter Danny Wu, (626) 590-6240; or LAFD Engineer Sean Kennedy, (626) 664-9711



Join us as we shave our heads to raise money for childhood cancer research and

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THIS MONTH AT THE

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

A REC AND PARKS FACILITY

Underwater ROV Workshop

**Sat., Mar 7
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Discover the amazing world or underwater Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs) by building your own from scratch! In this beginner level, hands-on workshop, participants will construct underwater ROVs in groups. We'll do everything from constructing the frame to wiring the control box and waterproofing motors.

At the end of the workshop day, participants will compete in a challenge that will help determine the design of the ROV. Hints and tips will be provided for how to add this activity to your classroom or club and what to expect if you decide to compete at the annual MATE ROV competition. This is an introductory level workshop; no engineering experience is necessary.

Free, but reservations required: (310) 548-7562

Parking: \$1/hour

Support the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium!

Consider joining the Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium
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www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org/support.asp



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Reviews by Fellow Club Members

ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies

• *In the cinema*

Into the Woods

PG-13
My Score: 2 (out of 5)

Into the Woods wraps the Brothers Grimm fairy tales into a Steven Sondheim musical with Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk, and Rapunzel. The performance of Meryl Streep as the witch eclipses all the other wonderful stars in this dark tale, with a modern spin. The sing-songy dialogue and some very creepy characters squeeze nearly all the fun from what should have been an enjoyable but adult retelling of the classic stories. Stay out of the woods!

– Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

Birdman

Rated R
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Michael Keaton plays a has-been actor who once played an iconic superhero and has now written and is starring in a Broadway play in an attempt to reestablish his career. The film is the very surreal tale of the days leading up to the opening of his play, and how it affects his friends and family. Although billed as a comedy, *Birdman* defies definition as to category. It is comedy, tragedy, and a mind trip extraordinaire. Keaton and co-star Edward Norton are brilliant, and surrounded by other brilliant performances. It's a rare gem of a film.

– Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

The Imitation Game

Rated PG-13
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

One of the best films of 2014, *The Imitation Game* is based on the true story of the Cambridge University math genius, Alan Turing, who was asked by British Intelligence during the Second World War to help solve the Nazis' use of the Enigma machine to send coded messages. Benedict Cumberbatch plays Turing, whose group of math whizzes (including Keira Knightley as the lone female) eventually developed a machine that not only helped the Allies stop the Nazis, but in later years evolved into the first computer. It's a fascinating and heart-breaking film.

– Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

American Sniper

Rated R
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

In this patriotic flick, Bradley Cooper portrays Navy SEAL sniper Chris Kyle who became an American hero and the most lethal sniper during the Iraqi occupation. Clint Eastwood's directing was flawless in portraying Kyle's traumatic conflict, built up from four tours of duty – the conflicts within himself, with his family and to his sense of duty as a SEAL. I knew this would be an excellent movie based on Eastwood's reputation on these types of

movies. It's a must see regardless of some controversial scenes.

– Chuck Beas, DWP

The Theory of Everything

Rated PG-13
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

The title refers to the pursuits of the famous physicist Stephen Hawking (Eddie Redmayne) to find a mathematical formula for the origin of the universe, with the intent of proving that it could have happened spontaneously and without divine involvement. But the film has another theory on its mind – that of Hawking's wife, Jane (Felicity Jones), whose enduring and sacrificial love for her husband, borne out of her Christianity, makes his success and, to an extent after he is stricken with ALS, his very life feasible. Redmayne is stunning and never showy in this strong film. But, despite the professional acclaim and popular celebrity that the real Hawking has received, this film subtly argues that, in the end, the only theory of everything that really matters – selfless love, in its truest sense – is Jane's.

– John Burnes, *Alive!* editor

Kingsman: The Secret Service

Rated R
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

One of the more violent, gory and action-packed films to be released in recent months,

Kingsman: The Secret Service, with Colin Firth, is a thrilling ride that may alienate some viewers because of its unapologetic depictions of violence across multiple fight scenes throughout the film. But if you can stomach the blood and guts sprayed on screen, this film will delight and entertain you in the same vein that *Wanted* and *Kick-Ass* did in years past. Of course, being that it is from the same comic book writer who also created those two films, what is on screen should be of no surprise to anyone.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Jupiter Ascending

Rated PG-13
My Score: 2 (out of 5)

I really wanted to like *Jupiter Ascending*. Billed as a *Matrix*/*Star Wars*-type amalgamation, and being directed by the Wachowski siblings, I thought there would be more style and substance to the film. Instead, I was treated to a rushed and subpar story, mediocre acting, and some scenes that felt extremely forced and completely out of place. It did have some good action sequences and presented some amazing visual effects that kept the movie from totally boring me. But, this was not enough to make me want to watch this film again anytime soon!

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Book Reviews

Saint Odd

Dean Koontz
Horror fiction, 342 pages
Bantam
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This is the final book of the *Odd Thomas* series. Odd Thomas communicates with the dead. His journeys take him to strange and mysterious places, and he meets the living and dead along the way. He still misses Stormy, his girlfriend who died tragically, and battles with evil spirits that are trying to take over humanity.

I highly recommend this last book series by Dean Koontz.

