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Ron Mayuyu, Environmental Engineering Associate IV and manager of Sanitation's Los Angeles Environmental Learning Center at Hyperion (ELC), at one of the ELC's outside living exhibits.

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LEFT: John Hawkins, Club CEO, and Ron Mayuyu in an exhibit that explains the process of returning treated water back to the ocean.

RIGHT: Ron Mayuyu in an exhibit about solid resources recycling.



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A Message From the CEO

Glory Is in The Details

by John Hawkins,
President and CEO, The Club

I remember exactly what I was doing when I stepped back and said, whoa, this ELC is awesome.

Our new good friend **Ron Mayuyu**, Manager of the Los Angeles Environmental Learning Center at Hyperion (the ELC for short), was giving us a tour of this new educational facility. I was checking out the Sanitation refuse truck in one of the exhibits – the green truck you can see behind us in the photo at the bottom of pages 26 and 27. I was looking at a hinge on the back of the truck, thinking, wow, this is a brand new truck, all clean and detailed. And then I remembered – this thing isn't real at all. It's only a scale model, and yet for a moment, I had forgotten. I was completely lost in the details of the ELC!

That's just one of the things I love about the ELC. Yes yes, the message is strong and clear, that we will all have to be more aware of our precious resources (at home, the Hawkins family is already more aware, thanks to the ELC). But the craftsmanship in the ELC is truly incredible, and the attention to detail is astounding. My hat's off to the team that made it happen.

I encourage everyone to visit the ELC and learn about being better stewards of the environment. Because it's designed mostly for students, it's open only on weekdays. And you have to make reservations in advance. But it's all worth it for the important message. And for the craftsmanship. Nice job, Public Works!

Visits like the one I made to the ELC are fun for another reason – we get to catch up (sometimes by surprise) with Club Members showing off what they do. We caught up with all-around great guy **Paul Blount**, who graced our cover several years ago. And then we ran into **Chermaine Fontenette**, who's the self-proclaimed "Princess of Sanitation" and always a blast of fresh air. Here are a couple of photos that help explain what I mean.



Chermaine Fontenette, showing off her custom Sanitation Jacket.

The ELC has just begun, but this issue marks the ending of a couple of things. First, which is not news by now, is that the City has given management of the Convention Center to an outside organization. A lot of years of great work by City Employees are now relegated mostly to the past. We checked in with good Club friends **Rey Castro**, **Luis Aguilar** and **Adria Ybarra**, and it seems like they will all land on their feet. That's good news. But it's still a little sad. We'll do more on this in the future.

It also seems to be the end of the fun Griffith Park Travel Town Train Museum trip to the North Pole for Christmas. I've loved Travel Town since I was a little kid growing up in the Valley. We don't know why this holiday attraction is not running this year; maybe somebody can tell us. Unfortunately this goes along with the DWP ending its annual Holiday Lights display, also in Griffith Park, a few years ago. I'll make an early Christmas wish now that they both come back sometime soon.

Speaking of that – it's the Christmas season again. Can you believe it? Honestly, I *loooooove* what **Mariana Guevara** and the crew at the Club Store have added this year – ticket bundles. Prepackaged, pre-priced at the great Club discount, and ready to go. What's not to love? It's an awesome idea. I always need stocking stuffers, and these are perfect! They're available at different prices (always with the Club discount), and for different theatre chains. And they're pre-packaged in cool Christmas boxes. So stop in, pick up a few, and make your life a whole lot easier.

Oh, and before I forget, I want to wish a happy birthday to our favorite Councilman and Club Member, Mr. **LA Tom LaBonge**. I wish I could bundle his energy and enthusiasm. All the best, Tom... we wish you many, many more.

Things that are new, things that have ended; important birthdays that pass by, and holidays on the horizon: Time marches on for us all, doesn't it? Let's be thankful for those things that we have right now, in this moment. Friends and family, roofs over our heads, and enough to get by – being happy is often as simple as being grateful. When we say thanks, we breathe easier and we smile more.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone.

-JOHN



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Alive! Behind the Scenes



Here's Ron Mayuyu (left), Environmental Engineering Associate IV and manager of Sanitation's Los Angeles Environmental Learning Center at Hyperion (ELC), being photographed at one of the ELC's outside exhibits by the Club's Summy Lam.

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Letters to the Editor

LETTER OF THE MONTH

A Rosie Responds



Sylvia Gordon, Harbor

I liked the article about Laura Biggie very much (*October cover story*) because she is a Rosie the Riveter. The story touched my heart.

Many times I've heard the words "you'll never make it." Years later they stopped because I did make it; 18 years now I've been in a non-traditional role. I have enjoyed every minute of it. That is the key – you have to love what you do. I can't say I do it alone, because together we are better. I work with wonderful people in the Construction and Maintenance Division.

I'm currently a delegate for the State Dept. of Building Trades and Trades Women, Inc., for Southern California. I'm also in the Rosie exhibit in Long Beach, where our names are displayed as Rosies of today.

Being a Rosie is a lot responsibility. You have to represent the past women who made it easier for us, and for the women who we mentor today and the future, as Laura is doing now.

Rosies are here to stay, doing what we love to do. When I started working for the Port, I found it to be the best because of the equality. The Port of Los Angeles is a great place to work. I have been here eight years. My favorite part of the job is everything –the salt air wildlife and the crew itself.

I want to give a special shoutout to all Rosies out there, whatever you do and whatever field you are in. We are women, we are mothers, we are mentors, and we are leaders in diversity in America's revolution. We are Rosies!

Thanks for your story Laura. We Can Do It!

– Sylvia Gordon, Harbor



Thanks Us for Article About His Retirement

I received the October issue of *Alive!* today, leafed through the pages, and there it is... the article. This is a very nice token of my 35 years of service and retirement from the City. Let me take this opportunity to thank you for your leadership and your staff for including my article in this issue. Please extend my regards to everyone.

– Manny Cajucom, Retired, Public Works

Wedding Was Really Cooking After *Alive!* Prints His Photo

To all the members of *Alive!*, thank you for the cookbook you sent for my son and daughter-in-law's wedding gift. Both of them were very surprised and appreciative.

Thanks!

– John Gale, Retired, Rec and Parks



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Question OF THE MONTH

– as collected from around the City by your friendly Club Counselors



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– Officer Shawntrice Watkins, LAPD, 17 years of City service

"Family and health."

– Officer III Tamara Marshall, LAPD, 15 years of City service



"My health all the way."

– Tom Butler, LAPD, 30 years of City service



"Family."

– Divina Malonzo, LAPD, 20 years of City service



"Definitely my daughter."

– Det. Maria Singh, LAPD, 18 years of City service



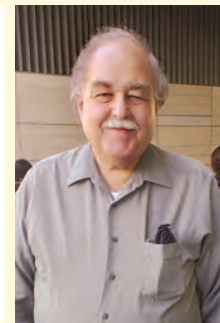
"This is an easy one... no doubt it is my daughter."

– Lisa DeRonde, LAPD, 31 years of City service



"My princess granddaughter, Cheniel, and grateful for my job."

– Rowena Infante, LAPD, 15 years of City service



"My great family!"

– Gary Kotaz, LAPD, 19 years of City service



"I have one word for you: family."

– Officer Dale Tongson, LAPD



"Family, job, friends."

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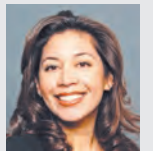
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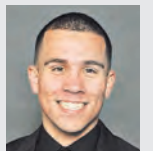
Note: The Club Store will be closed Nov. 28-29 for Thanksgiving.



Patty Pulido
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Xavier Rodriguez
Personal Insurance Agent



Greg Robinson (right) with his family, from left: mom, Helen Robinson; wife, Judy; and son, Brenton.



Greg Robinson's daughter, Sadie, and her husband, John Pickering, with baby, John.



From left: Troy Doliolo, Club Member; John Nelson; Greg Robinson, Club Member; Joe Crenshaw, Club Member; Dennis Taylor; Tim Shelton, Club Member; and George Gopaul, Club Member.



Treats included homemade macaroni and cheese; dinner rolls; mixed greens with smoked turkey wings; deep-fried bass filets; gourmet chicken; and sausage links.



Club Members, from left: Kenneth Boone and Greg Robinson.



Club Members, from left: Steven Jason, Greg Robinson, Michael Cox and John Nelson.



From left: Dennis Lansdon and Gregory Robinson, Club Member.



From left: Gregory Robinson, Club Member, and Paul Terrell.



From left: Todd Slaughter, Club Member; Kirk Dukes and his girlfriend; Michael Yarbrough, Club Member; and Greg Robinson, Club Member.



From left: William Dickerson; Jon; Kenneth Grady, Club Member; Gregory Robinson, Club Member; and Kenneth Boone, Club Member.



Kenneth Boone, Club Member.



From left: Valerie; and Chef Sarah.



From left: Dennis Taylor; Troy Doliolo, Club Member; John Nelson; Greg Robinson, Club Member; Joe Crenshaw, Club Member; Tim Shelton, Club Member; and George Gopaul, Club Member.

Street Services

Story and photos by Gedina Bergstrom, Club Counselor



Robinson Retires

Greg Robinson, Club Member, retires from Street Services after 30 years of City service.

A retirement luncheon was held Sept. 6 for Greg Robinson, Club Member, who retired from Street Services after 30 years of service with the City.

The luncheon was held at the Street Services South Yard.

Greg began his City career in 1983 as a Garage Attendant with the LAPD. The next year, he was promoted to Mechanical Helper in Street Services/Public Works. He acted as a Supervisor from the 1990s through 2008.

He was promoted to Motor Sweeper Operator in 1999.

He and his wife, Judith, have sons Edward and Brenton, and daughter Sadie. His hobbies include building, flying, radio control model airplanes, camping, fishing, restoring cars, and traveling.

Have a great retirement, Greg!

The Club thanks Tim Shelton and Kenneth Boone, Club Member, for their assistance.



From left: Tim Shelton, Club Member; Greg Robinson, Club Member; and Michael Cox, Club Member.



From left: Jon, Greg Robinson; Morris, Club Member; Mack Gilchrist, Club Member; and Darren Howard, Club Member.

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See you at the party!



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John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins, Club CEO

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"Aerial acrobatics performer Sean Tucker (red plane) and legendary aviator Clay Lacy are in the air together over Van Nuys Airport (VNY) after the Runway 16R grand opening ceremonies."

– **Harold Johnson, Airports**

John's comment: "What a contrast, Harold! And, a crisp, clean photo to boot. Nice work!"



"Sophie's new friend, a giant mantis that she met during a day hike up in Pleasanton, Calif."

– **Mike Aubin, Airports**

John's comment: Sophie is one brave kid. My wife won't go within 10 feet of one of those. Great expression on Sophie's face! Thanks, Mike!



"After work today, I ventured over into Zion National Park (I'm working up in Cedar City, Utah). And even though I was threatened with jail and a fine, I got these pictures to share. Guess the park is shut down because the government can't get along with itself. And after I took the pictures of the turkeys and was walking back to my truck, a Ranger told me to get back in my truck and not get out again while in the park, or he would arrest me. He also said that he did not want to see me out of my truck again. I told him then he better look the other way as I was on a State Highway. I believe this is why the government is shut down. All the turkeys are here in Zion and not in DC. Also this is the first snow of the 2013 fall season up here. So the leaves are still in good color."

– **Ron Angst, DWP**

John's comment: I love the contrast of the gorgeous leaves and crisp snow. A wonderfully warm Christmas season scene!



"This is one of many amazing multi-millennia-old trees near the newly re-opened visitor center in the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest [in Big Pine]."

– **Gregory Park, Transportation**

John's comment: Amazing is right! These trees live longer than any other living thing on the planet – some are 5,000 years old! And they are right here in California. Thanks, Gregory, for your beautiful picture.

"Here is my daughter, Isabella, and our new four-week-old kitten, Milo."

– **Walter Veljacic, DWP**

John's comment: It just doesn't get any cuter than that. A Picture Purrfect!



RULES:

- The contest is open to all Club members in good standing. Non-members are welcome to submit, but only Club members are eligible to win the monthly prize.
- If your photograph does not win, you are welcome to re-submit.
- Winners are chosen by Club staff. All decisions will be final.
- You must certify (if asked) that you indeed took the picture. No ringers!
- Photos can be submitted either on paper or digitally. Please don't send both.
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- We want you to look your best, so send us the original digital file, please! Thanks!
- Digital photos optimally should be between 100K and 2 megabytes in size and may be e-mailed to: pictureperfect@cityemployeesclub.com
- The contest is all in good fun: The Club cannot be responsible for delays in delivering *Alive!*, or for delays in the transmission of responses.

Aging

Are You a Family Care-giver?

Dept. of Aging can help you care for elderly family members.

Did you know that November is National Family Caregivers Awareness month?

If you are helping care for a family member, friend or neighbor over 60, please contact Veronica Sanchez Perez, M.A.G., Information and Assistance Specialist, Dept. of Aging (LADOA) to learn more about the help available for you and your loved one. LADOA can be reached by calling (213) 482-7243 or via e-mail at veronica.sanchez@lacity.org.

Some of the local community resources and programs to help you maintain the independence of a parent or older adult include: care management, nutrition services, transportation, home safety modifications, in-home assistance, family caregiver workshops, and more.

Family members caring for a loved one will receive a caregiver tool including: eyeglass cleaner, stress ball or ID wallet, while supplies last.



Dept. on Aging can send you a caregiver tool, while supplies last.

FREE HOLIDAY Gift Boxes & Gift Bags

Now Available at the Club Store

The Club Store will be giving out **FREE** holiday gift boxes and gift bags with select in-store merchandise purchases made between **November 1st through December 24th**, or while supplies last.

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Council



Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member, celebrated his 60th birthday at a party Oct. 3. The event was held at Vibiana downtown.

In lieu of gifts, guests were asked to consider making a donation to benefit Good Shepherd Center for Homeless Women and Children, Travel Town Museum Foundation, or the Hollywood/Wilshire YMCAs.

Special thanks to Brenda Gonzalez in the Councilman's Office for her assistance.

Story by Gedina Bergstrom, Club Counselor; Photo courtesy Councilman LaBonge's Office



Happy Birthday, Tom!

Mr. LA, Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member, celebrates a milestone.



Councilman Tom LaBonge (right) celebrated his birthday with his family, from left: daughter, Mary-Cate LaBonge; son, Charles LaBonge; and wife, Brigid LaBonge.

Convention Center

It's Official: Convention Center Going Private

Council signs AEG to run the facility privately.

On Oct. 9, the City Council voted unanimously to move management of the Convention Center to an outside contractor, AEG, for at least the next five years. The decision came after years of discussion. According to Club Members at the Convention Center, most employees have been moved to other jobs in the City. A core staff of City Employees remains to help manage the facility during the important L.A. Auto Show this month. After that, a City crew of 13 will remain.

The City retains ownership of the facility. A final celebration is being planned for full-time employees of the present and past. For information, contact Adria Ybarra, Executive Office, Convention Center: aybarra@laclick.com

Alive! plans to say goodbye to the City's operation of the Convention Center with our own story and retrospective, coming up in a future issue.

Barbecue at LAX (3 a.m. shift) — Aug. 28



At the LAX barbecue.



At the LAX barbecue.



At the LAX barbecue.



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At the LAX barbecue.



Airports

Story by Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor
Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Director and Isaac Burciaga



Thank-You Barbecues

Airports Maintenance Division hosts appreciation barbecues for employees.

On Aug. 28 (LAX) and Sept. 12 (Ontario and Van Nuys), Airports Maintenance Services Division (MSD) gathered for its annual barbecues. For the past five years, Ralph Morones, Division Director, has hosted barbecue luncheons for the entire Airports maintenance family, which includes approximately 1,100 current employees and many retirees. This group of employees is considered a large family by Ralph Morones.

Ralph was also presented a lifetime service award at a related quarterly meeting Sept. 19 at LAX.

At the barbecues, Ralph, through the support of Jimmy Sparks, Mechanical Helper, and a team of cooks and servers enlisted from various shops in the maintenance yard, provided a lunch of tacos, rice, beans, drinks and dessert. The custodial staff sets up tables and chairs under an outdoor canopy. Preston Shaw, Maintenance Laborer, provides his DJ equipment and music for a festive time.

The list of invitees this year included a former Airport Commissioner, Joseph Aredas, and members of other Divisions in Airports.

Employees from the numerous shops in the yards gathered at 11 a.m., and custodians from the terminals were taken by their supervisors to the luncheon to partake in the barbecues. The 11 a.m. luncheons are the largest gatherings of maintenance employees each year.

The barbecues have become a summer tradition in the maintenance yards. "This is my way of saying 'thank you' to all of the employees, retirees and others in LAWA for the support they provide to MSD at LAX, Ontario and Van Nuys airports," Ralph says. "It's a time where co-workers, supervisors, managers and friends can gather for a good meal, relax and enjoy themselves while at work."

Ralph started these barbecues after realizing that predetermined recognition days like Administrative Professionals Day limited his ability to include all those employees who were also deserving of appreciation. "I started the barbecue to show everyone in maintenance and to some special guests that I truly appreciate them and want to thank them for the work they do. Each year it has grown to include more guests from Human Resources, Purchasing, Engineering, Environmental and others offices. More retirees also attend so they can visit with their former co-workers. In some respects, it resembles a very large family reunion."

"I could not pull this off without the outstanding support of Jimmy Sparks and his team of cooks and servers. This events are for the employees; they help build morale and are just a lot of fun," Ralph says.

The events were a success! The City Employees Club looks forward to next year's "family reunions." And special thanks go to Ralph Morones for his assistance in producing this article, and congratulations to him for his much-deserved service award.

Barbecue at Ontario, — Sept. 19



The events featured catered lunches for the staff.



Thank you, Ralph Morones, from the Ontario crew!



From left: Thurman Thomas, Custodian, 35 years of City service; Lisa Edwards, Custodian, 23 years; Jeff Mararac, Sr. Custodian, 10 years; Carmen De Jonge, Custodian, 15 years; and David Becerril, Custodial Supervisor, 33 years.



From left: Charlene Haley, Management Analyst II, 23 years of City service; and Pastry Chef Melissa Haley from Sweet Melissa's.



Employees enjoy tacos, rice and beans.



Top: Jimmy Serrano, Store Keeper, 27 years of City service. Bottom, from left: Fred Gallegos, Warehouse II Room Worker II, 15 years; and Juan Hernandez, Sr. Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, 6 years.



From left: Gary Ramirez, Maintenance Laborer, 10 years of city service; Helen Tolosa, Accounting Clerk II, 10 years of City service; and Lodi Woodmore, Labor Supervisor, 15 years of city service.



From left: Charlene Haley, Management Analyst II, 23 years of City service; Paul Panagiotidis, Airport Maintenance Supervisor III, 22 years; Larry Hartnett, Airport Maintenance Superintendent, 21 years; and Ralph Morones, Director.



From left: Angel Segura, Heavy Equipment Operator, 25 years of City service; Juan Hernandez, Sr. Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, 6 years; Bryan Jackson, Part Maintenance Supervisor, 16 years; Mark Diaz, Construction Equipment Service Workers, 12 years; and David Pro, Field Crew, 25 years.

Barbecue at Van Nuys, - Sept. 12



Van Nuys Airport employees, from left: Gabe Toc, Deegoda Gunapala, Jose Aguayo, Jenelle Hamilton, Tony Goff and Alvaro Favela.



Van Nuys Airport employees, from left: Gabe Toc, Deegoda Gunapala, Jose Aguayo, Andrea Chisholm and Alvaro Favela.



Airports quarterly meeting.



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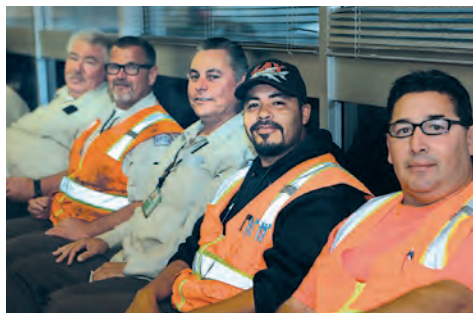


From left: Jerry Green, Gardener/Caretaker, 22 years of City service; Arthur Marquez, Gardener/Caretaker, 28 years; Albert Duenas, Gardener/Caretaker, 25 years; Terry White, Carpenter, 14 years; Randy Nero, Airport Maintenance Supervisor III, 25 years; and Nick Hess, Airport Maintenance Supervisor, 9 years.

Quarterly Service Meeting at LAX - Sept. 19



Jimmy Sparks serves food at 4 a.m.



From left: Williams Cummings, Motor Sweeper Operator, 24 years of City service; Jim Heffington, Equipment Operator, 19 years; Alex Sanchez, Equipment Operator, 13 years; Alejandro Garibay, Heavy Duty Truck Operator, 7 years; and Rocky Duarte, Light Equipment Operator, 25 years.



Ralph Morones (right) is presented with his pin for 40 years of service and excellent management quality.



From left: Benjamin Orozco, Maintenance Laborer, 4 years of City service; Erick Estrada, Maintenance Laborer, 7 years; Milton Galdamez, Gardener, 10 years; and Carlos Medina, Heavy Duty Truck Operator, 19 years.



Ralph opens up the meeting and thanks the employees for all the hard work.



More than 300 employees attended the meeting.



Employees are welcomed to the quarterly meeting with coffee and fresh doughnuts.



Ralph Morones (right) congratulates Olivia Perales and Roberto Saravia for 10 years of City service.



Ralph Morones (right) congratulates Denice Ramos for 15 years of City service.



Ralph Morones (right) congratulates Feliciano Rodriguez for 15 years of City service.



Ralph Morones (right) congratulates Sylvia Lopez for 15 years of City service.



Ralph Morones (right) congratulates Maria Velasco for 15 years of City service.



Ralph Morones (right) congratulates Rosa Castro for 15 years of City service.



Ralph Morones (right) congratulates Rosario Anzora for 15 years of City service.



Ralph Morones (right) congratulates Guadalupe Rivera, Lidia Vasquez and Maria Ascencio for 10 years of City service.



Club Members approach Club Counselors to review benefits.



Ralph Morones (left) congratulates Michael Gresham for 25 years of City service.



Ralph Morones (right) congratulates Steve Gardner for 15 years of City service.



Ralph Morones (right) congratulates Francisco Nurinda for 15 years of City service.



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Ed Harding, RLACEI President
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E-mail: edwardjharding@rlacei.com

Change of Address?

If you change your address, notify Helen Salgado, Membership Chair, at (800) 678-4145 Ext. 713, or write to her at 8372 Arnett Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92647. Also notify LACERS.

Have News About Yourself?

Contact Mary Beetz, call (800) 678-4145 Ext. 711.

Retiree Upcoming Events

Reservation Lines:

RLACEI events: (800) 678-4145, ext. 701
DWP events: (626) 445-7376 (Dolores Foley)
LARFPA: (888) 288-5063

- Dec. 3:** LARFPA general meeting, 10 a.m. to noon. Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park Dr.
- Dec. 5:** RLACEI holiday party, Noon. Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles.
- Dec. 8:** LARFPA Christmas party, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sportsman's Lodge, 12825 Ventura Blvd., Studio City.

RLACEI Website

Hal Danowitz asks you to visit the RLACEI Website at www.rlacei.com to find the latest retirement news. If you find it helpful, or have suggestions for improvement, call Hal at (800) 678-4145 Ext. 707.

Contact LACERS

The Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System is at 202 W. First Street, Suite 500, (LA Times Building), Los Angeles, CA 90012. Hours: 8AM-5PM. Phone (213) 473-7200 or (800) 779-8328. Contact them to arrange direct deposit of your retirement checks, change your tax withholding or beneficiary, or for questions about your health plans.
www.lacers.org

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RLACEI

LACERS Names Boardroom for Ken

2010 Club Excellence Award Recipient



Ed Harding

By Ed Harding,
RLACEI President

Edward Harding, President, RLACEI, reports: On Sept. 24, LACERS Commissioners on the Board of Administration honored Ken Spiker by presenting him with a service citation and installed a beautiful silver plaque outside the Commission room that reads "LACERS Ken Spiker Boardroom." It couldn't have

happened to a more deserving person. Ken has worked his "you know what" for all our retirees for the past 19 years before recently leaving the board.

Congratulations Ken; it has been a great honor working with you.

Holiday Party: The RLACEI Entertainment Director, Americo Garza, and his committee met at Stone Fire Grill and signed a contract for a great holiday celebration dinner to be held

Dec. 5 at Friendship Hall. The menu will consist of lemon chicken, barbecue tri-tip steak, salad, fresh baked breadsticks, dessert and soft drinks. The Entertainment Committee also has planned a different type of entertainment that will put you in the holiday spirit.

We are accepting reservations for the party, so don't delay. Call now and make your reservation! Call (800) 678-4145, x701. If that extension is busy, call x711.

Ken Spiker Leaves Pension Plan In Good Shape



Michael R. Wilkinson

Pension Law and Policy by Michael R. Wilkinson

The Board of Administration of LACERS formally named its boardroom the Ken Spiker Boardroom in honor of all that Ken has done in his many years of City service, retiring as the Chief Legislative Analyst, followed by his 18 years of effective service as the first elected retired member of the Board. The Board quoted from a City Council Resolution admiring Ken's "fierce advocacy" on behalf of retirees to "ensure the city kept its promise" to continue the benefits they earned.

Board President Rick Rogers noted that, in addition to Ken's work with the City, the resolution

praised his distinguished service in the Air Force, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and his dedication to his family, many of whom came to join in the celebration.

Ken leaves the plan in a very good financial position, as explained by Chief Investment Officer Rod June, who reported that the total assets of the fund are nearly \$13 billion. The plan uses a long-term strategy of a diversified set of investments that includes stocks, bonds, alternative investments and real estate in a mix that seeks to earn a good long-term return without taking unnecessary risks.

At a recent Benefits Administration Committee meeting, the group tentatively approved a change to the Larger Annuity Program Cost of Living

Adjustment (COLA). The Larger Annuity Program is an optional additional savings program that active members can contribute to via payroll deduction while working using after-tax dollars. At retirement, the money can be turned into an annuity, which makes regular payments. Other retirement funds can also be used to purchase the Larger Annuity at retirement.

Currently, the annuity pays the same COLA as the LACERS pension, but this change would set the adjustment at three percent per year, the same amount that was used by the plan's actuary to determine the annuity rates. The plan staff requested the change to simplify the use of this annuity with the new Tier 2 for members hired on or after July 1.

Superior Court Ruling on Health Subsidy



Michael Karsch

Legislative Update and Pension Issues by Michael Karsch

In an early September Superior Court ruling in Los Angeles, the judge ruled that the City of Los Angeles could not change the health plan premium subsidy in a reform of its general pension system enacted two years ago, which froze the subsidy given City Employees for their medical insurance plan; if an employee wanted to continue his or her medical insurance as it was (with automatic increases in cost borne by the City), then they had to pay four percent more out of their salary. The case was brought by the Los Angeles City Attorneys Association. The City has not

decided whether to appeal or not. The reform is estimated to save the City \$100 million a year.

The judge was quoted as ruling that the City's reservation of rights to set the precise amount of the medical premium subsidy does not operate to defeat the finding that its employees have a vested right to a medical premium subsidy in the first place.

This ruling hits home on the issue of whether pension and medical coverage for retirees can be changed by ordinance (the pension reform package). There is general agreement that, at least in California, the pension itself is sacrosanct, but the accompanying medical coverage seemed subject to change by the governing body of the employing agency. This is very similar to the City

of San Jose pay benefit package passed by referendum in 2012, where medical coverage can be frozen at a given level and pass on any and all medical plan premium increases to the employee/retiree. The referendum passed by 70 percent of the voters. The San Jose referendum is being challenged in court by that city's unions.

Please bear in mind that the Superior Court ruling is narrowly tailored to the facts in this specific case. The City might appeal the decision, or not. The expected savings of \$100 million per year from the reform last year would have to be reopened if the decision should stand.

LACERS Update



Mary Beetz

**By Mary Beetz,
RLACEI Publicity
Chair**

Reminder: Open Enrollment 2014 for LACERS' Health Plans Ends In November

If you are thinking about enrolling in a health plan or changing your health plan starting in 2014, don't forget that LACERS 2014 Health Plan Open Enrollment, which began on October 15, ends on November 15. There are three Open Enrollment meetings scheduled for November, where you can hear presentations from each of LACERS' health plan carriers. These meetings are designed to assist LACERS' retirees and/or their eligible survivors in making informed decisions about their 2014 medical and dental coverage, and will take place in November on the dates and in the locations listed below:

Open Enrollment 2014

Date	Location
November 1:	Las Vegas
November 6:	Los Angeles
November 8:	San Pedro

LACERS

You should have received additional information about Open Enrollment meeting locations and times with your September paycheck. You can also check the LACERS' website at www.LACERS.org for updates.

Lacers In Motion: Two Free Fitness Classes for November

LACERS in Motion, the new fitness program sponsored by Anthem Blue Cross, continues during November with free exercise classes available to all LACERS' retirees. One *Tai Chi* and one *Pilates* session each will be offered at two Los Angeles County locations, as well as at one location in Riverside, Orange, San Bernardino and Ventura counties. We encourage all interested

LACERS' retirees to support this fun, unique, and free program created especially for you by attending these sessions, regardless of your current fitness level!* For further details about the classes and the locations nearest to you, please visit the LACERS *Well* webpage at www.LACERS.org/lacerswell. Space is limited and registration is required. To register and for more information on *LACERS in Motion* fitness classes scheduled for November –

December 2013, visit the LACERS *Well* webpage or call LACERS at (800) 779-8328.

**Please consult with your physician before starting this or any other exercise program.*

Stress Less: A Free Health Education Class, Scheduled for November 15, 2013

LACERS *Well* will host a free health education class called *Stress Less* on Friday, November 15, 2013, from 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., at the Balboa Sports Complex, 17015 Burbank Blvd, Encino, CA 91316. This free class is sponsored by Kaiser Permanente. When your stress levels increase, your health can suffer. The good news is that medical science has made amazing discoveries about how our emotions and thoughts affect our health. Join us for this class to discuss various topics, such as relaxation techniques, and begin to build stress management skills that will protect your health throughout your life. Space is limited and registration is required. To register online, visit www.LACERS.org/lacerswell or call LACERS at (800)779-8328.

For Retired Club Members

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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 LAFUCU. For information on problems, activities, meetings or membership. Each officer's extension is listed below.

City Employees Retirement System: (213) 473-7200

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DWP Retirement Plan Office (213) 367-1722

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RETIREES HOLIDAY PARTIES IN DECEMBER

Don't forget to attend
a retiree party this
holiday season!

RLACEI: The RLACEI's annual Christmas Party and Installation of Officers event is scheduled for noon Thursday, Dec. 5 at the Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles. There will be a light lunch (sandwiches, salad and drinks), entertainment and valuable door prizes. You must make reservations at least a week ahead: (800) 678-4145, x701. Guests welcome. Call one of the officers on the Retirees Helplines. Free taxi service can take you from the parking lot to the lodge.

LARFPA: For Retired Fire and Police, your Christmas party is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 8, at Sportsman's Lodge, 12833 Ventura Blvd., Studio City. Contact LARFPA for more information.

LARFPA

A Fire/Police Pensions Home, at Long Last



Lee Kebler

**By Lee Kebler,
LARFPA Director**

Well, they finally did it. Yes, the Fire and Police Pensions Dept. finally bought its own building. After many years of searching with and without LACERS, they purchased a building at 713 E. Third St. They expect to have it remodeled and ready to move in by April 2015. The board has already designated that the new boardroom will be named the Sam Diannitto Boardroom in recognition for his many years of service to the citizens of Los Angeles, the LAFD and the

Fire and Police Pensions system. Sam served 43 years as a Firefighter, retiring in 1997 as an Assistant Fire Chief. In 1971 a charter amendment was passed authorizing two elected members to the Fire and Police Pensions Board. Sam won the election in 1972 and served on the board until he retired in 1997. When the new City charter was passed in 2000, the board was expanded to include elected two retired commissioners. Sam won again and is still serving as the retired Firefighter commissioner. What a legacy, Sam; you earned it, and thanks for all the service you have done for the retired Firefighters

and Police Officers.

Good news on the legislative front: In August, Gov. Jerry Brown signed California Senate Bill 311. This requires that any proposal or amendment to a city's or county's charter that affects employee benefits shall be held at a state-wide election. This bill will prevent cities or counties from manipulating benefits for employees.

Don't forget the general meeting Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to noon at Grace E. Simons Lodge, and make your reservations now for the Christmas party, Dec. 8 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sportsman's Lodge.



2010 Club Excellence Award Recipient

By Hal Danowitz,
Secretary, RLACEI

An Ending Fit for A Queen

Hal and Co. conclude their cruise from Cape Town to England.

FINAL PART



A parade of old cars.

Evelyn and I took a 38-day trip, which included four days at the Botlierskop Safari Resort near George, South Africa; a 28-day cruise on the *Ocean Princess* from Cape Town, South Africa, to London; and four days in London at the end. Don and Myrna, our cousins, took the cruise with us.

The itinerary was as follows: Cape Town; Lüderitz and Walvis Bay, Namibia; Cotonou, Benin; Lome, Togo; Dakar, Senegal; Mindelo, Cape Verde Islands; Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary Islands; Casablanca, Morocco; Cadiz, Spain; Lisbon, Portugal; Le Havre, France; and Dover, England.

As we conclude the story, we were docked in Dover, England. We left the ship at 9 a.m. and after collecting our bags, we found our car service for the drive to London. It was overcast and raining. That day was a big day in London, with the Queen's Jubilee Thames River boating ceremony. Our driver was concerned that the traffic would be a problem, but we got right through to our hotel – the London Hilton on Park Lane – in about an hour and a half.

After checking in, we found a pub for lunch and then took a walk. We stopped at a Cafe Nero for coffee, and then it started to rain hard. We managed to get back to the hotel but were very wet. We watched the Queen's River Flotilla on TV. It was quite a spectacle, but then you probably saw it on TV, too.

It was fun to be out with the crowds. The government called for a four-day weekend with the banks closed Monday and Tuesday, so Sunday had a real holiday feel.

We had dinner at another pub; I didn't think the food or atmosphere were as good

as where we had lunch. There is at least one pub on every corner, and most have reasonably good and cold beer. We had a long day and decided to turn in. Don and Myrna were flying home the next day. It was hard to do much with the rain, and none of us really had clothes for the cold, wet weather. Between the four of us, we had two umbrellas, a few hats and a couple of lightweight jackets.

There was a lot of police presence at the hotel. They had a large number outside and some inside. They even had dogs, which I figured were bomb dogs. There was a large wedding (Indian) there, and maybe that had something to do with it. The saris I saw in the lobby were exquisite. All the women wore bindis, and some had henna designs on their hands and feet, and lots of gold.

We met Don and Myrna for breakfast in the hotel's coffee shop. I had a Continental breakfast (coffee, juice, muffins), and Evelyn had the same, except she added the fruit. The cost was £38, including the tip. That is about \$60. We knew it would be expensive, but for ease we did it anyway. The weather was iffy, and Don and Myrna were about ready to leave for the airport.

Evelyn and I left the hotel and walked to the V&A (Victoria and Albert) Museum, which is in Kensington. We passed Harrods, which is in Knightsbridge. Our hotel was in Mayfair, just by Hyde Park. It was a very good location. All three areas are part of Westminster (W1), which has some of London's best addresses.