– Linda Rorex, Personnel

Act of War

Brad Thor
Thriller fiction, 360 pages
Atria
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

The talents of counterterrorism operative Scott Horvath are called upon after all havoc breaks loose when terrorists plot to destroy the United States. Scott must travel undercover from Asia to the U.S., and if his identity is discovered it may constitute an act of war.

This 13th installment of the espionage world of Scott Horvath is packed full of twists and turns that will leave the reader wanting more.

– Linda Rorex, Personnel

Video Gaming

• *Video games via online, rental or purchase*

Citizens of Earth

Rated E10+ for Everyone 10+
For 3DS, PC, PlayStation 4, PS Vita, Wii U
My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Not quite the game I was expecting this little RPG to be, *Citizens of Earth* puts the player into the role of the newly elected Vice President of the Earth and his quest to gain

the love and adoration of the citizens across the world. It has this old-school look and feel to it that elicits this instant sense of charm from the game, but the overused JRP system that is at the center of the game truly keeps it from becoming the truly great game it had the potential to be.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD



By Jennifer Shackelford,
Club Application Coordinator

SEEN Around Town

Hollyhock House

Friday the 13th was warm. It was a beautiful, clear night. The perfect night to wait in line.

I decided to head over to the 24 hour open house at Barnsdall Park. Hollyhock house is open to the public after a four year restoration. This would be the only night it would be open, and the only time pictures would be allowed inside the house. I had to see it.

I love Frank Lloyd Wright's work, and the opportunity to take pictures and wander around the house was just too good for me (and a whole lot of other people) to pass up. The wait was a solid three hours from the time we arrived at 8:30. I can't really complain because there were lots of nice people in line, and it was very heartening to see so many people interested in this unique event.

The house looked great. This was my first time in one of Wright's houses, and it did not disappoint. Every detail was expertly chosen. And every part lovingly restored. It was totally worth the wait.

I highly recommend everyone take some time to visit Hollyhock House. Take a tour and learn all about one of our architectural treasures.

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Airports Executive Director Gina Marie Lindsey at LAX.

Airports Executive Director Gina Marie Lindsey announced Feb. 3 that, after a 39-year career, 33 working in the aviation industry, she will retire. Telling staff “it is time for me to move on to other adventures,” Lindsey discussed her retirement with Mayor Eric Garcetti and Board of Airport Commissioners President Sean Burton and says she will stay on into the spring to ensure a smooth transition to new leadership. The mayor’s office and Airport Commissioners will work with Spencer Stuart, a leading executive search consulting firm, to identify Lindsey’s successor.

“This is an appropriate time for a transition,” Lindsey said in a statement. “The next LAWA executive director will be able to take the Airports Development Program through its

Airports

Story and photo courtesy Airports

Lindsey to Retire

Airports Executive Director Gina Marie Lindsey plans to retire this spring.

next major phase, its next round of projects that will last at least 10 years.”

Lindsey was appointed LAWA executive director June 4, 2007, after decades of experience in airport management and a record of success in renovating and improving international airports.

“A good leader brings out the best in a team,” said Sean Burton, president of the Board of Airport Commissioners. “Gina Marie has put together a strong and efficient team that is transforming LAX into an airport the City can be proud of; responsibly managing costs and operations at LA/Ontario International Airport through difficult market changes; and moving Van Nuys, a general aviation airport that had been losing money, into a brighter future. I am proud to have been able to work with her.”

In a memo to LAWA staff, Lindsey summarized their achievements:

- “Operating the Airports: LAWA has developed significantly improved airport operational knowledge, situational awareness and capability to respond to operational disruptions and emergencies.
- “What to fix or build, and when to do

it: There’s now an established systematic process for determining capital investment priorities at each airport.

- “How to construct: We now have a defined \$8.5 billion facility improvement plan and the capability to build it with delivery methodology tailored to the specific characteristics of the project, rather than always using the conventional design/build process. \$3 billion in improvements has been delivered. Bradley West Phase 1 is complete and Phase 2 will be complete by mid-year. The Central Utility Plant is nearing completion. Airfield improvements are under way; and every terminal except T3 is under some sort of renovation either by tenant airlines or concessionaires.
- “Community relationships: The historically entrenched atmosphere of extreme mistrust, opaque sporadic and often adversarial communication has been replaced by consistent, forthcoming sharing of information that is building trust even when there may not be agreement on substance.
- “Managing real estate: The backlog of lease negotiations, new business tenders, past contentious relationships between VNY ten-

ants and LAWA have been resolved, and staff has implemented a systematic process of negotiating the five-year rate adjustments at all LAWA airports.

- “Managing the business: Eight years ago, LAWA was in litigation with all of the airlines serving LAX, and there was no business arrangements that could credibly finance a comprehensive facility improvement program. Today, all of that litigation has been dropped in favor of a transparent, ten-year rate and charge formula that treats all airlines equitably, enables predictability for their business planning, and provides a stable source of revenue for a major portion of the LAX Capital Improvement Program.

“I’m proud of the progress you all have achieved for LAWA and grateful for the opportunity to have worked with you to make our airports better,” Lindsey wrote in her memo to staff. “It is time, however, for me to move on to other adventures.

“Our work is not done. We must continue to get better at everything we do. I have no doubt you all will continue to propel LAWA and its airports forward to be the best they can be. So let’s not miss a beat and get back to work.”