We had not been in the V&A for a number of years. It has many exhibits of interest. We stayed about two hours and then found a Starbucks to have coffee and use the Internet. The weather had been cool, but the rain had stopped for the day. The next day was supposed to be warmer (that doesn't mean

warm) with rain in the afternoon. We were mastering the Celsius to Fahrenheit formula. Someone told me that 16C was about 61F, and 28C was close to 82F. None of the other Celsius numbers convert that way. It was just cold, rainy, and windy and damp.

We then did some shopping at Harrods to pick up some gifts. We walked back to the hotel and found ourselves in the middle of a large protest going on. Two groups were on opposite sides of the street, separated by the street and police. I never found out what the protest was about.

The hotel was located where Hyde Park and Green Park meet. Behind the hotel within a three-block walk was a restaurant and pub area. There were at least six pubs and as many restaurants with a couple of coffee and breakfast shops. The Hard Rock Cafe and

We decided to walk to Piccadilly Circus and then head over to Trafalgar Square. The Queen was to leave Westminster, drive up Whitehall and then turn onto the Mall, which led to Buckingham Palace. The walk to Piccadilly was about a mile, and we just followed the crowds. We got to Trafalgar Square, but the police had already shut down access to the Mall. At Trafalgar Square, they had set up a large TV screen so we could see the procession. It was still two hours away, so we decided to visit the National Gallery.

After our walk through the museum, there was still time to kill, and we knew we wouldn't see the Queen in person, so we headed to a Starbucks to use the Internet and then to the hotel to watch on TV. When we left the museum, they were no longer letting people into Trafalgar Square. The crowd con-



The London skyline.

the Playboy Club were also close to the hotel. Gee, I forgot my key ...

The night before, walking back from dinner, I saw a Mexican and Polish restaurant called L'autre. Who could not go there? The special for dinner was wild boar, which I had, and Evelyn had a lamb shank done Mexican style. I had a Tyskie (Polish) beer, and Evelyn has a Sol. The food was very good and the music was late '50s rock and roll. Here is the story: The place started in the 1970s by Polish immigrants, and a few years later the Mexican Embassy moved around the corner. About the same time, the restaurant had hired a cook who happened to know how to cook Mexican food. Now you have a Mexican/Polish restaurant.

That day was the last day of the Queen's Jubilee, and we were going to try to get close to the festivities. We actually slept until 8:30 a.m., so we didn't go to breakfast until about 10 a.m. We found a place that had been recommended, and I had an English breakfast while Evelyn ate light. It cost a lot less money than yesterday.

The Queen rode in her carriage from Westminster to Buckingham starting at 2:20 p.m. The ride took 20 minutes, and then at 3:30 p.m. she came out on the balcony at Buckingham Palace. We were very close to Buckingham, so we tried to get a look.

control was outstanding; the police were firm, but very helpful. When we first got there we couldn't get to the Mall area because it was closed off; a policeman asked if he could help and then told us how to get to Salvager Square. Once the procession passed, the police walked the crowd down the Mall to Buckingham Palace in a very orderly manner. There were at least several hundred thousand people there, and it started to rain.

We had to finish packing again as we were being picked up to go to the airport at 5 a.m. We were way overweight – the luggage, that is.

We returned to the restaurant area near the hotel and ate in a French restaurant called Le Boudin Blanc. It had very good food; it was very French and not cheap.

We were up at 3:30 a.m. and on the road to Heathrow at 5 a.m. for our 7:45 a.m. flight. I knew we had a weight problem, and we had to repack a bag and take another carry-on with us. We waited in the American Airlines lounge for our flight. We flew to Chicago and then on to Los Angeles.

It was a once in a lifetime trip to visit the west African counties, and we had a great time.

That's a wrap.

You can follow all of Hal and Evelyn's adventures at halandevelyn.blogspot.com



Hal waited for the Queen to show.



Evelyn at the Polish/Mexican restaurant

RETIREES:

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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@cityemployeesclub.com

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 Los Angeles, CA 90012

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



"These are my grandkids, Mikala, 6; Kalia, 4; and Acen, 16 months. The photo was taken at Ko Olina Beach, Oahu, Hawaii, this August, during our summer vacation.

"Mikala and Kalia have very active schedules and are outstanding students. They are involved in soccer and karate, and love to search under rocks. Acen is also very busy; anything and everything three-feet high and below, he will inspect with his curious hands, or taste its flavor."

– Fred Ige, Retired

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
Ankele, Steven	–	DWP	–	Hagopian, Zaven	–	DWP	–	Murray, Edward Jr.	Comm. Elect. Sup.	ITA	29
Ayala, Roberta J.	Sr. Parking Atte. II	General Services	28	Hanks, Keith W.	Sr. Envir. Engineer	Public Works	28	Nakamaru, Yoshio	Library Clerk Asst. II	Library	2
Baker, Sharlene M.	Clerk Typist	Rec and Parks	4	Hewson, Sherman H.	Sr. Carpenter	Zoo	21	Page, Nancy K.	Animal Control Off. II	Animal Services	24
Beal, Vernal	Systems Analyst II	Public Works	34	Hoffman, Mark J.	Sr. Mana. Analyst II	Housing	28	Paris, David A.	Sr. Security Officer	Airports	21
Beaman, Maureen	–	DWP	–	Hollander, Todd W.	Gardener Caretaker	Public Works	17	Pinkert, Bradley	–	DWP	–
Becker, Dennis Allen	Sr. Sys. Analyst II	LAPD	23	Horne, Earl E.	Geo. Info. Sy. Sup. II	Public Works	44	Province, Cynthia	–	DWP	–
Bell, James Henry	City Att. Ad. Crd. III	City Attorney	15	Howard, Robbye L.	Benefits Specialist	Personnel	38	Radford, Ozzie Dell	Clerk Typist	Building and Safety	32
Beloin, Tracy H.	Systems Analyst II	LACERS	25	Howe, Zenaida R.	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	19	Reddix, Tina Marie	Manag. Analyst II	Public Works	20
Binder, Edward	–	DWP	–	Hukoveh, Edward	Avionics Specialist	ITA	16	Renfrow, Bennett	Sr. Saf. En. Pre. Ves.	Building and Safety	21
Booth, William	–	DWP	–	Hwang, George	Mana. Analyst II	CAO	17	Resurreccion, Leticia	Laboratory Tech II	Public Works	11
Brown, Gary	–	DWP	–	Jasso, Toni L.	Sr. Clerk Typist	Zoo	28	Robinson, Gregory	Motor Swe. Ope.	Public Works	30
Butorac, Michael	Exam. Ques. Doc. II	LAPD	25	Joyner, Marlene L.	Librarian III	Library	27	Sahaj, Steven	–	DWP	–
Cardenas, David M.	Chief of Operations II	Airports	35	Lagmay, June Awano	City Clerk	City Clerk	32	Schuler, Andrew E.	Comm. Electrician	ITA	32
Carter, James S.	Electrician	Rec and Parks	25	Latta, Reginald	–	DWP	–	Sotelo, Sylvia Marie	Police Service Rep	LAPD	27
Cibrario, Maria Del C	Clerk	General Services	10	Link, Bruce A.	Clerk Typist	Library	11	Stilson, Rory J.	Sr. Cons. Inspector	Public Works	25
Cochran, Diana Irene	Sr. Librarian	Library	27	Lucero, Ezequiel	Custodian	Airports	24	Stringer, Sigmund G.	Street Ser. Wor. III	Public Works	27
Cross, Eddie	Ref. Col. Truck Op. II	Public Works	27	Magbuena, Remberto	–	DWP	–	Suttle, Robin D.	Clerk Typist	Library	12
Dominguez, Juanita	–	DWP	–	McGee, Dorothy S.	Sr. Clerk Typist	Building and Safety	18	Swayne, Jorge E.	Pr. Detention Officer	LAPD	21
Draus, Liceta	Systems Prog. III	Rec and Parks	27	McGowen, Gerald E.	Was. Tre. L. Man. III	Public Works	21	Tan, Maria- Luisa L.	Sr. Manag. Analyst II	Airports	23
Ellis, John C.	Public Info. Dir. II	Public Works	10	McLaren, Frank	–	DWP	–	Tomkiel, William G.	Was. Treat. Ope. III	Public Works	32
Fairbanks, John P.	Ref. Coll. Truck Op. II	Public Works	30	Mantwell, Kurt L.	Airport Safety Off.	Airports	22	Torres, Martha Y.	Cust. Serv. Spec.	Finance	33
Fransen, Russell	–	DWP	–	Matsumura, Gail N.	Mana. Analyst II	Fire & Police Pen.	33	Vista, Rhey Jimenez	Cust. Serv. Spec.	Finance	18
French, James Arthur	Street Ser. Supv. II	Public Works	23	May, Rebecca L.	Sr. Clerk Typist	Zoo	28	Vockeroth, Frank A.	Sr. Carpenter	Harbor	26
Gallagher, Patrick	–	DWP	–	Molles, Joseph B.	Clerk Typist	Library	26	Weis, Steve F.	Sr. Building Insp.	Building and Safety	27
Garbuio, Benjamin R.	Building Elec. Eng. II	Public Works	31	Moore, Bruce	–	DWP	–	Yonai, David	–	DWP	–
Garcia, Eugene	Was. Coll. Worker II	Public Works	30	Moore, James D.	Sr. Elec. Inspector	Building and Safety	29				
Gomez, Daniel Henry	Was. Treat. Ope. II	Public Works	30	Murphy, Timothy	–	DWP	–				

The Best Years For Retired Club Members

RETIREES AROUND THE WORLD



1 California




Half Moon Bay Ocean golf course.



Lone Cypress course in Pebble Beach.

Here's **Pablo Ninofranco Jr., Retired, Harbor**, on his latest golf excursion in California.



Take the Club with you, wherever you go!

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2 Canada



Here's **Vanessa Paulson, Retired, CAO**, in Banff National Park, Alberta, Canada.

3 France



"I took a trip to western France and saw a bunch of places that I have always wanted to visit. This is Mont Saint Michel in Normandy."

- **Woody Harano, Retired, City Attorney**

Congrats, Ken!

On Sept. 24, the LACERS Boardroom was designated as the Ken Spiker Boardroom in honor of former Commissioner Ken Spiker, who served as the longest Elected Retired Member on the board. He was first elected in September 1995.

The dedication was attended by the Spiker family, officials and RLACEI members.

RLACEI



At the Ken Spiker Boardroom ceremony were, from left: LACERS Director Clifford Cannon, Ken Spiker, RLACEI President Edward Harding and RLACEI Director Michael Karsch.

History Comes Alive!

~ Tales From the City Archives ~



by Michael E. Holland
Acting City Archivist

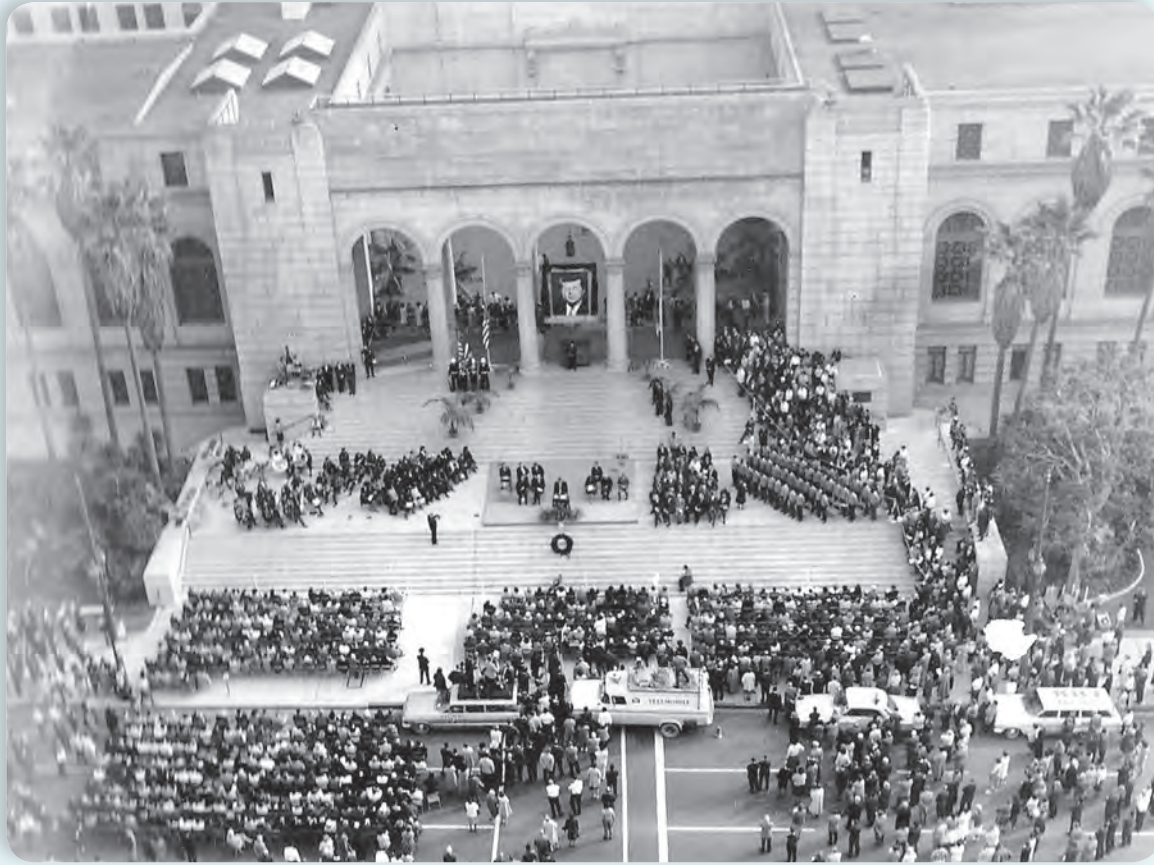
By Michael E. Holland;
Photos courtesy L.A. Archives

This has been a year of looking back at the events of 1963, including the March on Washington, D.C., or the City Council elections here in Los Angeles. But 1963 also produced one of those life-altering moments that each generation can call their proof of being of that time in history. All of us probably remember where we were on Sept. 11, 2001. That was a day that still affects us in 2013. Dec. 7, 1941 belonged to my parents and grandparents as one of rites of passage they lived through as Americans. But between those two dates is another date, which is coming up for a major review again this year. There are no less than four major television specials coming to a TV screen near you dealing with the end of the Kennedy years. So, let's get the question out of the way: Where were you when you heard about the shooting of the president in Dallas?

Were you alive then? I was just two years old and have no memory of the events. But I wondered how the City of Los Angeles handled and processed the shock and sadness of the rapid series of events that November weekend. I found a few answers in some of the holdings here at the Los Angeles City Archives through the official City Council files and minutes, along with several council collections. They will be telling us our story today.

The City Council was in regular Friday session. A height-limit district for high-rise construction had been approved for a section of Los Feliz Boulevard. According to the Council minutes, "[Gilbert] Lindsay, being recognized by the Chair, advised that was being reported that the President of the United States, John F. Kennedy, had been shot, whereupon the Council proceeded to adjourn." It is not clear where everyone went after the close of the meeting, but one can assume that any office in City Hall with a radio or television would have been a likely gathering place.

Council File #116338 fills in some of the details of what happened over the next few days. Council president John Gibson ordered City Clerk Walter Peterson to send a telegram to every councilmember to attend a special session to declare a local day of mourning to coincide with the



An aerial shot above the City's JFK memorial on the steps of City Hall Monday, Nov. 25, 1963.

L.A. and JFK

This month marks the 50th anniversary of John F. Kennedy's death. Here's a look back at how Los Angeles mourned the president after his assassination in Dallas.

national Day of Mourning called by the new President Lyndon B. Johnson for Monday, Nov. 25. A letter to the council from Mayor Sam Yorty pointed out that he, the mayor, didn't have the authority to declare a legal holiday or a day of mourning without council concurrence. The surviving telegram served notice of the special meeting to take place in Council Chamber, Room 140, City Hall at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24. This was the first Sunday meeting anyone could remember.

It goes without saying that an emergency forces people to rearrange their schedules. Gilbert Lindsay's 1963 Daily Reminder had a 2:30 p.m. meeting in Room M-42 and a 7 p.m. event at the Ambassador Hotel

with the Mexican Chamber of Commerce. Both events are crossed out with the notation "Pres. Kennedy killed," and the next three days' schedules are crossed out with "cancel a/c Kennedy".

Rosalind Wyman, who had been deeply involved with the Kennedys during the 1960 Democratic convention in Los Angeles, now went about coordinating a memorial observance to take place on the steps of City Hall.

The special session lasted only ten minutes. An official resolution was read and approved by the entire council. Councilman Billy Mills read an invocation into the record that included the following: "Jesus Christ, Gandhi, Medgar Evers and

John Fitzgerald Kennedy have given us a standard ... freedom, justice, equality, righteousness, godliness, moral emancipation for all men... "A *Los Angeles Times* clipping in the file recounted this event on that Sunday: "The session had barely gotten under way when news of the fatal shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald was flashed. Councilmen greeted it somberly."

The public observances began Sunday afternoon at the Los Angeles Sports Arena. It was there that Kennedy was nominated as the party's candidate. Local television station KNBC broadcast "A Tribute to John F. Kennedy". The *LA Times* reported the attendance surpassing 7,000 citizens. The size of the television audience was unknown.

That evening, by order of the mayor, lighted windows on all four sides of City Hall formed a cross that was kept lit all night. The symbolism may seem heavy-handed compared to the downplayed religious displays of today, but such public shows of faith were quite common in civic life all over America during the Cold War. In addition, Kennedy's faith had been a bone of contention to some people during the presidential campaign. It was ironic that Yorty, who refused to accept Kennedy as a viable candidate over Johnson, now asked the city to pay its homage "to the memory of a great and good man."

Although he was not a fixture in Los Angeles, Kennedy visited several times as President – the last time in June 1963. The scrapbooks of Gilbert Lindsay and John Ferraro have several photos of his visits. There are also several images of the memorial on the steps of City Hall on Monday, Nov. 25. The *Los Angeles Times* reported that buses and trains stopped for one minute at 9 a.m. to coincide with the beginning of the requiem Mass in Washington, D.C. People gathered at the City Hall steps and commiserated.

The next day saw the city return to business as usual.

Every community finds a way to observe those events, whether local or national. I'm sure there were thousands of public memorials that weekend 50 years ago. This was only one of them. Do you remember others?



In an undated photo are John Ferraro, John F. Kennedy and LAPD Chief William Parker.



At the City Hall memorial for JFK were, from left: Mayor's Aide Joe Quinn and LA Councilmen Tom Bradley, John Cassidy, John Gibson, John Holland, Billy Mills and Gilbert Lindsay.



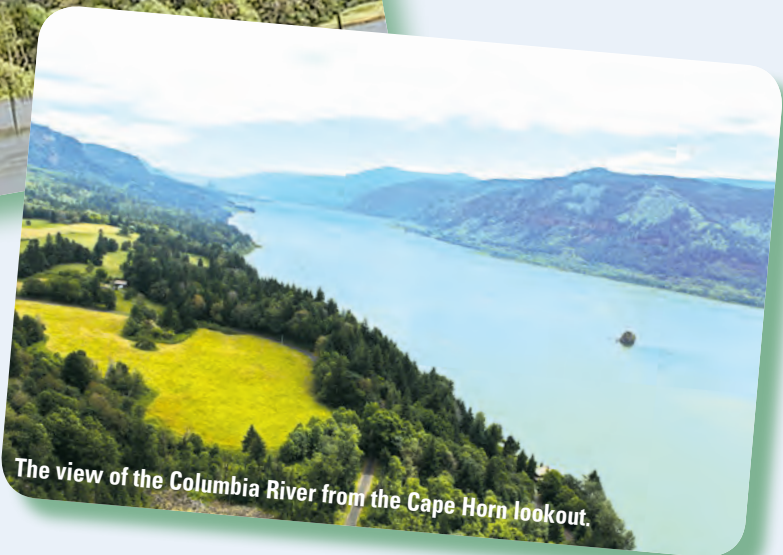
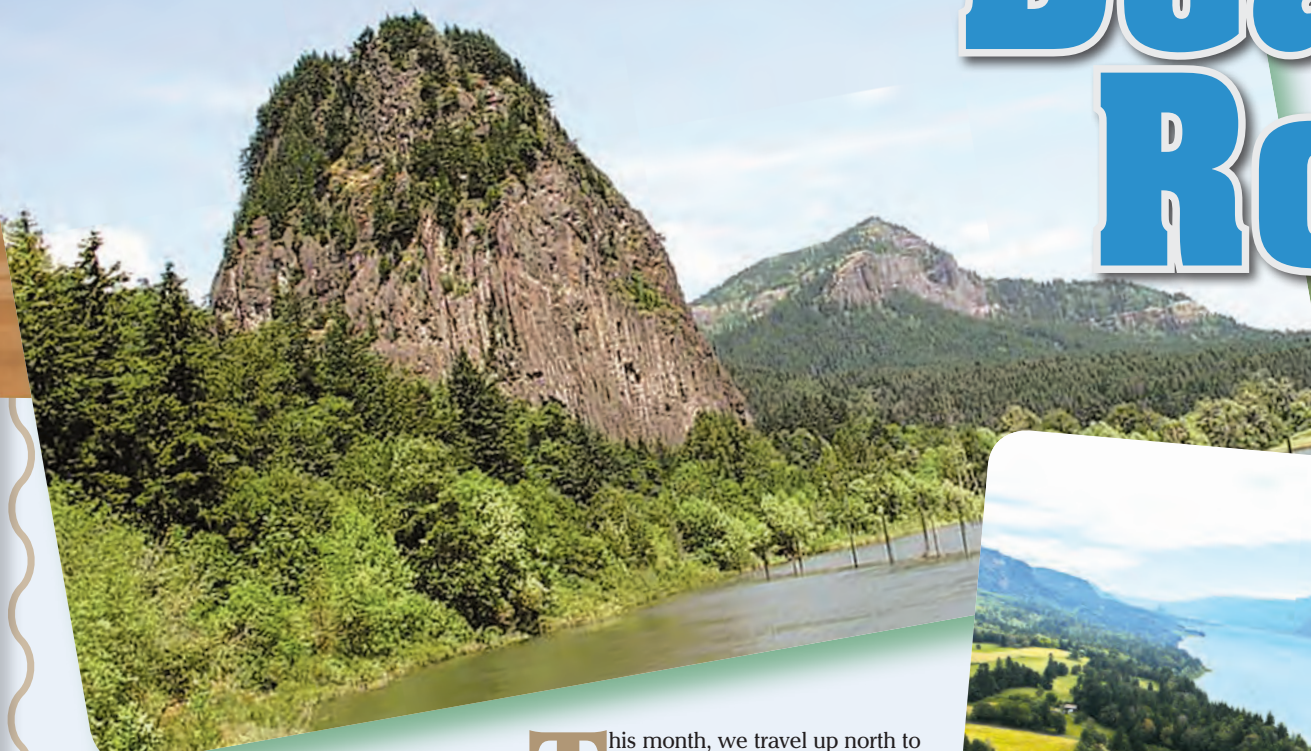
Pictured in 1960: John F. Kennedy and John Ferraro. Ferraro was on the LA Police Commission at that time and would begin his record-breaking stint on the City Council in 1966.

Angel Gomez, Club Director of Sales
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Be Alive!

– Stevenson, Wash.

Beacon Rock



The view of the Columbia River from the Cape Horn lookout.

This month, we travel up north to Washington State, where “adventures await you.” If you have ever stayed anywhere near the Columbia River gorge, then you might know that all you need to do is drive, and trails are everywhere along the river.

We decided to drive east along the river and enjoy all the natural beauty in the area. The Columbia River is the largest river in the Pacific Northwest. The Columbia River also forms the border between Washington and Oregon. Now that I think of it, I might do a future *Be Alive!* on the individual trails along the Columbia River gorge; stay tuned for that one.

Okay, getting back to Beacon Rock.

There is much to see at Beacon Rock State Park, so we had to pick one spot that stood out from the rest. It was pretty easy to choose Beacon Rock. This landmark is 848 feet high and is the most prominent landmark on the Columbia River gorge. Let's begin.

to its summit provides outstanding panoramic views of the Columbia River gorge. Henry Biddle and Charles Johnson built the trail between 1915-18. At this time, Biddle owned the rock, so he blasted and bridged the trail to all the way to the top. There are craved trails sections and also man-made walkways with railings along switchbacks up to the trail peak.

The trail was very well kept and very steep in some areas, but overall the trail was moderate and breathtaking, full of inspiration. We traveled up top with my family and also my sister-in-law and her family. We all loved Washington and Oregon – There were trees, beautiful landscapes, and wildlife everywhere you looked. I would love to live there (someday) because there were so many trails just a few feet away from the highway. Everyday, I could go out and find a new adventure. That is what *Be Alive!* is all about.

So, if you ever get the chance to visit Washington or Oregon, bring your hiking boots and prepare for a wonderful time. I will be featuring a few other trails in the area in the next *Be Alive!* Stay tuned for these upcoming features.

Don't forget to bring your camera and take plenty of photos and send them to me at agomez@cityemployeesclub.com. Bring water, snacks and maybe some sun-screen.

As always, be safe and *Be Alive!*, Angel



Angel Jr. and Aden are half-way to the top.



Going up the trail on Beacon Rock.



We all made it to the top of Beacon Rock. Back, from left: Yusef, Kathy, Aden and me. Front: Andleebe, Deborah and Angel Jr.

The Hike

Beacon Rock is one of the tallest monoliths (singular piece of rock) in North America, along with California's El Capitan, Georgia's Stone Mountain, and Wyoming's Devils Tower.

Beacon Rock State Park is a 5,100-acre year-round camping park. The park includes 9,500 feet of freshwater shoreline on the Columbia River. We did not go far into the park, but we did hike up to the top of Beacon Rock. The mile-long trail



Aden rests along the trail.

Beacon Rock

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Highlights:

- Area:** 5,100 acres
- Hiking distance:** about two miles round trip
- Elevation gain:** 680 feet
- Difficulty:** moderate
- Hike time:** about two hours
- Trail condition:** dirt trail and bridge style

Hours: 8 a.m. to dusk year-round

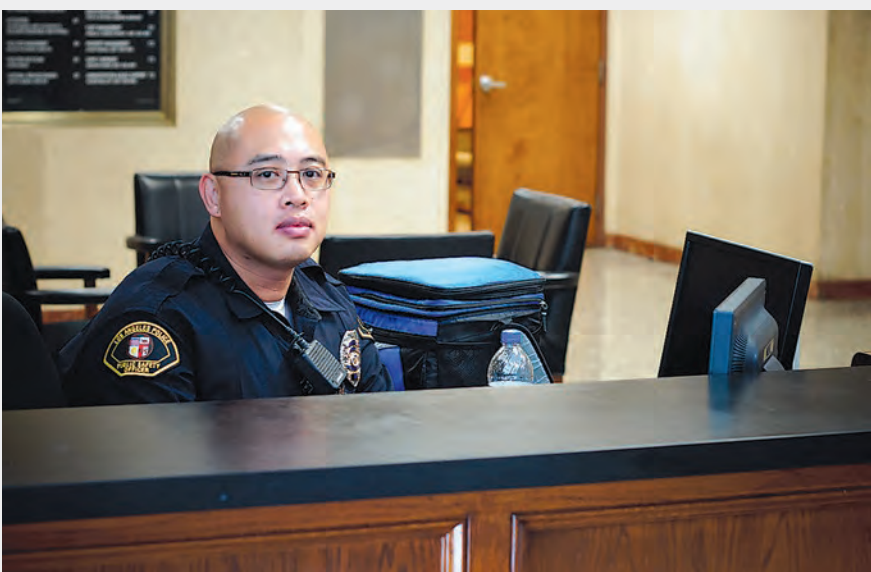
- Fees:** A one-day pass costs \$10
- Parking:** day pass costs \$10
- Directions:** From the 5 north, take I-84E/US-30 east toward Cascade Locks/Hwy, then slight right toward Pacific Crest Trail. Cross at Bridge of the Gods (toll road), then turn left onto Washington Hwy 14. The destination on your right.

CITY EMPLOYEES AT WORK



As observed by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor:

Here's a team from Public Works/Street Services Special Projects Division found on Spring and Cesar Chavez Streets, putting up street signs. From left: **Ted Mahaley, Carpenter**, 27 years of City service; **Johnny K. Lizarraga, Equipment Operator**, 30 years, Club Member; and **Jose Salazar, Heavy Duty Truck Driver**, 13 years.



As observed by Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor:

Here's **Andrei Santos, LAPD Security Officer** assigned to Security Services Division, 12 years of City service; working at the City Hall South Lobby security desk. His mission is to ensure the safety and security of Los Angeles City facilities, elected officials, employees, and the public.

Do you have a photo of City Employees on the job? Send it in and we might print it! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Rest Insured

By **JEFF GELINEAU**
Vice President of United Agencies, The Club's Auto and Home Insurance Partner

How Can I Save Money on Insurance?

The most frequent questions we get asked are about saving money. "Is there a way that I can save money on my homeowners and car insurance?"

The easiest way to save money on *both* of those policies is to make sure that you combine them together with the same insurance company.

Paying for two separate policies every month can be painful. If you're looking to save money, combining your car insurance and homeowners insurance with one insurance company may lead to significant savings and a more manageable budget.

Multiple policies, which usually combine car insurance, homeowners insurance or other insurance policy types like condo, or renters, may lower your monthly insurance bill by a significant amount.

Many insurance companies provide discounts up to 15 percent if you insure more than just car insurance with them. These insurance companies are able to secure more business through the same clients who, in exchange, receive discounts, in addition to convenience.

This saves the insurance company money, and they pass the savings on to you!

The savings are not small! Many families with teenagers pay \$3,000 to



\$4,000 a year for their car insurance. A 15 percent savings can quickly result in savings of more than \$500 a year!

Since some insurance companies allow multi-policies to be combined into one monthly bill, you can have a streamlined process without having to repeat steps for each individual bill. In addition to the financial savings, this will save some time, stress and even money on stamps.

Be safe and have fun!

About United Agencies

United Agencies is the Club's partner in helping members with their home and auto insurance, and related products. We specialize in creating personal relationships with our customers, and serving their needs in a prompt, efficient and friendly manner.

Check out our City Employees Club page on the United Agencies Website at www.unitedagencies.com/cityclub. This website lists the upcoming visits we'll be making to City Department meetings where you can ask us any question in person, and get an instant quote!

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 jgelineau@unitedagencies.com, and I will try to answer your question in one of our monthly columns.

Zoo

Story courtesy LA Zoo; Photos by Tad Motoyama, LA Zoo

Marketing Award

LA Zoo's LAIR development receives achievement award from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.



The interior of the LAIR exhibit.



The Gray's Monitor species of lizard, inside the LA Zoo's LAIR exhibit.

The LA Zoo's Living Amphibians Invertebrates and Reptiles (LAIR) marketing campaign was awarded a Significant Achievement Award from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) during the 2013 AZA Annual Conference held in Kansas City, Mo. on Sept. 12. The award recognizes excellence in marketing campaigns by an AZA institution utilizing multiple communication channels including television, radio, print advertising, outdoor, internet, direct mail and more.

"We are very proud and honored to be recognized with this award," said Zoo Director John Lewis. "The overall idea behind the LAIR marketing campaign was to show how the inhabitants of LAIR are just as unique as the Zoo's diverse audience from various Los Angeles communities. We overcame many obstacles to make the LAIR campaign as successful as possible, and it could not have been done without the hard work and dedication of our Zoo staff and supporters."

The Zoo worked in partnership with the Boston-based advertising agency Allen & Gerritsen to create "The LAIR-Alive in L.A." campaign with the goal of increasing attendance to over 1.6 million visitors and creating awareness about the opening of the LAIR and the biodiversity

of its species. The campaign surpassed its intended goal, reaching more than 1.6 million guests in 2011-12, the highest attendance the Zoo has had in more than 20 years. The successful campaign showed visitors the visually stunning habitats and unique species that reside within the LAIR through colorful advertisements featuring the Zoo's Fiji island iguana, desert hairy scorpion, California king snake, giant horned lizards and several other critters. Another notable aspect of the campaign included a series of humorous commercials featuring Slash and Betty White as they got nose to nose with a few of the unique inhabitants of the LAIR. The LAIR is not only home to more than 60 species of amphibians, invertebrates, and reptiles, but also features the most diversity of any exhibit ever built at the L.A. Zoo.

The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens is in Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura (134) and Golden State (5) freeways. Admission is \$18 for adults and \$13 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

Los Angeles
Environmental Learning Center
at Hyperion

Ron Mayuyu, ELC Manager,
and Club CEO John Hawkins
on the first floor of the ELC.



LEFT: A Paraguayan violin from an orchestra that uses instruments made from recycled materials.

PUBLIC WORKS

Telling The Sanitation Story

Sanitation's stunning new Los Angeles Environmental Learning Center at Hyperion explains all the ways that the Bureau serves the City, and encourages smarter living.



Alive! Feature

Tucked inside the Hyperion Treatment Plant is a stunning new interactive educational center unlike anything in the City. It's the Los Angeles Environmental Learning Center at Hyperion (ELC), and it tells the story of all the things that the Bureau of Sanitation does for the citizens of Los Angeles, and how to build a more sustainable City.

It's not just about sustainability, but it practices what it preaches, too.

The Los Angeles Environmental Learning Center at Hyperion was built to teach children and adults about sustainable water and solid resources management in Los Angeles. The Center was developed as an engaging, interactive learning environment that not only explains sustainable principles for everyday life, but also demonstrates these principles. As visitors look around, they will see water and solid materials recycling on-site, conservation practiced continuously, environment-friendly building materials and a green roof, and many more examples of sustainable principles in action.

Visitors to the Environmental Learning Center will

gain a greater understanding of the City's work to protect public health and the environment. Through interactive exhibits, visitors will learn the essential role of every individual for the future of clean water treatment and conservation, watershed protection and the management of the City's solid resources. Visitors to the Los Angeles Environmental Learning Center will discover an amazing resource for environmental education. After visiting, thousands of Angelenos of all ages will be inspired to adopt sustainable practices in their daily lives, thus becoming much needed – and much more effective – stewards of the environment.

The Los Angeles Environmental Learning Center at Hyperion is operated by the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation.

Elements

The 20,000-square foot facility is the result of completely renovating the Hyperion Treatment Plant's former administration building into a leading



Club CEO John Hawkins at an outdoor ELC exhibit showing corn grown from biosolids.

Alive! Feature

A Mini-Tour

The Los Angeles Environmental Learning Center at Hyperion (ELC) is packed with information and fun displays. Take a mini-tour with Ron Mayuyu, Environmental Engineering Associate IV and Manager of the ELC, and John Hawkins, Club CEO. And then make your reservations! (See reservation information at the bottom of page 23.)

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Lessons Start Outside

Bioswales

Rainwater from the ELC's roof is collected here. Narrow depressions create miniature gardens that collect and filter runoff to remove pollutants.



Wetlands

The ELC contains a demonstration wetland, to show how wetlands can collect stormwater runoff and naturally clean it.

Pavers

Ron Mayuyu (right) shows *Alive!* editor John Burnes how the permeable pavers in the ELC's outdoor walkways filter the stormwater before it enters the ground. The decking materials used here are recycled.