Kacy (center) was given a pin by Division Chief Tina Rodriguez (right) and an unidentified Civil Service Commissioner.

Personnel

25 Years For Kacy

Kacy Evans earns her 25-year service pin.

Kasandra “Kacy” Evans, Personnel, Club Member, received her pin for 25 years of dedicated service to the City of Los Angeles. She received it Jan. 22 in City Service chambers.

Her pin was given to her by Division Chief Tina Rodriguez and Civil Service Commissioners. Kacy’s mom, Mary Evans, witnessed the proud moment. Congrats, Kacy!



Kacy Evans (left) and her mom, Mary Evans.



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Cooking with the Club

with Chef Robert Larios



O'DOWD'S PRAWN LOAF

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all! May you all be twice as lucky as any one of us! No matter what happens, you are all in luck now because I have a wonderful Irish recipe that is delicious and easy to make. It's a prawn loaf with potatoes as the main ingredient, and can be served as a side dish or as a hearty main dish. In this recipe, I placed it on a bed of arugula, but you can just plate it and drizzle your favorite white sauce over it as well. I have skipped the making of the mashed potatoes, but I do highly recommend that you use potatoes instead of the dry variety in a box.

¡Buen provecho!



O'Dowd's Prawn Loaf

Makes 5 – 7 Servings

INGREDIENTS:

- Mashed potatoes (approximately 5 to 7 medium Russet potatoes)
- 1/2 cup diced celery
- 1/2 cup diced onion or green onion
- 1 diced green pepper
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 12 oz. prawns, cooked, shelled and diced
- 2 eggs beaten
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- salt to taste



You may substitute prawns with shrimp.

DIRECTIONS:



1 Combine diced celery, green pepper, diced onion or green onions and sauté with butter until golden brown.



3 Pack mixture into greased loaf pan.



2 In a large mixing bowl or pot, mix sautéed ingredients with mashed potatoes, beaten eggs, prawns, and parsley.



4 Bake for 1 hour, 15 minutes at 350F. Broil for five minutes at 500F so that the top begins to brown. Let rest and cool.



5 Serve and enjoy!

[A Cook's Dictionary]

Potato:

The ancient Incas were cultivating this humble tuber thousands of years ago. The potato was not readily accepted in Europe, however, because it was known to be a member the nightshade family (as are the tomato and egg-plant) and therefore thought to be poisonous. In the 16th century, Sir Walter



Raleigh was instrumental in debunking the poisonous potato superstition when he planted them on property he owned in Ireland. The Irish knew a good thing when they saw it, and a hundred years later they were growing and consuming the potato in large quantities. Today, hundreds of varieties of this popular vegetable are grown around the world.

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Fun Food Quote:

"A woman told me that a woman told her that she saw a woman who saw a woman who made ale of potatoes."

– Irish saying



The new Innovation and Performance Commissions, top row, from left: Cynthia Weichelt, Catherine Geanuracos, Freddy A. Carrillo, John Merritt, Vincent Jones, Heather Rosenberg, Jerry Levey and Enrique Aragon. Bottom: Liz Saldivar (Vice Chair), Todd Sargent (Chair) and Joe DiMento (vice chair). Not pictured: Thom Davis and Dr. John Walker.

The much respected Quality and Productivity Commission, which had been honoring the City’s best, most innovative ideas with its annual awards – has now become the Innovation and Performance Commission. And it has moved under the Mayor’s Office from the CAO.

One of the biggest differences is that the new commission is rewarding great ideas with funding to make them happen. This fiscal year, the City has budgeted \$1 million to help great ideas get off the ground and into action.

The change was approved by the City Council in September.

The City of Los Angeles Innovation and Performance Commission is a 15-member appointed non-compensated commission dedicated to improving services delivered by the City of Los Angeles.

The Mayor’s Civic Innovation Awards, formerly the Quality and Productivity Awards, foster a commitment to excellence and quality by highlighting employee achievements in improving City services. Awards are given in real time by Mayor Eric Garcetti and will also be recognized during an annual Innovation Summit that is scheduled to take place later in 2015.

The commission promotes innovation in the delivery of City services thorough:

- Allocation of a \$1 million annual innovation fund, which seeds pilot projects generated by City employees’ ideas that will improve the way City departments deliver services, drive cost savings, or generate new revenue streams
- Planning and execution of the annual Innovation Summit, planned for 2015, which brings City employees and civic thought leaders together to share cutting-edge ideas and best practices

The commission promotes performance in our City departments through:

- Continuous review of City performance management programs to identify City operations where performance measures should be improved, and provide recommendations for their improvement

- Monitoring the reporting of performance objectives, goals, and accomplishments
- Development of the multi-year Citywide comprehensive performance plan, including the recommendation of annual goals for implementing performance improvement and measurement within the City

First Projects Up for Funding

The commission has submitted several projects to the City Council for its approval for funding. The council approval is expected in the next two months.