Native Plants

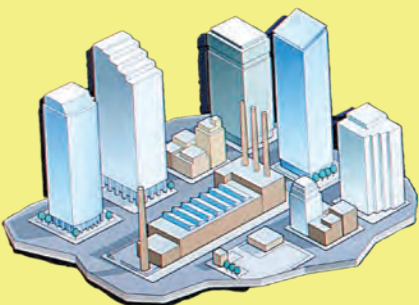
Recycled water is used to grow native vegetation at the ELC, including dwarf coyote bushes, Western sword ferns, California buckwheat, woodland strawberry, and Cleveland sage.



Rain Barrel

"We want to encourage people to collect their own rainwater," says Ron Mayuyu. This barrel is connected directly to the downspout from the ELC roof.

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center for environmental learning. Sustainable practices and learning experiences were built throughout the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold facility. The following features have been incorporated to demonstrate and teach sustainable resource management:

- A first-floor gallery of interpretive exhibits that focus on clean water and watershed protection.
- A second-floor gallery that discusses solid resources and shows how Los Angeles is on the Road to Zero Waste.
- A green roof that is irrigated with recycled water; skylights that provide natural light to the second floor; photovoltaic panels that generate electricity; and a wind turbine, a solar water heater, and a view deck to observe the treatment processes at Hyperion and Santa Monica Bay.
- A terraced wetland fed with recycled water and stocked with mosquito fish.
- A walkway to the entrance made of permeable pavers, a stream and drought-tolerant landscaping.
- An 87-seat auditorium and learning lab classroom.
- Other sustainable features, including chilled-beam air conditioning, waterless urinals, low VOC (volatile organic compound) paint, and smart controls for irrigation.

The ELC is dedicated to inspiring future generations to protect public health and the environment through sustainable practices. The ELC is designed to increase visitors' awareness about the impact of human activity. Visitors are encouraged to identify opportunities to take individual responsibility as environmental



Crops at 'Green Acres'
 The ELC demonstrates what happens at Sanitation's working farm, called Green Acres, in Kern County, where Sanitation sends biosolids from the City to be used as fertilizer. At Green Acres, the bureau grows crops, all for animal feed and none for human consumption. Corn, shown here, is grown at Green Acres, as are alfalfa, Sudan grass and wheat.



Recycled Water

Recycled water, which is not the same as "gray water," is used in this stream, in the demonstration wetland, for irrigation of the ELC's vegetation, and for flushing the ELC's toilets.

Commissioned Artwork

Sanitation spent one percent of the total ELC budget on artwork. Here, the topographic map "Hyperion, Son of Uranus," by lead artists Freya Bardell and Brian Howe of Greenmeme, depicts a snapshot of wastewater data. Before the ELC project, this wall was blank.



Visit the ELC

The ELC is designed for visitors fourth grade and up. It's designed primarily for school groups, but families and individuals can also make reservations. An expert guide will join your group to help you get the most out of your visit. It takes about two hours to tour the exhibit galleries.

COST: Admission is free.

HOURS: The ELC is open by appointment only, and on weekdays only, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The ELC is closed on holidays.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:

Visitors to the ELC must make reservations. Because the Hyperion Treatment Plant is of prime importance to security, visitors who come to the ELC without a reservation will be turned away. But it's easy to make a reservation, so plan in advance.

The last visit of the day can be scheduled no later than 1 p.m.

RESERVATION LINES

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Website: www.lacitysan.org/elc

stewards, and make volunteer action in partnership with the City a part of their daily lives.

The cost to design and build the ELC was \$11.49 million, funded by the Bureau of Sanitation.

LEED Gold

The building housing the Los Angeles Environmental Learning Center was renovated to meet the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) and is certified as meeting its Gold level standards.

This certification was awarded because the City and its partners took special steps to meet important green building standards: reduce waste sent to landfills, conserve energy and water, create a healthier and safer environment for building occupants, reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions, and reduce operational costs. ■





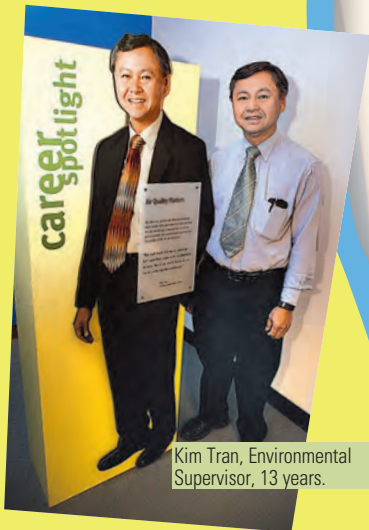
Oscar Figueroa, Geographic Information Systems Supervisor, 8 years of City service, Club Member.

Double Duty

The LA Environmental Learning Center at Hyperion has devised a clever way to encourage sanitation careers amongst the thousands of students who have or will tour the ELC – by placing life-size displays of Sanitation professionals, with their credentials. These employees stopped by our tour to say hello and be photographed next to their immortal likenesses. ■



Lisa Macauley, Wastewater Treatment Operator II, 8 years.



Kim Tran, Environmental Supervisor, 13 years.



Chermaine Fontenette, Refuse Collection Truck Operator, 7 years, Club Member.



Ernie Flores, Sr. Plumber, 14 years, Club Member.



Eduardo Perez, Environmental Engineer Associate, 8 years.



Paul Blount, Solid Resources Manager, 40 years, Club Member.

INSIDE THE ELC

FIRST FLOOR: Water's Many L.A. Ways

The Treatment Plant

This large gallery explains how a treatment facility like Hyperion receives the water, cleans and treats the water, and sends it back again to the ocean. This process has been featured in several *Alive!* feature stories.

INSIDE A WASTEWA

This is where the magic happens! Follow the treatment path to see how wastewater is turned into clean resources here at Hyperion and L.A.-Glendale and Terminal Island Water Reclamation Plants.



Back to the ocean
An artistic expression of life under the sea explains what happens when the treated wastewater is returned to the sea.

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Water's Many L.A. Ways
The ELC's first floor of interior interactive displays talk about the source of LA's water (aqueducts, water table, rain). The gallery emphasizes the "one water" concept, that all water is essentially the same, but at different parts of the cycle: stormwater, groundwater, wastewater, drinking water and recycled water.



WATER TREATMENT PLANT



Water to the Home
This precision-modeled display traces water from the City to a typical home, and then back out again.



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**Recycling's Not a Game ...
... but these are!**

The ELC features several interactive games to test attendees' knowledge of how to recycle household goods. The first game shown here – the "Recycling Challenge" – tests for knowledge of which item goes into which bin. In the second, a conveyor belt is mimicked, and contestants try their hands at picking out recyclable materials with the added dimension of speed. This mimics Sanitation's actual process of separating goods for recycling, which *Alive!* has featured.



INSIDE THE ELC



ELC Manager Ron Mayuyu (left) and Club CEO John Hawkins begin touring the ELC's second floor, dedicated to solid materials recycling.

**SECOND FLOOR:
On the Road
to Zero Waste**



The Zero Waste Home
An interior of a home has been modeled to give tips on how to save energy and reuse and recycle materials.



The Green Roof

The exhibits don't stop inside the building. The roof contains several demonstrators, including skylights, solar panels, smart irrigation controllers, a solar water heater, and a wind turbine.



The Recycling Center

In this incredibly scale-modeled gallery, the ELC demonstrates how the City processes all the items it collects for recycling. The sanitation trash truck in the back looks incredibly real, yet is actually smaller than the real thing. Featured here are SAFE centers, transfer stations and landfills.



This two-sided display – "from used to useful" – demonstrates how many common household items can be recycled.



The *Alive!* Interview

On Friday, Oct. 11, Club CEO John Hawkins and *Alive!* editor John Burnes interviewed Ron Mayuyu, Environmental Engineering Associate IV and manager of the LA Environmental Learning Center at Hyperion, in a conference room that's part of the ELC. – Ed.

'The Center... for Environmental Learning'



ELC Manager Ron Mayuyu.

Alive! Now Ron, your role with the ELC is what?

RON: I'm currently the manager for the ELC. I joined the project team during the construction, fabrication and installation phase of the building and exhibits, and I'm now doing the startup for the operation and maintenance of the facility. I'm going to be here for a while, but I'm not sure for how long.

Okay, so you're setting up the maintenance and sustainability of it.

RON: Correct, right. Then I may move on to a different project or stay here.

What year did you join this ELC project?

RON: In 2009, when they were about to start the construction of the building.

Okay. Can you briefly summarize your career here with the City? When did you join the City, and how did you come to be in charge of the ELC at this point?

RON: Well, I've had a very interesting career, I would say, with the City. I started in March 1991.

I actually started my career here at Hyperion. I joined the Bureau of Sanitation in 1991. I was an operator. I was assigned way back when we had the combustion and cogeneration facilities. I moved to what we called a cryogenic facility, still as an Operator. I was here for three years, and then the City stopped the job class of the Energy Recovery Operator, and that's when I moved to the L.A. Convention Center as a Building Operating Engineer. I worked there for five years, and then I came back to Bureau of Sanitation as an Environmental Engineering Associate for the Industrial Waste Management Division. And from that job class, I moved my way up and became a Supervising Engineer and an Associate IV. That's when I moved to manage as a Project Engineer for the construction, fabrication and installation of the ELC building and exhibits.

Spotlight on Sanitation

A quick overview: What is the ELC designed to do?

RON: The goal of the ELC is to educate the public about sustainable water and solid resources management, and in educating the public it would serve as a catalyst to change their behavior. Also, we want to share about the Bureau of Sanitation's infrastructure, programs and people and how they are improving the environment. And then lastly we want to have the ELC demonstrate the green

building practices through the renovation and operation of the building. It's our mission and vision for the ELC to become the center for environmental learning here in L.A.

During the tour, you said that the ELC is kind of an encapsulation of everything that Sanitation does for the City of L.A.

RON: Right. As you mentioned, there's so much to see here at the ELC, and it's a representation of what the Bureau of Sanitation does for the citizens, for the residents of the City of L.A. As you know, the City of L.A. has almost four million people and about 470 square miles. And the Bureau of Sanitation manages the City's wastewater, stormwater and solid resources. So it's quite enormous, and we have almost 2,800 employees. The ELC tries to capture what everybody does in the Bureau of Sanitation in terms of protecting public health and environment. That's our main job – to protect public health and the environment. We kind of compress what everybody does in the Bureau of Sanitation, into this one little place, this Environmental Learning Center located here at Hyperion.

You talk about energy efficiency. The ELC is actually information efficiency. I don't know if I've ever seen so much information packed into three floors. How did you work on the process of getting everything that you guys do for the City of L.A. into this one location?

RON: It's a collaborative effort. We have such an excellent team of engineers, consultants and subject experts for each and every area of the exhibits and the building as a whole and these resources, and I'm very happy that they made themselves available for me to get that information from them.

It's an incredible job of condensing all the information down into these very packed exhibits. It's really packed. How did the ELC come about?

RON: It came about from recognizing the need to educate the public about the impact of their day-to-day activities on the environment. It started way back in 2006, and it was a collaboration between the Bureau of Sanitation, the Mayor's Office, the Bureau of Engineering and the Board of Public Works. They came together and said, "We think that the City of L.A. is ready for a facility like the Los Angeles Environmental Learning Center here at Hyperion."

Where did the funding come from?

RON: The funding for the exhibits came from our sewer and trash fees, not from the general fund. It's from the wastewater and solid resources fund.

It's all funded by the City.

RON: It's all funded by the Bureau of Sanitation.

Testing Our Sorting Skills



The *Alive!* Interview

ELC

'This is the only facility of its kind in L.A. or even in California.' – Ron Mayuyu

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Who was it designed for?

RON: It's open to the general public. Anybody can come here, but the exhibits are particularly designed for middle school and high school students.

Are you seeing a lot of that traffic? What are the numbers like?

RON: Since the grand opening, it's been busy. The grand opening was Sept. 16, 2013 and since then we've had about 1,000 people already who have gone through the exhibits or used the learning lab in the auditorium and also through the plant. Because we're located here at Hyperion they also have an opportunity to tour the plant.

Do they do those in tandem?

RON: They can do those in tandem, or they can just do the exhibits and/or the plant. As you mentioned there's a lot of information here, and we always encourage them to come back and learn some more.

This technology of recycling and sustainability, that's changing as fast as any other technology. Is the ELC adaptable for growth in technology?

RON: Yes, definitely. First of all, when we designed the exhibits and the building itself, we had this forward thinking of knowing what are the future challenges that we are facing, and we tried to incorporate those on the exhibits and the building as well. Of course maybe five or ten years from now we are going to face different challenges, but for the next five or even ten years, this is what we have. These are the challenges we're facing right now, and this is what we want to present to the public so that they know what we're doing and educate them so they can do something about helping us as well in achieving our goals.

You mentioned this is LEED Gold, that this was originally an administration building here at Hyperion. The facility itself is an example of recycling.

RON: Yes. The building was originally built in 1975, and it was the old administration building. It was vacant for the last 10 years until we remodeled and converted it to the ELC.

We mentioned the adaptive reuse of the building. Well, we've reused 95 percent of the building. During the construction phase we gutted everything down into bare concrete and brought the building up to code. When we designed the building, we pursued LEED Gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council, and we did it.

You didn't have to make this a LEED-certified building. Where did that come from?

RON: It's part of our effort to teach the public, the visitors, about sustainability. And what better way than to present a LEED Gold certified building? That's the way to go in the industry for any new building construction.

Success Story

Were there any surprises once you opened and had people coming through? Was there anything that happened that you may not have expected?

RON: Well, a few weeks ago after the grand opening we had a family of six, a husband and wife and four kids, that came here to visit the facility. And they were surprised to see what they could recycle. They came up to the second floor, and they looked at the items that they could recycle at home. And they made a promise and a pledge to themselves that from that point on as a family they're going to start their own recycling program at home.

Well, that's exactly what you want.

RON: Right, they pledged to change their behavior; we educated them and had them go home and practice what they'd learned from here and then share the information to other people about what they could do at home.

Is there a basic misunderstanding in people of what happens here at Hyperion? Is it that people just don't know what happens here?

RON: Yes, but to me it's not a misunderstanding. It's



ELC Manager Ron Mayuyu (center) being interviewed by *Alive!* editor John Burnes (left) and Club CEO John Hawkins.

more of not knowing that we're here, not knowing what we do with the wastewater. We produce clean water out of the wastewater. And not only produce clean water, we actually reuse it. We reuse it for irrigation purposes and also for groundwater replenishment from water that we produce from West Basin [Municipal Water District, a separate public agency that provides water to a 185-square mile service area that includes portions of the Westside, from Malibu to the Palos Verdes Peninsula] and also for industrial use, and that's the trend. That's where we're heading as a bureau – to maximize recycled water use.

Do people know that the water goes back into the ocean since it's been treated to a high degree? Do people ever think about it?

RON: They just never think about it. There was a time when, yes, let's discharge it to the ocean. It's clean. Let's discharge to the ocean, and we were fine. Now we're looking at it and saying, "It's clean water. Why discharge it to the ocean? We could find ways to reuse it," and that's why we said that now we're pursuing this effort to educate the public as well about uses of recycled water. It's a resource.

Speaking of recycled water... you not only talk about it in the ELC, but you actually use it, too.

RON: Here in the ELC, we use recycled water for flushing the toilets, and we also use recycled water for watering the plants outside of the building. But of course, we still use potable water for the faucet and for drinking.

Creativity on Display

This is a very creative site. This is a very creative center. Were you involved in any of the creative decisions about how to display certain information?

RON: Yes, I was. There's a creative side of it, and we had a designer who was able to express and translate the technical side of doing things to something more interactive and something that would connect to the visitors. But part of my job was to not lose the creative side of things and make sure that we would connect to the visitor, but at the same time things had to be consistent with what we do here and communicate our vision of sustainability here in L.A.

What's your favorite part of the ELC? What part do you think is really great even though you've been seeing this for a long time?

RON: I just like the whole facility. I look at it every day and say, wow, there is so much here to learn and see. I can really envision this facility as becoming the center for environmental learning in L.A.

Do you see it moving that way? Do you see that it's strong enough to do that?

RON: It's strong enough to do that because this is the only facility of its kind in L.A. or even in California.

I've never seen anything like it.

RON: That's correct. It explains wastewater, stormwater or watershed protection, drinking water, recycled water,

solid resources, sustainability, greenhouse gas emissions and things like that all under one roof. There's nothing like it, at least in L.A.

Do you know of any other facility or center like this in the country?

RON: There are facilities and centers elsewhere in the country, but it's always isolated in a way that one center might be focused just on water, or another center might only focus on recycling, or one center would focus only on stormwater. But this is the only center that actually combines all of those elements into one.

Are you receiving recognition?

RON: Well, yes. There's been local press, and I'm working with "Green Building" magazine right now. But we have received a few awards already.

Tell me about that.

RON: Aside from getting the U.S. Green Building Council LEED Gold certification in 2012, we also received the California Association of Sanitation Agencies, or CASA for short, in 2013 for Achievement Award for the Outstanding Capital Project. That is a statewide recognition. We also received Construction Management Association of America, or CMAA of Southern California Chapter 2012 Project Achievement Award for Building Projects, Renovation and Modernization. And then the last award we received so far is the American Society of Civil Engineers, or ASCE Region Nine in 2012, and we received the Outstanding Sustainable Engineering Project Award.

Have you ever personally with the City worked on anything like this before?

RON: No, first time.

You must be really proud of it.

RON: I am really proud of it. When I took this on, there was nothing like it, so there's no one in the City who had this type of background to work in the facility like this, and I did. I'm actually very thankful to our Bureau of Sanitation execs for giving me the opportunity to work on this project. And I have worn many different hats, from Operator to Maintenance to Engineer, and this is the job that actually gave me the opportunity to bring all those hats together and use them to make this project happen.

Does the ELC have a staff?

RON: Yes, we have a few. We have only a few for now because we're just starting out. We actually have three docents or educators, and then another educator or program or project coordinator. We have two admin people, and they supervise and help manage the whole facility operations and myself. So there are seven of us at this time. Out of the seven, three are part time.