The commission has recommended its winners from more than 250 ideas submitted. Among the projects the commission has recommended for funding are:

- LAFD Nurse Practitioner Response Unit, an innovative response model that will deploy an ambulance using a nurse practitioner with primary and emergency care experience together with an EMS captain with extensive pre-hospital experience to respond to non-urgent, low-level 911 calls. The program will allow low-acuity patients to be treated on scene with proper referrals and avoid unnecessary and costly transport to the local emergency room.
- Public Works/Engineering’s 3D printed architectural model making: Making traditional architectural models is resource- and time-consuming, has caused worker injuries and constrains staff creatively. With the advent of 3D printing technology, staff should now be able to efficiently create 3D printer physical models of their renderings.
- Transportation’s Can I Park Here Now: This parking sign program is aimed at improving the public’s quality of life by reducing the frustration and confusion associated with deciphering multiple parking restrictions when there are complex parking policies requiring four or more parking signs on one post. This program takes an innovative approach to parking sign design and make it easier to know if you can park at your destination.
- Controller’s Office MyPay LA: This payroll app offers the flexibility to access informa-

Mayor’s Office

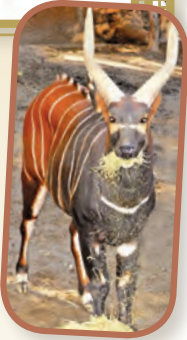
Story courtesy Freddy Carrillo, Commissioner, and the Innovation and Performance Commission

Innovation, Funded

Quality, Productivity Commission is reborn as the Innovation and Performance Commission ... and it’s funding the best ideas. Submit!



The Innovation and Performance Commission hopes to reinstate the Quality and Productivity Awards, which were awarded from the Quality and Productivity Commission, which no longer exists. In this photo from last year, the Bureau of Sanitation’s Hyperion Treatment Plant has found a way to help feed that soul. In partnership with the LA Zoo, alfalfa and Sudan hay are now being grown at the City’s Green Acres Farm in Bakersfield. The crops grown underwent and passed a nutritional analysis and are now being fed to Gerenuks and Bongos at the Zoo.



tion anytime and from anywhere in a much more user-friendly interface.

- Personnel’s One-Stop Shop for Workforce Candidates: There currently is no centralized internship or apprenticeship portal for the City. Open commission seats are difficult to identify. This project creates a transparent, easy-to-access site to address all of these issues by adapting the current platform to make it easy to indicate interest in multiple opportunities simultaneously.
- DWP Automated Inspection Units: The allocation would purchase or rent automated units to inspect penstocks and insulators

on power poles. It should cut the cost of resource time and increase safety. This pilot program would test the theory.

- LAPD Online Police Reports: This program would implement a system so the public can file lost/stolen property reports online.
- Public Works/Sanitation’s Extra Capacity Tag (Online Automation): This program will extra capacity waste tags available (sold) online on the City’s Website. The resident or business could print out the tag at their home or business, similar to printing out an airline boarding pass.



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Do You Have A Great Idea?

The new Innovation and Performance Commission wants to hear from you!

Every City Employee is encouraged to submit ideas, which will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis. The best ideas will be funded in the order in which they are received. Don’t wait to send in your idea(s)!

Ideas should:

- *Be innovative and original:* Does the idea demonstrate how it keeps Los Angeles ahead of the curve and the creativity that is the hallmark of our City?
- *Support greater efficiencies:* Does the idea improve a process, save time, increase collaboration among departments, provide the potential for long-term benefits, or generate revenue and/or cost savings?
- *Emphasize priority outcomes and quality of life:* Does the idea help create a prosperous City, a livable and sustainable City, a safe City, and/or a well-run government?
- *Be feasible and measurable:* Can the idea be executed and measured within six to 12 months of being funded? Does the idea need funding year after year or only one time? A one-time award from the Innovation Fund should be sufficient to implement your great idea. Prior to award, each project should have clear metrics for evaluating the impact of the idea, and the Commission and staff can help develop those metrics.

Submit your idea now on the commission’s Website:
www.innovate.lacity.org



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For Rent: 1BD/1BA apartment in North Inglewood. Mr. Brown @ (323) 296-1547. 3/15



RV ONAN Generator: New & sealed from factory & never used, w/all manuals. 4 kw,120 volt, 33.3 amps. \$500. Arnold @ (818) 631-1773. 3/15

For Rent: Lovely downstairs apartment, 82nd/Crenshaw, very quiet, close to public transportation. 1BD/1BA w/kitchen, living room, dining room, 1-car garage in Inglewood (4-units). Newly painted, new carpet, fixtures, double glazed windows & new granite kitchen countertop. \$1,200. Info @ (323) 292-9989. 3/15

Transport



Moped: 150cc engine, 3 wheel, runs on 92 unleaded gas, practically new, blue color. *Reduced:* \$1,500. Frank @ (323) 240-3595. 2/15

2005 Honda Civic Si: Hatchback, manual, 2-door, sun roof, power windows, security system, XLNT running condition, tan color, 68K miles. \$10,500 OBO. Info @ (310) 642-0522. 10/14

1993 Infinity Q: Automatic, 4-door, power windows, XLNT running condition, green color, 125K miles. \$3,000 OBO. Info @ (310) 642-0522. 10/14

1973 AMC Hornet: 2-door sedan, automatic, 258-6cylinder w/2bbl carb. Power steering, power brakes. Runs, needs some work, \$700 OBO, sold as is. J.R. Wright @ (562) 926-5450. 10/14



1959 Buick Invicta: Fully restored, 4 door asking \$25,000. Located in Tehachapi. For more pictures & info: drewlu24@aol.com 9/14

Pop-Up Trailer Tent: 2005 Rockwood Freedom, in good condition, very clean interior. Everything works well & ready for camping. Sleeps 6-8. 1 propane tank, stove, sink, spare tire, stabilizer jacks, water heater, awning & refrigerator. \$4,200. Yervand @ (818) 355-7704. 8/14



1967 Caprice Classic: Runs great! Has a rebuilt motor & transmission, new tires, power brakes, new shocks, new brakes, hubcaps & a 327 motor. Air conditioning unit is valued \$1,000. Registered & tags are up to date. It's a running project. Asking \$5,000, must sell. Info @ (310) 753-9522. 8/14



1939 Buick 90 L Model Classic Car: 8 passenger limo. Buick only built 543 of this model. Needs to be completely restored, straight 8 cylinder engine. \$6,800 OBO. Located in Tehachapi. For more pictures, email: drewlu24@aol.com. 8/14

5th Wheel Trailer: 2010 Cougar High Country, excellent condition. Sleeps 4. Slide outs, awnings & full bath. All accessories & new 5th wheel hitch can be towed by 1/2 ton truck, it's ready to go. \$32,000 or TOP. Ken Hawkes @ (310) 505-5733. 8/14

2013 Dodge Challenger: Like new, fully loaded, excellent condition, very low mileage asking \$30K OBO. "PATY" @ (626) 242-4365. 8/14

1993 Chevy Corvette: \$11,000. Great condition inside & out, excellent running condition, 74K miles. Automatic 40th yr anniversary model, maroon color. Sylvester (310) 748-2953 or Tanya (310) 713-0244. 7/14

Factory Mag Rims: (4) 2006 F150 w/near new Cooper/Hercules P265/165/17 tires. \$500 firm. Vinyl rear seat sold separately. \$400. Scott @ (562) 427-6700. 8/14

2005 Southwind RV: 32ft. Like new w/ 2 slide outs, 2 panasonic tvs, 2 cds, full surround sound system, dvd, satellite, cable, new tires, only 15,000 miles. \$49,000. Rosemary Finch @ (951) 218-4414. 8/14



1976 Datsun 280Z: Runs good. Needs TLC. \$2,000. Pics available. William @ (626) 607-7989. 3/14



2005 Pace Carrier Trailer: Good for hauling, camping gear, motorcycles, furniture. 5 ft. wide x 8 ft. long. \$1,600. Alex Serna @ (818) 235-6566. 3/14



1967 Ford Mustang: Coupe, project car, needs restoration, 289 V8 engine, auto trans, runs good, 2 brl dual exhaust, (310) 977-4642 or e-mail: mybuddaes@aol.com 2/14



1967 Chevy Nova: 327 Cu in, Muncie 4-speed, Holley 650 carb, newer interior, carpets, stereo w/mp3, 2-tone paint. Red/silver + much more. \$21,000 OBO. Mike Lee @ (714) 390-6889. 2/14



Harley Davidson '07 Road King: Approx 39k miles, services up to date. Reduced price! \$11,900. Sapphire blue, locking cases, detachable windshield, studded black leather seat. Clean title, no drops/ no TC's, excellent condition, 1 owner, always garaged. Sandra @ (323) 422-6019. 1/14

Homes/Rentals/Land



For Rent: Newly remodeled 2BD/1BA, LA/ Baldwin Hills area. Carpet & hardwood floors, laundry on-site, quiet neighborhood, non-smoking unit, 1-car garage. Paid utilities: water & gardener. No pets. \$1,600mo + \$1,600 deposit. Info @ (310) 365-1868 or trfierson2001@yahoo.com 12/14

For Rent: 3BD/1BA House + patio, near Western & Imperial, LA. Big back yard, 2-car garage. Has stove, refrigerator, microwave, hardwood floors, washers, dryers & outlets. Info @ (310) 534-3028. 11/14

For Sale: Condo 1BD/1BA. All new paint, carpets, dishwasher, etc. Boulder City, NV. Info @ (702) 293-9554. 11/14

For Rent: Home in west Lancaster, 3BR/2BA. \$1,500/mo. Cathedral ceiling, 1844 sq/ft. Wheelchair accessibility. Gardner included. Info @ (661) 945-6571. 10/14

For Rent: Lower 2BD/2BA, 4-unit building. X-lg living & dining room w/new marble & ceramic floors in kitchen, bathrooms, laundry room & 2nd bedroom. Hardwood floors master bedroom, built-in stove, DW, new ceiling fans & walk-in closets. Laundry room WD hookup. 2 enclosed patios w/ lights & outlets. Main hallway w/new laminate floors. \$1,875. Gail Brown @ (323) 313-3231. 9/14

For Sale: 3BD/2BA, upgraded 2001 sq. ft. house in age-restricted Rancho Resort in Sahuarita, Arizona, which is 17 miles s/o Tucson. \$175,000. Larry @ (818) 883-5870. 9/14



For Rent: Great 3BD/1BA house in quaint town of Redlands. Completely remodeled w/ huge yard, newly re-seeded. \$1,399/mo. Ask about available discounts. Marjorie @ (424) 302-7655. 8/14