Is it designed for self-guided tours?

RON: Actually, no. First of all, in terms of coming over here, we require them to give us a call or email us ahead of time. We require reservations. We still do not allow walk-ins at this time because of safety reasons.

Yeah, I see. It's an important facility.

RON: Correct. And when it comes to the tour, because our

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THE REST OF THE Los Angeles Environmental Learning Center at Hyperion



primary target audience is students, they usually come in tour groups or busloads of kids, and we provide them guided tours of the facility. We don't let them loose in the exhibit area, and we would like to make sure that they capture the information that we want them to capture and learn something from their visit here.

Credit Where Due

Who gets credit for this?

RON: Yes, I want to mention the project management team.

Sure.

RON: Public Works/Bureau of Sanitation envisioned and funded this project, and the Bureau of Engineering provided project management and construction management. The Bureau of Contract Administration also provided inspections for building construction and exhibit fabrication and installation. The Mayor's Office and Board of Public Works were also involved in bringing this project to fruition, as was C.D.M. Smith, our architectural, civil electrical and structural consultant. We had Amaze Design for the exhibit design, Ford EC for the building construction and Lexington for the exhibit fabrication. For construction management we had the Bureau of Engineering and a subcontractor, IEM MARRS. Special credit goes to the Bureau of Sanitation team, including the Public Affairs Office, Hyperion and the ELC staff, and team members from Solid Resources, Watershed and Wastewater programs.

And I'd like to personally thank the Bureau of Sanitation management – Enrique C. Zaldivar, our Bureau of Sanitation director; Traci Minamide, our Chief Operating Officer; and Steve Fan, our Plant Manager, who just retired. He left Hyperion two weeks after the grand opening. He wanted to make this project happen and see it finished. I'd like to thank him for putting me in this position to work on this project. He was very supportive of this project as well.

And now we have our new plant manager who's actually overseeing this Environmental Learning Center, Tim Dafeta. He's going to carry over this vision in making this facility the leading center for environmental education here in L.A.

Ron, good luck with the ELC, and thanks for the interview.

RON: Thank you so much. ■

The Auditorium

The ELC contains a new auditorium (below) for presentations and lectures. Part of the auditorium is a chilled beam air conditioning system, which is just what it sounds like – the exposed beams at the top of the room are chilled, which cools off the room (right).

A learning center classroom has also been built, which allows groups a more interactive space to listen and learn.



ELC Grand Opening

Mayor Eric Garcetti and City Councilmember Mike Bonin, 11th District, joined City officials from the Board of Public Works and Public Works/Sanitation to officially open the new LA Environmental Learning Center at Hyperion Treatment Plant Sept. 16. The program included a ribbon cutting and tours of the facility.

Here are some photos of the event.



Mayor Eric Garcetti



City Councilmember Mike Bonin, 11th District



Alive! thanks all those who helped us during our tour of the LA Environmental Learning Center at Hyperion.

Front row, from left: Lisa Macauley, Wastewater Treatment Operator III, 8 years of City service; Chermaine Fontenette, Refuse Collection Truck Operator, 7 years, Club Member; Ron Mayuyu, Environmental Engineering Associate IV and Manager of the ELC, 22 years; and Oscar Figueroa, Geographic Information Systems Supervisor, 8 years, Club Member. Back: Rodrix Jennings III, Personnel Analyst II, 9 years, Club Member; Kenneth Jeong, Management Analyst II, 12 years; and Eduardo Perez, Environmental Engineer Associate, 8 years.

Thanks!

LAFD

Stories and photos courtesy Los Angeles Fire Dept. Foundation.

LA's Bravest



Fire Dept. honors 39 for their heroism.

On Sept. 26, the LAFD, in conjunction with the Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation, honored 39 members of the LAFD at an awards luncheon. This ceremony, at the Ray Dolby Ballroom in Hollywood, highlighted their distinguished acts of bravery and courage. The following awards were presented:

Medal of Valor is awarded to a sworn member of the Department who has demonstrated bravery at great personal risk to his or her own life, beyond a doubt and clearly above the call of duty, whether on or off duty.

Medal of Merit is awarded to a sworn member, distinguished by performing an act where if not taken, would have resulted in serious injury or present imminent danger to life. The member must have demonstrated a conspicuous act of bravery with calculated personal risk to his or her own life.

Letter of Special Commendation is awarded to any department member who has performed an act during emergency or non-emergency conditions requiring initiative and/or ability worthy of recognition.

Lifetime Achievement Award is given to a retired sworn member of the department who exemplifies the true spirit of service to the community through his or her actions while on active duty and as a retired member.

Each award was based on an extraordinary and brave story. Those stories follow.

Congratulations to each outstanding LAFD member awarded. The Club thanks you for your acts of bravery and courage.

MEDAL OF VALOR

Structure Fire/Life Saved



Firefighter David Mack

Firefighters David Mack and Casey Glynn were on a rescue ambulance, dispatched to a structure fire in a single-family home on 55th Street. Rescue 866 was the first and only fire department resource on scene. A fire was showing from the living room. Firefighters Mack and Glynn were informed by the dispatcher that an occupant was on the phone, trapped inside the house in a bedroom closet.

Firefighter Glynn put on his protective equipment and attempted forcible entry on the rear door. Firefighter Mack forced entry on the front door, and encountered heavy smoke and fire in the living room. He grabbed a garden hose from the yard and began to extinguish the fire in the living room. After the main body of the fire was partially extinguished, Firefighter Mack entered and initiated a search of the structure.

He crawled past the fire room. He began to search the bedroom, including the closet. After failing to find anyone, he crawled toward the rear of the house and located another bedroom, which he searched. He opened the closet door and found the trapped occupant, who had lost consciousness. Firefighter Mack removed his mask and provided air to the downed occupant. He lifted and carried her out of the house to safety with the assistance of Firefighter Glynn, who had gained entry from the rear of the house.

As they exited the house, additional personnel arrived on the scene. The rescued victim was taken to the hospital and survived this near-tragic event. If it were not for the persistent and courageous actions of Firefighter David Mack and the prompt response and teamwork of both firefighters, this victim might not have survived.



Firefighter Casey Glynn (Medal of Merit)

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MEDAL OF VALOR

Metrolink Train Derailment



Firefighter Jesse Franco

On Sept. 12, 2008 a freight train crashed head-on with a Metrolink train in Chatsworth, causing derailment, fire, deaths and injuries. [This crash killed beloved Club Employee Howard Pompel. – Ed.]

When Task Force 87 arrived at the accident site, there were more than 1,000 gallons of fuel and oil on the ground and burning. While others handled extrication of passengers, Firefighters Koneval and Franco were assigned to fire attack.

Firefighters Koneval and Franco advanced a hose line to the freight locomotive, which was engulfed in fire. While fighting the fire, they heard pounding from inside the locomotive. Firefighter Koneval saw that there were people in the locomotive and attempted to remove them. He used his axe, attempting to remove the windshield from the overturned locomotive. He was able to open a softball-sized hole in the windshield. This hole showed acrid pressurized smoke. Firefighter Koneval obtained a rotary saw to cut away further at the windshield. Firefighter Franco stepped in to continue the work of removing the windshield. Both firefighters opened the window and told the train engineer to "kick like your life depends on it."

With this effort, the engineer was able to kick open the window and get out. He reported that his associate was still in the locomotive and needed to be rescued. Without hesitation, Firefighters Koneval and Franco entered the locomotive through the hole they had just cut. It was too small to get through with breathing bottles on, so they both removed the protection of their air bottles, and entered the burning locomotive. The smoke was acrid and banked down inside the train. They traveled 15 feet in search of the other engineer, found him, and pulled him to safety. If not for the actions of these firefighters, the engineers surely would have perished.



Firefighter Kendal Koneval

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MEDAL OF MERIT

Air Operations/Life Saved



Pilot Scott Bowman

On Jan. 22, 2010 the weather in Los Angeles was dismal – rainy and cloudy. A 911 call indicated that a dog was in distress in the Los Angeles River, and that a member of the community was attempting to rescue the dog. The Incident Commander requested a "hoist" rescue operation to retrieve the animal from the swift-moving water in the channel.

The rescue was performed by Pilot Scott Bowman, Firefighter Dan Childs, Firefighter/Paramedic Robert Steinbacher and Firefighter/Paramedic Joe St. Georges. The crew was dispatched to the Los Angeles River near 20th Street, where they found a large dog in distress, unable to find its way out of the water channel. The Department's Swift Water Rescue Team had been unable to reach the animal for a rescue attempt.

In addition to the terrible weather conditions, the team encountered high-power electrical lines in close proximity to the helicopter's rotor system, which added to the difficulty and stress of the rescue attempt. Considerations in this rescue included the bad weather, rising water, increased water speed, animal fatigue and the potential involvement of a civilian. The Incident Commander wanted to rescue the dog and to keep the civilian safe.

Firefighter/Paramedic St. Georges was secured to the hoist. When safety checks were completed, Firefighter Childs began lowering St. Georges from Fire 4, while Firefighter/Paramedic Steinbacher maintained situational awareness in and around the aircraft, continually communicating information to Pilot Bowman.

After the hoist cable had been extended approximately 20 feet below the aircraft, the crew members advised Pilot Bowman that the dog had moved to the left side of the channel, requiring the helicopter to reposition to a less favorable area of the channel, closer to the high power electrical wires and tower. FF/PM St. Georges was retracted back into the helicopter, and it was moved to the left side of the channel.

Then a second rescue attempt was initiated. With a rising water level and increasing water speed, FF/PM St. Georges was again lowered. He knew he would have only one attempt at the rescue. He quickly approached the dog and applied the capture strap. The dog attempted to defend itself and started aggressively biting FF/PM St. Georges' left hand. Even with the dog defending itself, sustaining an acute traumatic injury and in extreme pain, St. Georges did not release the animal, but finished applying the capture strap, securing the dog for rescue.

Firefighter Child retracted St. Georges and the dog from the water channel, and Pilot Bowman "short hauled" the pair to awaiting LAFD personnel on the 20th Street Bridge. While they were being lifted, another element of danger was added. The normal position for rescuer and victim attached to the hoist and capture strap is at a vertical attitude, with a ground tether line to prevent the rescuer and victim from spinning. In this case, due to the dynamics of the capture, St. Georges was forced to maintain a horizontal position, with no tether line, during the hoist retraction. Thus, he and the dog spun in a 360-degree uncontrolled rotation until they were grounded on the bridge.



Firefighter Dan Childs



Firefighter/Paramedic Robert Steinbacher



Firefighter/Paramedic Joe St. Georges

Once the dog was handed off to LAFD personnel, FF/PM St. Georges' injury was evaluated, and he was taken for medical treatment.

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MEDAL OF MERIT

Structure Fire Rescue



Engineer Wolfe Jantz

On Jan. 7, 2008 members of Fire Station 78 were dispatched to a structure fire in North Hollywood. The building was a two-story nightclub.

Engineer Wolfe Jantz was working on Engine 78. His crew was assigned to fire attack. He worked with water supplies, hooking up to the building sprinklers and replacing a broken firefighting line from another company. He laddered the building from the outside, as the fire was burning dangerously on the second floor.

Engineer Jantz climbed up one of the ladders he had previously thrown to the windows and broke out windows, achieving horizontal ventilation. He was unaware of the drama that was occurring inside the burning building. A firefighter inside had become disoriented and lost, and couldn't

find his way out of the building. Because of the window Engineer Jantz had broken, light entered the smoke-filled building. The lost firefighter saw this as his chance to escape. He was in desperate need of rescue because he was running out of air.

Engineer Jantz saw a firefighting helmet come flying out the window, a universal sign that a firefighter needs help.

Engineer Jantz again climbed the ladder to the window and reached into the smoke. The trapped firefighter had collapsed below the window ledge. When Engineer Jantz reached into the smoke, he felt the back of the downed firefighter. He pulled him from the back of his coat up toward the window. The trapped firefighter came out of the window headfirst. Engineer Jantz was able to get him positioned correctly on the ladder and brought him to safety.

If Engineer Jantz had not completed this successful rescue, a firefighter would have been perished.

SPECIAL COMMENDATION

Saving a Colleague's Life



Firefighter Joseph Luna



Firefighter/Paramedic Ivan Covin

The members of Fire Station 61, "C" Platoon, were returning to quarters. Capt. Andre Raya was on Truck 61, when he became unresponsive and subsequently suffered cardiac arrest. The crew on Truck 61 realized that he needed immediate assistance, removed him from the cab of the truck and began resuscitation measures by administering CPR and applying the automatic external defibrillator.

Rescue Ambulance 61 responded and began assisting the members of Truck 61 by initiating advanced life support to Capt. Raya. He regained a pulse and spontaneous respiration. While en route to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, he regained consciousness and although in critical condition, was able to talk to his rescuers.

The quick and professional response that Capt. Raya's crew provided is why he is alive today. Doctors at Cedars stated that without such quick intervention and treatment, his favorable prognosis could have been tragic.



Apparatus Operator Ricardo Garcia



Engineer Christopher Aguirre



Firefighter Raice Wicklas



Firefighter/Paramedic Stanley Miner

SPECIAL COMMENDATION

Metrolink Train Derailment

On Sept. 12, 2008, Task Force, Squad and Rescue 87 responded to a train derailment. There was a head-on collision between a Metrolink commuter train and a Union Pacific freight train. The freight train was engulfed in fire and was impinging on the commuter train. The commuter train's locomotive engine was pushed back through a passenger car, killing and trapping several victims. Heavy equipment was required for extrication. The commuter train containing trapped and dying victims was lying precariously on its side, and was surrounded by more than one thousand gallons of spilled diesel fuel and motor oil.

All members of 87s were assigned to the Extrication Group, tasked with extricating trapped victims and delivering them to the Medical Group for triage treatment and transportation. Without regard for their own personal safety, they entered the unsecured commuter train and began the arduous task of freeing the trapped victims. Despite the physical demands and mental stress, they worked tirelessly for several hours to save every possible victim.

The members worked in confined spaces in tragic conditions. The split passenger car was lying partway on its side and needed to be shored. Fire was burning in the engine of the freight train. Many lives were saved during this operation.

The conspicuous actions taken by these members in rendering aid during life-saving situations, under circumstances that posed calculated risk to all members involved is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Los Angeles Fire Department.



Firefighter Angel Arellano



Firefighter/Paramedic Jeffrey Bader



Capt. William Bugg



Firefighter Adam Chittea



Engineer Steven Domanski



Apparatus Operator Robert Garcia



Engineer Michael Gibson



Firefighter/Paramedic Mario Gonzalez



Capt. Denise Jones



Capt. Thomas Moore



Firefighter Fernando Pattison



Firefighter Peter Pulido



Apparatus Operator Eddie Tapia



Firefighter/Paramedic Victor Villa



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SPECIAL COMMENDATION

Metrolink Train Derailment

Light Force 28 was the second Truck Company on scene at the train derailment in Chatsworth. There was considerable smoke showing and more than 1,000 gallons of diesel fuel and motor oil on the ground where they were working (south side of the crash).

The members of Light Force 28 saved at least one life and removed several bodies from the commuter train. During the extrication effort they were exposed to smoke and the potential for rekindling of the fire. The passenger car was split in half and lying halfway on its side. It wasn't stabilized for nearly two hours, during which the members laddered the passenger car and lowered themselves into the car so they could remove patients and bodies.

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Capt. Scott Cooper



Firefighter Bennie Orrantia



Firefighter James Bizzini



Firefighter Oscar Cespedes



Firefighter Michael Sandoval

SPECIAL COMMENDATION

Off-Duty Vehicle Accident



Capt. Kristin Crowley



Apparatus Operator Hollyn Bullock

On the morning of June 9, 2010, LAFD Division 2 responded to a three-vehicle accident on the northbound 405 at National Boulevard.

First on-scene LAFD members were off-duty A/O Hollyn Bullock and Capt. Kristin Crowley. They were driving north on the 405 and pulled over to assist the injured civilians and CHP Motorcycle Officer Ortiz, who was in traumatic full arrest.

The accident scene presented them with significant challenges: a multi-patient, three-vehicle accident with a vehicle rollover and a patient (Officer Ortiz) ejected into the rear window of the front vehicle. With an active fuel spill, heavy traffic on the freeway and glass and debris throughout the scene, they extricated Officer Ortiz from underneath the debris in the front vehicle and initiated CPR and other measures, along with another off-duty private EMT.

When LAFD rescue vehicles arrived, A/O Bullock and Capt. Crowley made a seamless transfer of care so that Officer Ortiz could be taken to UCLA Medical Center.

Five days after the accident, Capt. Crowley and A/O Bullock visited the family and friends of Officer Ortiz at UCLA. They were moved by the outpouring of support and accolades they received for their valiant efforts. After spending time with Mrs. Ortiz, they were escorted into Officer Ortiz's hospital room, where they paid their respects and wishes for a full recovery.

Eight days later, Officer Ortiz passed away as a result of his injuries. While Officer Ortiz' death has weighed heavily on the minds of Capt. Crowley and A/O Bullock, it must be noted that their quick and decisive actions clearly gave him the best chance for survival.

SPECIAL COMMENDATION

Off-Duty Rescue



Apparatus Operator Doak Smith

While off-duty, Apparatus Operator Doak Smith was leading a group of young hikers in the Santa Monica Mountains. Well into the hike, A/O Smith came upon a child who was a member of another group. The fifth-grade hiker went down with heat exhaustion or heat stroke. The hiker was not in good physical condition and had not hydrated properly. It was a hot day, probably more than 100 degrees, and the boy was overweight.

Doak made arrangements for his group to be supervised, while he administered aid, then carried the boy to the top of the trail. This was a hike of approximately two miles, mostly uphill. Observers say it was an incredible feat of strength, endurance and mental alertness.

The young hiker was taken in a waiting ambulance, and regained his health.