For Sale: "Fly-fish in your own backyard." 200' of river-front property in Clark Fork, Idaho. 3BD/3BA, 3,316 sq ft, built in 1990, 1.34 acres. (1 hour N. of Coeur d' alene, Idaho) MLS#20131371: Clark Fork. \$499,900. Margie Stevens @ (208) 290-5666. 8/14



For Rent: Home in Ontario 3BD/2BA. Family room, water & gardener included in price. \$1,795/mo. Info @ (714) 840-1390, email: rogquin@aol.com 7/14



For Rent: 2BD/1BA, no pets, \$1,700/mo + sec. dep. \$1,000. Leimert Park: 4257 Garthwaite Blvd, 90008. Renovated, hardwood floors, quiet neighborhood, washer & dryer hookups. Info @ (310) 365-1868. 7/14

Household Items

Updraft Range Hood: Kenmore Elite 42" w/3-setting halogen lighting in white. Sears price: \$379.99. UNOPENED & still in original packaging. \$350 OBO. Peter @ (818) 353-7074 or (818) 254-7391. 2/15

Double Wall Oven: Kenmore 24" manual clean in white. Sears price: \$1299.99. UNOPENED & still in original packaging. \$1,150 OBO. Peter @ (818) 353-7074 or (818) 254-7391. 2/15

Built-In Dishwasher: Kenmore 24" Energy-star in white. Sears price: \$279.99. UNOPENED & still in original packaging. \$250 OBO. Peter @ (818) 353-7074 or (818) 254-7391. 2/15

Gas Cooktop: Frigidaire 36" in white. Sears price: \$359.99. UNOPENED & still in original packaging. \$330 OBO. Peter @ (818) 353-7074 or (818) 254-7391. 2/15



Drying Center: Like new, white Maytag 2-in-1 Neptune w/lower tumble drum (7 cu. ft. capacity) & hanging/ flat laying upper dry cabinet (17.3 cu. ft. capacity). Upper unit refreshes clothing w/o wash or dry & reduce wrinkles. Has a "sensor dry" setting. Best dryer I ever had! 73-3/4h x 32w x 26d. \$320. Phil @ (800) 678-4145, Extension #709. 1/15



Washer/Dryer: Maytag, electric, 6 yrs old, very good cond. \$200. Responsible for own pick-up. Della @ (323) 202-3302, msmokamix6233@yahoo.com 11/14



TV: Hitachi 57", good condition, furniture piece. \$300 OBO. Kevin @ (626) 786-3078. 11/14



Washer & Dryer: Whirlpool, electric, less than 8 months old, like new, includes manual & instructions. \$800. Responsible for own pick up. Email: lilpebbly14@gmail.com 7/14



AbDuctor: Rarely used, \$100. Tanya @ (310) 713-0244, located in Corona, CA. 4/14

Flat Screen LED TV: New Sharp Aquos Quattron 52" LED TV. \$1,200 at Best Buy, sacrifice for \$600. Hurry, won't last long at this price! Clarence Young @ (213) 725-3647. 1/14

Miscellaneous

Pomegranate Tree: Planted in the ground for 4 years, excellent fruit, \$25. George @ (818) 764-2091. 2/15

Kentucky Beer Recipe: Home-made, makes 15 gallons. Send \$3 cash to: Erzell Murray, P.O. Box 9252, Bakersfield, CA 93389 2/15



Sewing Machine: Antique Sears Kenmore model 1410 zigzag machine in excellent condition. Cabinet- fair condition. \$65 OBO. Ken @ (818) 770-9580. 1/15



Wedding Dress: Kenneth Winston 1530, size 14. Dress was a hit at my wedding, simply beautiful. \$850 (retail \$1,500) & will throw in mantilla veil & tiara. Dry cleaned & looks like new. Mirna @ (213) 248-6878, call or text. 11/14



Musical Items: Casiotone 401 keyboard, foot pedal, instruction manual, \$200. 14 preset sounds (piano, organ, etc), 16 preset rhythms (mambo, waltz, etc). Specs online. Frances @ (310) 324-3117. 11/14



Beauty Products: ELEMIS SpaHome, two 3.4oz body oil & 5 boxes 10.6oz cellulox herbal bath synergy body performance. All for \$900 cash. Retail over \$1,500. Lourdes @ (661) 251-0871. 10/14

Campers Wanted: Looking for fellow active & retired city employees that like to go on mini, 3-day weekend camping trips. Email Susan: wom-batty56@gmail.com 8/14

Beer Steins: From 1978-2002, \$25 each. Info @ (805) 227-2866. 7/14

Motorcycle Touring Jacket: Men's, Reima Cycloak, Kevlar & Goretex materials, removable liner, barely used, looks new. Paid \$400, sell \$225. Curtis Shapiro @ (310) 508-6465. 6/14

Wine Glasses: Lead crystal, wine goblet style. Large \$15; small \$10. Have 4-large & 4-small. Jan @ (310) 347-1203. 6/14

Wine Glasses: 10-large crystal, \$5 each. Jan @ (310) 347-1203. 6/14

Noritaki China Set: Etienne pattern, 45 pieces. \$500 OBO. Jan @ (310) 347-1203. 6/14

Sargo China Set: Chrisma pattern, 4 place settings + side pieces. 45 pieces. \$250 OBO. Jan @ (310) 347-1203. 6/14

Sewing Machine: Antique Kenmore in cabinet, needs refurbishing. \$75 OBO. Jan @ (310) 347-1203. 6/14



Shannon Crystal: Godinger, large cut glass punch bowl, matching 8 cups & silver ladle. \$35 OBO. Jan @ (310) 347-1203. 6/14



Books: "Dream Killers" by Julian Stine. Horror/Erotica themed fiction. \$20 each book. Contact jstine90503@gmail.com or (310) 409-5653. 6/14

Travel/Timeshare

Timeshare: Welks Resort, San Diego, CA. For Sale. \$20K. Chermaine @ (661) 547-6707. 1/15

Timeshare: For sale or rent. 1BD, Palm Springs, CA, deeded float week anytime during the year, can be exchanged for another resort worldwide. Info @ (310) 329-0682 or e-mail: time31011@yahoo.com 7/14

Vacation Rental: Palace Resorts All Inclusive: Cancun, Riviera Maya, Isla Mujeres, Cozumel-exclusive member service & Mujiertes. VisitPalaceResorts.com to view various resorts/ amenities. Price is for 1 week, 2 persons, any day travel & includes airport transpo, massages & 2 tours. Price varies by season. John @ (626) 757-5341 or jgonzlr@hotmail.com 3/14

Timeshare: Orlando, FL: Marriott Lakeshore Reserve. 1BD/1BA villa, sleeps 4. Spa/golf privileges at JW Marriott & Ritz Carlton. June 28 - July 5, 2014. \$1,600. Jessalyn Pinder @ (323) 893-6570. 12/13

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Timeshare: Cancun Sunset Club, 1 week, studio sleeps 4, resort on the beach, \$700/week. Serious renters will receive all-inclusive meals. Not available New Years, July 4th, Thanksgiving or Christmas. Gina @ (818) 395-3552. 4/13

Timeshare For Sale: Ventura, CA. Ocean view. Deeded float week. Sleeps 4. Many amenities, incl elevator. 60 miles north of L.A. Elderly owner must sell. \$1,800. Leave message @ (503) 722-9881. 3/13



Vacation rental in Big Bear Lake: 3 BD/2 BA house located in the village of Big Bear Lake, CA, near the lake. Fully furnished. Contact John Long @ (909) 837-8347. 3/13

Timeshare: Kona Hawaiian Village, Big Island. 2BD/1 week anytime during the year, resort on the beach. Serious buyers. Info @ (310) 415-7388. 2/13

Wanted

Exchange Wanted: Will care for an elderly person in exchange for private room! Experienced assistant will help elderly person by providing light housekeeping, shopping, driving & companionship. Excellent references, prefers Pasadena area. Karen Hysell @ (626) 252-1288. 6/14

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3 Hour Unlimited Wristband: Norwalk location			\$30.00	\$16.25	
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Admit one, minimum height requirement 4’10”			\$25.95	\$15.25	
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Child (0-12)	\$35.95	\$31.50		
Mulligan's Family Fun Center				
All Day Pass	Adult/Child	\$27.99	\$16.50	
<i>Restrictions: Pass gives 1 Adult or Child unlimited use of Laser Tag, Miniature Golfing, Go-Karts/Speedway & the Rock Wall. This ticket is valid Friday, Saturday & Sunday, major holidays & everyday during the summer. Attractions vary per location. Certain height, weight, restrictions apply. This ticket is accepted at Mulligan Torrance, Murrieta, and Palmdale.</i>				
Gift Certificate		\$15.00	\$10.25	
Pirates Dinner Adventure <i>Expires 11/30/2015</i>				
Adult	\$56.95	\$36.00		
Child	\$37.95	\$27.50		
Queen Mary				
Adult	\$24.95	\$20.25	Available as E-Tickets!	
Child (4-11)	\$21.95	\$12.25		
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Adult: 16-Lap Adult Race	\$23.00	\$18.00		
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San Diego Zoo & San Diego Safari Park				
Adult	\$48.00	\$39.25	Available as E-Tickets!	
Child (3-11)	\$38.00	\$31.25		
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DWP

Ben Hosts A Fundraiser

Ben Govea, DWP, plans a fundraiser to fight cancer.

Ben Govea, Meter Reader, DWP, is selling his self-produced CD, *Once Again/Otra Vez* by the band City Nights, to raise funds to fight cancer, which has affected many in his family.

The CD release fundraiser is set for March 21 at the American Legion Hall, 4725 Maine Ave. in Baldwin Park. Ben promises there will be dinner, raffle prizes, music, "Elvis," and a photo booth.



Meter Reader Ben Govea is hosting a CD release party as a fundraiser to fight cancer.

Some of the proceeds of the evening will be used to help fight cancer. He says his father suffered from pancreatic cancer, his mother in law from renal cancer, his mother from leukemia, his wife from uterine, and his daughter from cervical.

Ben, a congero, comes from a long line of Latino musicians.

For more information, Ben can be reached at (213) 792-8479, or on Facebook: www.facebook.com/people/Ben-Govea/100008990656814



The Los Angeles Zoo is proud to welcome a male tiger named Castro Jr., or CJ as he is commonly known. Born on March 3, 2013, the 250-pound feline comes from the Sacramento Zoo, where he was a favorite among guests.