SPECIAL COMMENDATION

Off-Duty Life Saving



Engineer John Raskin

Engineer John Raskin was at an off-duty event for Cypress Elementary School in Ventura, when an eight-year-old boy unexpectedly went into full cardiac arrest while taking part in a run.

The off-duty LAFD member immediately jumped into action and performed CPR until relieved by Ventura County Fire Department Engine 24. After several shocks from the engine company's defibrillator, the child regained pulses.

The LAFD member was credited with making the difference in saving the boy's life.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Capt. James Finn (Retired)

James Finn joined the LAFD Feb. 10, 1968, as a Firefighter. He served at many stations and in various roles and was promoted to Captain in January 1978. He served an amazing 20 years at Fire Station 29. He retired from active duty Aug. 30, 2008.

Jim was a "go to" guy in the department, often a resource or mentor for younger members. His vast knowledge was obtained in part while working on special assignments and volunteer activities for the department. These numerous roles included serving on the 9-1-1 and Automatic Call Distribution Committees, working as a background investigator for new candidates and instructing others to become background investigators, nine years as a department advocate, serving on the Fallen Firefighter Memorial Committee and co-authoring the Fallen Firefighter Memorial Book.

Jim's honors include Wilshire Rotary Firefighter of the Year (2000) and LAFD Firefighter of the Year (2004). The latter is a great honor because it is awarded by the honoree's peers.

In 1998 Jim joined the newly formed LAFD Historical Society while he was still an active

member of the LAFD. This came from a deep commitment to preserving the history of the LAFD and to memorializing its fallen firefighters. Jim took on many volunteer roles, including

construction, maintenance and repairs, equipment restoration, fundraising and chairing events. From this involvement, he blossomed as a leader of the society.

In the years of Jim's participation, the LAFDHS has opened museums in old Fire Station 27 in Hollywood and in old Fire Station 36 in San Pedro, constructed a beautiful LAFD Fallen Firefighters Memorial, and is in the process of restoring old LAFD Fireboat No. 2, the *Ralph J. Scott*.

Jim has been elected to the Board of Directors of the LAFD Historical Society for seven consecutive two-year terms, has been elected as Vice President for eight consecutive terms, and to President for five consecutive terms. This is a testimony to his leadership and to the respect and affection he has earned from his colleagues at the society.

Jim has been married for 44 years to Jeannie, and they have one daughter, Jennifer. All three Finns are native-born Angelenos. Jim's brother Bill also retired as a Captain from LAFD after almost 45 years of service.



Capt. James Finn

Coming Next Month:
Alive! covers the
 LAPD's annual "Above and Beyond"
 ceremony, where the dept.
 honors its bravest.



Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



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Alaska



Renate Siskind, DWP, and her husband spent a week at Denali National Park and Wildlife Preserve in Alaska.

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California



Antonio Mendieta, Traffic Officer, Transportation, recently celebrated his birthday with his daughters, son and sister at Irvine Lake. He brought along latest edition of *Alive!* to read during the "downtime."

3

Missouri



Here's *Alive!* editor **John Burnes** on Route 66 next to the famous Ted Drewes frozen custard stand in St. Louis.

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Denmark



Here's **Arlene Herrero, the Club's Products Manager**, in front of *The Little Mermaid* statue in Copenhagen, Denmark.

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Sweden



Dr. Ed Krupp
Director,
Griffith Observatory

Our favorite traveler/**Observatory Director, Dr. Ed Krupp**, reports from his latest adventures:

"Last July I negotiated a complicated itinerary that took me from Los Angeles to Copenhagen, Denmark, to Sweden (to present a talk at the James Turrell Skyspaces Owners Conference), to New York City, where I presented a paper on the murals of Griffith Observatory at the 8th International Conference on the Inspiration of Astronomy at the American Museum of Natural History and a public lecture on the astronomical dimensions of James Turrell's perceptual art at the Guggenheim Museum.

"I had also arranged in advance a ferry booking from Copenhagen to the island of Hven (which actually belongs to Sweden), where the celebrated 16th-century Danish astronomer Tycho Brahe built two observatories. This was before the invention of the telescope, and with the best engraved metal instruments in the world, Tycho made the best observations of the sky until the invention of the telescope. This achievement is recognized, dramatized and explained in a part of the "Using the Sky" exhibit in the Anne Marie and Jack C. Wilder Hall of the Eye at Griffith Observatory. The earthworks around Tycho's first observatory, his Uraniborg castle observatory, have been preserved, and his second, underground observatory, Stjerneborg, has been reconstructed on the original instrument pits and foundations. The first picture with *Alive!* was taken at Stjerneborg, and the reconstructed superstructures that covered the instruments are visible behind me. The second picture with *Alive!* was taken, of course, in front of Manhattan's Hayden Planetarium, at the American Museum of Natural History."

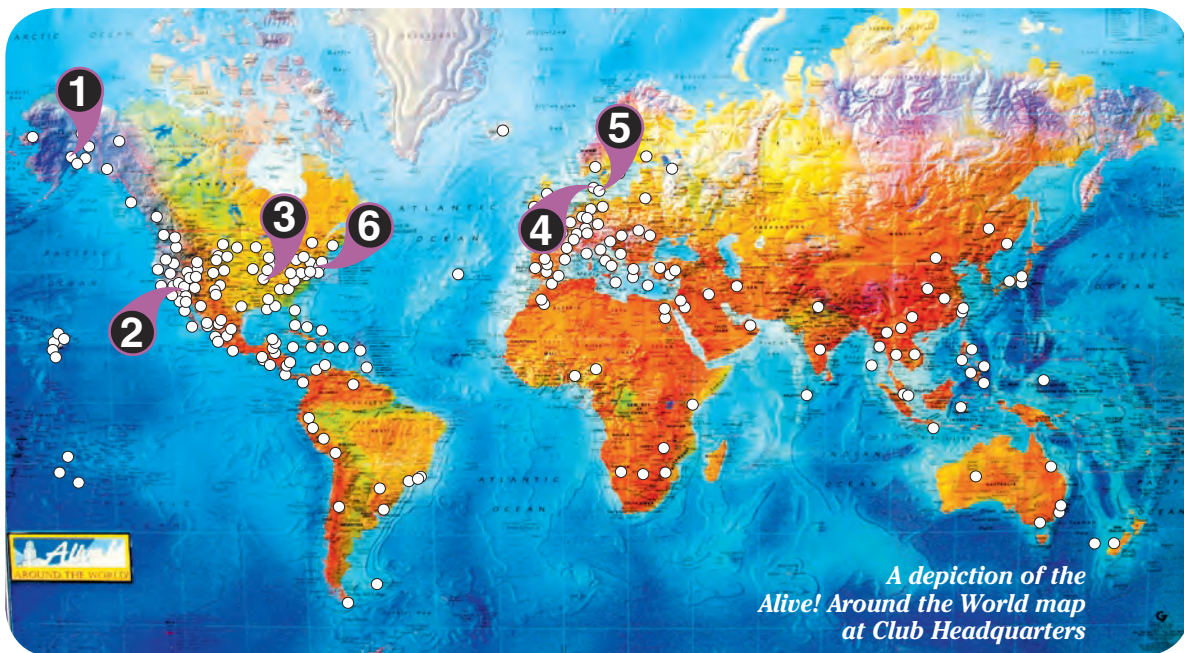
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New York



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

Holiday Happenings

Rec and Parks



Victorian Christmas At Banning

The Banning Museum to host annual Victorian Christmas celebration.

The community is invited to welcome the holiday season at the Banning Museum's Annual Victorian Christmas Celebration and Open House, scheduled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 7 - 8 at the Banning Museum, 401 E. "M" St., in Wilmington.

This free event is open to the public and promises to be a weekend to remember. Visitors will enjoy period entertainment, tours of the museum decorated in holiday splendor, refreshments, a children's craft and a horse-drawn trolley ride between the Banning Museum and Drum Barracks Civil War Museum, which is also presenting a Christmas event that weekend.

In anticipation of the 150th anniversary of the completion of the Banning Mansion, guests will be invited to tour a special exhibit, "150 Years in the Making, 1864-2014." The exhibit reflects upon three separate eras of the mansion: the Banning years, the City years and the Friends years.

Back by popular demand, the event will feature local food and craft vendors, a wreath-making lecture and a blacksmith. As a special treat, a Queen Victoria re-enactor will receive guests for the two days, and Jolly St. Nick will pose for photos with the kids.

The Banning Museum is a Rec and Parks facility, operated in cooperation with Friends of Banning Museum, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to "Preserve History, Promote Education, and Inspire Entrepreneurial Spirit."

Banning Museum Victorian Christmas

When: Friday and Saturday, Dec. 7 - 8
Hours: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Where: The Banning Museum, 401 E. "M" St., Wilmington.

Cost: Free

Regular museum tours:

Dates: Throughout November and December: Tues. - Thurs.: 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.; Sat. - Sun.: 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.
 Closed Christmas Day

Cost (regular tours): \$5 (suggested donation; \$1 for children)

Info: (310) 548-2005 or www.thebanningmuseum.org



A Civil War Christmas

Drum Barracks Museum in Wilmington recalls the holidays of yesteryear.



The community is invited to welcome the holiday season by traveling back in time at the Drum Barracks Museum, the City's only surviving Civil War-era military structure. Experience the holiday as it was celebrated in the Civil War era.

The 14th annual "A Civil War Christmas" is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 7 - 8. Guests can travel in the height of style on the popular horse-drawn, holiday-red trolley. Music will fill the rooms of the Drum Barracks with joyous sounds, and bell ringing will occur. An encampment will be set up on the museum grounds - visit the camp, and learn how Civil War soldiers and their families celebrated the holidays. Arts and crafts of the era will be taught during the weekend, including the decorating of a soldier's Christmas tree. Admission to Drum Barracks is free for this special event.

Drum Barracks Museum is a Rec and Parks facility.

A Civil War Christmas

Dates: Special event: Dec. 7-8
 Regular hours Tues.-Thurs., and Sat.-Sun.
 Closed Christmas Day.

Tickets: Free for special event (tickets for regular tours: \$5 suggested donation)

Address: 1052 Banning Blvd., Wilmington

Info: (310) 548-7509 or www.drumbarracks.org

Council

The Hollywood Christmas Parade

When: 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1
Where: Hollywood, starting at Hollywood Boulevard and Orange Street. See route, above.
Cost: Free; grandstand reserved seating is available starting at \$45.
Parking: Hollywood and Highland Center (fee)
Metro: Red Line station, Hollywood and Highland.
Info: (866) PARADE-1, or www.thehollywoodchristmasparade.com



Christmas On Parade

City's holiday parade is set for Dec. 1.

The Hollywood Christmas Parade, sponsored by the City, is scheduled for 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1, in Hollywood.

The parade, an American tradition for 81 years, is held traditionally the Sunday after Thanksgiving. It will be telecast locally and throughout the nation on the Hallmark Channel (time delay) and in national syndication during December. Check local listings.

Astronaut Buzz Aldrin has been chosen as the Grand Marshal of this year's parade. The parade had been known by



that name for decades. But when it looked likely to die six years ago, the City - notably then-Councilman Eric Garcetti and Mr. LA., Tom LaBonge, Club Member - took charge and restored the parade. The name was then changed to Santa's Hollywood Parade. The original name reverted back four years ago.

This year, the parade plans to work with the Marine Toys for Tots campaign.

The parade will feature entertainers, celebrities, marching bands, floats, equestrian units, food and some reserved grandstand seats, which start at \$45. General admission is free.

The parade starts on Hollywood Boulevard at Orange Street. The U-shaped route follows east to Vine Street, south to Sunset Boulevard and west back to Orange.



Holiday Happenings

Rec and Parks

16 Years of Ice Downtown

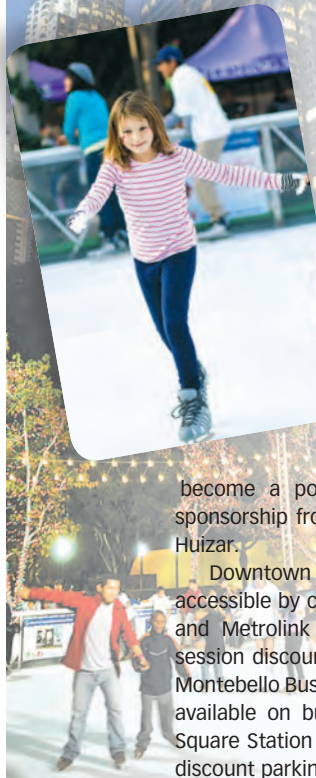
Rec and Parks-sponsored skating venue opens Nov. 14.

Angelenos can “get their glide on” this holiday season at Downtown on Ice outdoor skating rink. An LA tradition and favorite holiday destination, the community rink boasts a medley of free events, including a winter concert series, a Winter Holiday Festival Dec. 14, championship skating exhibitions, broomball games, and more.

Celebrating its 16th season for skating under the sun and stars at picturesque Pershing Square, 532 South Olive, the facility is open every day (including holidays) from Nov. 14 through Jan. 20.

Framed by towering skyscrapers and stunning historical landmarks, the spacious rink has become a popular holiday destination for families, thanks to sponsorship from Rec and Parks and Councilman José Huizar.

Downtown on Ice at Pershing Square is easily accessible by car, bus or Metro. An alliance with Metro and Metrolink allows riders to receive a \$1 skating session discount by showing their transit receipt/pass. Montebello Bus lines also features a \$1 discount coupon available on buses. The convenient stop at Pershing Square Station makes getting there easy. Underground discount parking is available with validation.



Downtown On Ice

When: Nov. 14 through Jan. 20
Where: Pershing Square, downtown at 532 South Olive, across from the Millennium Biltmore Hotel
Hours: Nov. 14 – Dec. 20:
 Monday – Thursday, 11:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.
 Friday, 11:30 a.m. – 11 p.m.
 Sat.-Sun., 10 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Dec. 21 – 30
 10 a.m. – 11 p.m. daily
Dec. 24:
 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Dec. 25, Dec. 31 – Jan. 1:
 10 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Jan. 2 – Jan. 20:
 Mon-Thurs.: 11:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.
 Fri.-Sat.: 10 a.m. – 11 p.m.
 Sunday: 10 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Info: laparks.org/pershingsquare/
 or call (213) 847-4970.
 Facebook: facebook.com/PershingSquareLA





Donate to the Toy Drive!

As part of its Club Angels program, the Club is gearing up its annual Holiday Toy Drive, held in conjunction with a number of City-related toy drives. Drop off your unwrapped toys to the Club Store soon – by the first week of December – and we’ll take it from there!

It’s best to bring an unwrapped toy that’s not fragile. In these economic times, please be generous!



Bring your donations to:

City Employees Club of Los Angeles
 120 West 2nd Street
 Los Angeles, CA 90012
 (888) 777-1744

The Club



Be a Holiday Angel

Club’s charity, Club Angels, continues its campaign to help those around us in need.

During the fall and winter, Club Angels, the Club’s charity, helps those around us in need with blankets and buckets of supplies, and other forms of assistance.

Club Members can give to this full-fledged charity. So far this year, Club Angels has raised nearly \$3,500 toward its goal of \$5,000. Last year, Club Angels raised approximately \$2,100.

Club Angels is the Club’s umbrella organization that supports the Club’s charitable outreach. Los Angeles City Employees Charities, Inc. – the Club Angels program – is a Club-derived charity that formalizes the Club’s charitable initiatives. Club Angels now includes the charitable outreaches you read about here in *Alive!* – including the Buckets and Blankets program, plus the Joannie Mukai Club Scholarships, the Club Holiday Toy Drive, and other initiatives – and builds a framework for others to come.

John Hawkins, Club Angels board member, said: “A bucket of personal goods and a blanket during the cold months can make a huge difference to those living on the streets. We all can make a difference.”

Helping Those in Need

In 2012, the charity’s first year, Club Angels raised more than \$2,100. With that sum, Club Angels bought more than 300 blankets for the residents of the streets of downtown Los Angeles. Club Angels contributed the remainder to the Mukai Scholarships and other City Employees charities.



Thank you for helping us help the homeless!

Club Angels

Yes! I want to help those in need. Count me in.

Place this completed form (with your check made out to Club Angels) in the mail to the address below, or drop off at the Club Store, 120 West 2nd St., downtown. Donations will be acknowledged with official letters of receipt.

Payment method:

Club Angels accepts checks of any amount

Send checks (with this form) to:

Club Angels
 311 S. Spring St., Suite 1300
 Los Angeles, CA 90013



Please provide the following information so we can send you a receipt:

Name _____

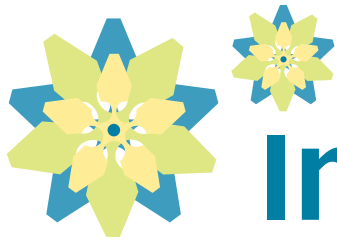
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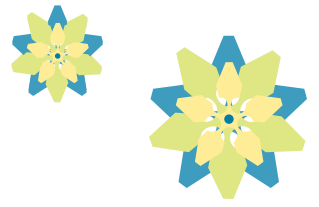
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Welcome New Members!
The Club gives a great big welcome to these new members, who recently joined the Club:

New Members

Airports

Roman Acevez
Timothy Armenta
Kenneth Christ
Gilbert Duarte
Raquel Fierro
Maria Flores
Bruce Francis
Eliseo Galarza
Juan Gallardo
Alejandro Garibay
Delonnie Gillard
Rebeca Guardado
Maria Gutierrez
Jeanine Jenkins
Ana Lopez
Jessica Lopez
Julio Martinez
Rene Morales
Veronica Orozco
Kieron Pinn
Meraj Qadar
Aristotle Ramos
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Areen Ibranossian

CDD

Khalid Ali
Christine Saldivar

Finance

Isaac Nwachukwu

LAFD

Daniel Ferrari
John Garnica
Javier Honles
David Tamura

Fire and Police Pensions

Joni Chavez

General Services

Manuel Labrador
Marco Mejia

Harbor

Michael Dawson
Yolanda Mativa

Housing

James Casner II
Jesse Jen Chia Chen
Charlene Dubose
Edwin Gipson

ITA

Carlos Octoman

Convention Center

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Noel De Paz
Leslie Hayes
Denise Lewis

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Arthur Antonio

Mo Choi
Samuel Davis
Tanya Eppenger-Townsend
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Long-Term Care and Retirement Needs

Assess your need for long-term care when planning for your retirement.