"CJ is an incredibly well-natured and energetic tiger," said Stephanie Zielinski, Animal Keeper for the Los Angeles Zoo. "He has very distinct gold eyes, and he loves to swim in the different pools in his habitat. We are excited to have a potential breeding male here at the Zoo because the Sumatran tiger is one of the most endangered subspecies of tiger in the world. There are fewer than 400 left in the wild."

The Sumatran tiger is the smallest of the six remaining subspecies of tiger, and they are found only on the Indonesian island of Sumatra. They can range in size from seven to nine feet in length and may weigh from 220 to 380 pounds.

Zoo

Photos by Tad Motoyama, Zoo

Meet CJ The Tiger

Zoo introduces rare Sumatran tiger.

Sumatran tigers are listed as endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) with agricultural habitat destruction, poaching and killing of tigers that comes into contact with villagers as the biggest threats to their survival.

CJ is viewable in Tiger Plaza. The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens is located in Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura (134) and Golden State (5) freeways. Admission is \$19 for adults and \$14 for children ages 2 to 12. The Zoo is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. For information, call (323) 644-4200 or visit the L.A. Zoo Website at www.lazoo.org.



Zoo

Photo by Tad Motoyama, Zoo

Spring Fling

Zoo welcomes spring with bunny event.



The Zoo presents "Big Bunny Spring Fling" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. over the Easter weekend, April 3-5.

The event promises "egg-citing" activities for youngsters, including petting a bunny, face painting, crafts, photos with "Big Bunny" and children's musical entertainment. All activities are free with paid Zoo admission (except "Big Bunny" photos, which are available for a nominal fee).

Zoo admission is \$19 for general admission (ages 13 to 61), \$16 for seniors (ages 62-plus), and \$14 for children (ages 2 to 12). No ticket is required for children under 2. Admission for Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association members is free.

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Activ. Fee: \$36/line. Credit approval req. **Early Termination Fee (sprint.com/etf):** After 14 days, up to \$350/line. **SDP Discount:** Avail. for eligible company or org. employees (ongoing verification). Discount subject to change according to the company's agreement with Sprint and is avail. upon request for monthly svc charges. Discount only applies to Talk 450 and primary line on Talk Share 700; and data svc for Sprint Family Share Pack, Sprint \$60 Unlimited Plan and Unlimited, My Way plans. Not avail. with no credit check offers or Mobile Hotspot add-on. **Sprint Buyback:** Offer ends 06/30/15. Limit of 5 returned devices per active mobile number during one 12 month period, 3 per transaction. Phone must be deactivated & all personal data deleted before recycling. Device will not be returned. Credit varies depending on phone condition and valuation. Credit applied to store purchase or account within 3 invoices. Also available at sprintbuyback.com. **Other Terms:** Offers and coverage not available everywhere or for all devices/networks. Restrictions apply. See store or sprint.com for details. © 2015 Sprint. All rights reserved. Sprint and the logo are trademarks of Sprint. Other marks are the property of their respective owners.

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City Seal 1.5 oz Shot Glass
Available in Blue only



\$5 Member \$6.75 Non-Member
City Seal Retractable Badge Holder
Heavy duty retractor



\$24.50 Member \$32.60 Non-Member
Small Vintage Backpacks
Available in 3 colors



\$32 Member \$42 Non-Member
Classic Messenger Bags
Available in multiple colors

NEW



\$8 Member \$10.75 Non-Member
13 oz Belgian Beer Glass
Los Angeles City Seal Logo



\$7.00 Member \$12.00 Non-Member
Infuser Water Bottle
Available in multiple colors



\$24.99 Member \$33.25 Non-Member
French Terry Full Zip Hoodie
Available in multiple colors



\$8 Member \$11 Non-Member
City Seal Cap with Script
Available in various colors

New
Product



Lightweight Tactical Jacket

\$42 Member \$81.99 Non-Member



\$10 Member \$14 Non-Member
Men's City Classic T-Shirt
Available in various colors



\$15.00 Member \$19.50 Non-Member
Men's Long Sleeve Shirts
Available in various colors



\$14.00 Member \$20.00 Non-Member
City Classic Women's T-Shirt
Available in various colors



\$25.99 Member \$34.99 Non-Member
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Re-elect

MIKE WILKINSON

LACERS Board



“Vote for Mike Wilkinson to protect our plan,”

Ken Spiker

“I will fight to keep LACERS financially sound and to protect our benefits from attacks by politicians who see pensions as an easy target.”

Mike Wilkinson
LACERS Board Vice President
Deputy City Attorney (Retired)



During my term as Vice President, LACERS has:

- ★ Earned 18.2% return on investments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.
- ★ Received City Council approval for an increase in the health subsidy to cover the full 2-party Kaiser premium

I Am Your Best Choice Based On:

- ★ 34 years of City service, including 17 years as a criminal prosecutor.
- ★ 9 years in the Retirement Benefits Division of the City Attorney’s Office representing LACERS as well as the City’s two other retirement plans: Fire and Police Pensions and the Water and Power Employees’ Retirement System. I know the pension issues and the law!
- ★ Education: UCLA, BA, 1972;
Loyola Law School, JD, 1982

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I will protect our plan and make sure that our pension dollars are invested prudently.