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In Memoriam

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

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Cabrillo Marine Aquarium plans to celebrate the 44th anniversary of the annual Whale Fiesta from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 26.

This fun-filled family event, co-sponsored by Cabrillo Marine Aquarium and the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Cetacean Society, celebrates marine mammals, and the beginning of the migration of the Pacific gray whales along Southern California.

More than 20 marine life organizations will exhibit and provide information about their efforts to bring awareness and protection to these animals. Throughout the day, Cabrillo Whalewatch naturalists will give talks on various marine mammals.

Each year Cabrillo builds a life-sized whale out of sand! Grab your shovels and come lend a hand. The highlight of the day is the "Great Duct Tape Whale Contest", where model whales are created by all ages. Other special activities throughout the day will include face painting, music, marine mammal-related arts and crafts projects for all ages, a puppet show, a life-sized walk-through whale and a passport



contest for fabulous prizes.

The celebration's grand finale will be "Whale Dynamics," where participants will be transformed into a single "living whale."

The Aquarium's Exploration Center, Aquatic Nursery and the Marine Library will be open to visitors from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Spend the whole day enjoying the many activities; there is no admission charge.

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. For more information, call (310) 548-7562 or go to www.cabrillomarinaquarium.org.

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ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies

• *In the cinema***Captain Phillips**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

I can easily watch the film *Captain Phillips* while ignoring the controversy that has surrounded the film over the real Capt. Richard Phillips and his actions that led to the hostage situation he found himself in. Others may not, but when viewing the film as it was shot and watching the masterful performance of Tom Hanks as Capt. Phillips, it is easy to see why so much praise has been directed toward the film despite the controversy. It is a great film with a great story – though it seems as though it strays heavily from the real-life drama that inspired it.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2

Rated PG

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

I was expecting a little more charm from *Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2* – after all, the first film delivered a surprisingly charming and delightful story that entertained both kids and adults. But this sequel is lacking in some of the charm that made the first one special and instead decided to focus on the jokes and gags to get it through. They do, to a certain extent, but it falls just a bit short of what the first film presented. All in all though, this film is still fun to watch, and the young ones definitely will fall for this one.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Gravity

Rated PG-13

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

I am still in shock after watching Alfonso Cuarón's space drama *Gravity*. Forget the impressive and awe-inspiring special effects, those are just frosting on the cake where I am concerned; the real juicy bit of this film is the near-perfect performance by Sandra Bullock as Dr. Ryan Stone. This is what will probably be considered the performance of her career when all is said and done. George Clooney is great in the film as well, but Bullock's performance in what is essentially a two-person performance is so powerful and so moving, I would be hard

pressed to find a better performance this year.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Kick-Ass 2

Rated R

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Kick-Ass 2 definitely lacks the originality and punch that the first film had, and its shock and awe value have diminished as well, but a couple of strong performances and a good mix of action certainly keep this film from completely failing. To be fair, I enjoyed the movie quite a bit. I found the story involving Hit-Girl (wonderfully portrayed by Chloe Grace Moretz) the best in the film, and her scenes are the best you will see in the film as well – action or otherwise. I wish it would have been a bit more fun, but it did entertain.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Thanks for Sharing

Don Jon

Both Rated R

My Score: Sharing: 3/5; Don Jon 4/5

In *Thanks for Sharing*, Adam (Mark Ruffalo) is a recovering sex addict who can't have a TV in his hotel room or use a smart phone for that reason and still attends meetings – will he ever be able to have a relationship? Other characters represent the funnier and darker aspects of addiction: Neil (Josh Gad) is the lovable buffoon, and Mike (Tim Robbins) the serious family man and counselor to the others in group sessions. Their lives are torn apart and then held together by their particular addiction, which sees them battling the salacious media around them on a daily basis.

In *Don Jon*, Joseph Gordon-Levitt wrote, directed and plays the Jon of the title. His gym-loving Jon is also churchgoing, clean, hangs with his buddies, dutifully sees his family and oh, is addicted to porn. It preoccupies his mind, his routine is built around it, and no real woman can compare until he meets Barbara (Scarlett Johansson) and he starts to believe in a real relationship. But how can reality compete with his manipulated media women? It's trying times for the Don in a not-too-heavy plot helped by excellent ensemble acting throughout.

– Dearbhla McNulty Burnes, Club Wife

Book Reviews

W Is for Wasted

Sue Grafton

*Women's Fiction, 486 pages, Penguin***My Score: 5 (out of 5)**

This, the continuing saga of female private investigator Kinsey Millhone, takes place in Santa Teresa, Calif. in October 1988. Kinsey must determine why a dead homeless man, Terence Dace, has Kinsey's information on a piece of paper, and if the death of a fellow private investigator, Pete Wolinsky, is somehow connected. There is a safe deposit box in which Terence had left \$500,000 to Kinsey and long-lost relatives, which Kinsey didn't know she had.

This is the 23rd Kinsey Millhone novel by

Sue Grafton, and it is superb.

– Linda Rorex, Personnel

The Promise of Stardust

Priscille Sibley

*Family Fiction, 416 pages, Harper Collins***My Score: 5 (out of 5)**

This is a love story about Matt Beaulieu and Elle McClure. Matt must decide to keep Elle on life support to keep their unborn child alive after Elle sustained an injury from a traffic accident.

This beautifully touching and heart-warming story will keep your hopes up on making decisions at the end of life.

– Linda Rorex, Personnel

On a Screen Near You

• *Movies via DVDs, downloads and streaming***Planes**

Rated PG

My Score: 1 (out of 5)

Do not be confused by this film! While it is based on the Cars universe created by Pixar, *Planes* is a soulless, empty shell of a movie whose visuals and story are enough to entertain the younger set of viewers. But anyone seeing the film with an education level above the 7th grade will find the film dull and severely lacking. Based on a Pixar creation, *Planes* is actually produced by DisneyToon Studios, not Pixar; and as such, a lot of the storytelling magic just isn't there. Kids will love the film; everyone else will be bored out of their minds.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

We're the Millers

Rated R

My Score: 2 (out of 5)

I was hoping that *We're the Millers* would have been a better film than what I ultimately saw, but it still made me chuckle a few times here and there. Still, the film is utterly way too predictable to be seriously funny, and most of the jokes are rehashed from other films of its kind. Oddly enough, Jennifer Aniston, who I usually cannot stand, delivered the best performance in the whole film and definitely stole the show with young co-star Emma Roberts delivering the next-best performance. Still, unless you have really been waiting to see this one, skip it.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Video Gaming

• *Video games via online, rental or purchase***Disgaea D2: A Brighter Darkness**

Rated T for Teen

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Fans of the *Disgaea* series of videogames should definitely fall in love with *Disgaea D2: A Brighter Darkness*. A direct sequel to 2003's *Disgaea: Hour of Darkness*, this game has everything that made the original game fun and immersive for all those strategy role-playing gamers out there. It has the same kind of storytelling with a revamped battle system that makes it more fun and intuitive at the same time. While JRPG strategy fans will be turned off by the story and anime-like presentation, true fans of the genre will love almost everything about this PS3 exclusive.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Disney Infinity

Rated E10+ for Everyone 10+

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

If you or your loved ones are fans of the Skylanders series of games, then *Disney Infinity* is just up your alley. Using the same game mechanics as *Skylanders*, *Disney Infinity* utilizes miniature figurines to unlock new characters and abilities in the game that is comprised of various popular Disney properties – and all interconnected and interactive with one another. Well, at least to a certain degree. This game is best suited for families with children aged between 7 and 15, but gaming collectors would be wise to pick up the collectible figurines as well. I highly recommend this game, available for all major consoles.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD



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They created profiles all across the country, which led to some shocking and hilarious results!

The profiles ranged from a museum employee who thinks life was better in the 1800s to a man who

wants to get married now to someone... anyone. While the fake profiles might be off-putting at first, the quest for love is universal. In the end, *Undateable* is uplifting and fun, proving there really is someone out there for everyone... even Tracy and her dream of a house full of cats!

Undateable stars Chris Alvarado, Rob Belushi, Amanda Blake Davis, Kate Duffy, Bob Ladewig and Robyn Norris. Musical direction by Dan Wessels. Directed by Frank Caeti. Admission is \$10. It runs every Friday at 9 p.m.

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SEEN Around Town
 By Jennifer Shackelford
 Club Application Coordinator

Ruddy's General Store Museum

There are lots of great things to eat, see and explore in Palm Springs. Caught up in the excitement of shopping and site-seeing, one could easily wander past a little museum on the way to the next hot spot. Situated in the center of Downtown Palm Springs, Ruddy's General Store Museum is an authentic recreation of a general store from the 1930s and 40s.

Jim Ruddy gathered all these products, still in their original containers, original signage and antique store fixtures over 35 years. Thread, coffee and crackers. Salves, detergents and pills. Signage from Dad's rootbeer, Bickmore Gall Salve and a dozen others proudly grace the walls along with metal graters, meat grinders and washboards. Vicks, Ivory and Camay. Soap flakes of all sorts. It's a wonderful little peak into a specific section of life in our country. I clearly remember my grandmother having some of these products in her house and it was great fun to wander about and see which companies are still around. It's a great way to spend a part of an afternoon and at 95 cents, you can't beat the entry fee.

Ruddy's General Store Museum is located at 221 South Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs.




THE SMART MOVE

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

Critical Illness Can Upset Your Retirement Planning



You have worked hard to plan for an enjoyable retirement. You've thought carefully about your pension, deferred comp and other sources of retirement income. But what would happen to all your plans if you had a heart attack or stroke or were diagnosed with cancer today or even a few years from now? The upside is that your chances of recovery are very good. However, things like out-of-pocket medical expenses or alternative treatments can run you tens or even hundreds of thousands of dollars. If you had to prematurely sell investments or stop investing altogether for a while to manage the cost of recovery, your portfolio may never recoup the losses. Using your current investments could have a long-term impact on your portfolio, which may be difficult to recover from. Your retirement income goals could fall short of allowing you to retire on your terms.

One strategy that makes sense is to re-direct a small portion of what you invest each year toward purchasing critical illness insurance. This solution helps keep your investment portfolio intact because it pays a lump sum amount if you are diagnosed with and survive one of the covered illnesses.

Critical illness insurance is valuable protection that you need to know about. It can help protect your retirement saving and preserve your lifestyle while relieving the financial burden of suffering from a serious illness. How does it work? If you become ill, you will be paid a lump sum amount that you can use any way you choose, including:

- Taking an extended leave from work
- Having a family member take time off to be with you
- Traveling for treatment
- Covering everyday expenses like mortgage payments and retirement savings contributions

The Club's new partner, Dearborn National Insurance, is a leader in critical illness insurance, having been the first U.S. company to develop and distribute this type of policy.

Patrick Miller represents Dearborn Insurance, the Club's new partner for two areas— critical illness insurance and retirement income. Currently, the Club offers three Dearborn products: the Security Builder Plan, the Timber Ridge Critical Illness Plan, and Paycheck Protection Plus. Ask your Club Counselor for details.



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Cooking with the Club

with Chef Robert Larios



ANA'S GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE

Everyone can make a green bean casserole with condensed mushroom soup and French fried onions, but few can make this version. It is probably because it takes more time to prepare and cook, and therefore it requires more love. My sister, Ana, has perfected this green bean casserole over the years, and it is now a favorite side dish at the family Thanksgiving dinner. It is still very easy to make, but the flavors are off the charts. Ana knows what she is doing! If you are trying to stay healthy and keep the calories low, then feel free to substitute other ingredients including low fat cheddar cheese, and low fat sour cream or olive oil instead of butter. Enjoy, and Happy Thanksgiving!

Chef Larios

Ana's Green Bean Casserole

Serves 4 to 6

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt and a pinch of freshly cracked pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon white sugar
- 1/4 cup finely diced onion
- 1 1/2 cups green beans (French style recommended)
- 3/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup breadcrumbs
- 2 teaspoons butter

Cooking TIDBIT

You may use heavy cream instead of sour cream. Also, if you like butter... then by all mean use more of it.

[A Cook's Dictionary]



French Green Beans:

Any young, green string bean, all of which (including the pod) can be eaten. Frenched or French green beans are those that have been cut lengthwise into very thin strips.

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Food Fact

Our poll of City Employees revealed the top five foods they think about for fall. From first to last: apple cider, spicy chili, hot cocoa, pumpkin pie and gingerbread cookies.

DIRECTIONS:



1 Begin by pre-heating the oven to 350 F. In a large skillet, melt the butter over medium heat. Then stir in flour, stirring for one minute. Add salt, sugar, onion and sour cream.



2 And then, don't forget to stir in the green beans.



3 Transfer the mixture to a casserole dish and add the cheese. Then add the breadcrumbs. Spray nonstick cooking spray to help prevent burning the bread crumbs. I like to add more cheese on top, but that is optional.



4 Bake for 30 minutes in the oven or until the cheese is bubbling at the top. Switch from bake to broil for about five minutes to get a crispy texture at the top.



5 Plate and serve!

CLUB SPORTS

News from Sports Leagues sponsored by the City Employees Club of Los Angeles • Nov. 2013



Club Softball League

From the Commish

Be Careful Turning Third Base

By Lady Smith

In the October Issue of *Alive!*, I warned runners about turning third base! It appears that many teams in the City Employees Club Softball League have outfielder-women who can throw runners out at home plate. It is a well-kept secret until one unthinking competitor attempts to score, and then without warning, the missile is launched and the target is taken out at the plate.

It is the hope of a City Club softball team to make it to the championships, and a plus if they can get through the playoffs keeping their secret weapon out of the hands of the media! Oh well!

"The most exciting plays are unexpected," said a team supporter. "Just when you think the play is over, suddenly the teams go after another runner, then another runner! Very exciting! I get very animated when I see women outplaying the men. I want to holler and scream cheers for them!"

Although the teams feel as though they are individually the best, the City Employees Club Softball League is more and more competitively matched as the seasons go on. Every year, teams bring their energy, strategy, and, in their arsenal, that secret weapon.

Friendly competition, socializing, camaraderie, cheering and unveiling that secret weapon are what you'll find at the championship game, Wednesday night, Nov. 6, starting at 7:30 p.m. at Downey Park downtown.

Come support! But be careful turning third base!



The Club's Commissioner of Softball: **Lady Smith**, Fire and Police Pensions



Playoff Time!

The playoffs began Oct. 30 at Downey Park. Another successful season will end with the championship game Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m. Highlights and pictures will be available in the December newspaper. All are welcome to attend these exciting games. Downey Park is at 1772 N. Spring St. downtown.

The Club thanks all the teams for participating and looks forward to seeing them back next year.



Club Basketball League



Games are played at the Exposition Recreation Center, 3980 S. Menlo Ave., Los Angeles. All are welcome to see the games played at 7 and 8 p.m. There are no games scheduled for Nov. 28 in observance of Thanksgiving.

This season's teams are:

- Traffic Jam** (Transportation)
- Rec and Park Hoopers** (Rec and Parks)
- DOT Outlaws** (Transportation)
- Rebels** (Airports)
- Blue Dragons** (Public Works/Street Lighting)
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- LBC Ballers** (LA County)
- City Hall Ballers** (ITA)
- Expo** (Rec and Parks)

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Sign Up Mondays!

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- Club Soccer League
- Club Softball League
- Club Basketball League
- Running Club



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Happy Thanksgiving



- ...reminds us of the importance of family.
- ...reminds us of the importance of friends.
- ...reminds us that working hands have dignity.
- ...reminds us to be grateful for our blessings.
- ...reminds us we are all part of the human family.
- ...reminds us how grateful we are for you.

From The Club



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Members Marketplace

New Ads This Month!

1965 El Camino: 496 inches. 871 blower, dyno 765 horsepower, 4 wheel power disc brakes, power steering, Ford 9 inch, munice m20 trans, airbags. \$30,000. D. Jackson @ (310) 628-3477. 11/13

2 Cemetery Plots: Side by side, Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, CA in the Garden of Carnation; graves 3-4, Lot 2711; Sale \$4,100, plus transfer fees; for both. Rosie P. @ (323) 578-9236 between 3pm to 7pm. 11/13

For Sale: 2 vacant lots in beautiful Lake Elizabeth. Approximately 1,500sf. total, street to street. Surveys have been done. New homes in the area. Seller is willing to carry a second note with 50% down in building your dream home. All utilities and lake nearby. \$39,000. Frances @ (805) 583-5321. 11/13

Jeans: 12 pairs of used 511 Levi's jeans, \$200. Size 34 X 30, good condition. Owner lost over 50 lbs. Tina @ (323) 388-5204. 11/13

Pedal Fire Truck: Reduced price \$250! Collectible kids org. Real light & bell, rear wooden working ladder & rudder wheels, never used original condition. Replica would be \$400. Info @ (805) 477-2866. 11/13

Hand & Power Tools: For remodeling home - call for additional info. George @ (818) 764-2091. 11/13

Trundle Bed: Reduced price \$250! White metal frame w/floral knobs, w/2 sets of sheets, 1 new in package, + 1 comforter & 3 pillow shams, both mattresses are upgraded. Info @ (805) 477-2866. 11/13

Roll Top Desk: Reduced price \$200! Oak, w/ chair, space saver has 4 drawers in front & 3 on back left side, all porcelain knobs. Info @ (805) 477-2866. 11/13

Roll Top Desk: Reduced price \$275! Oak, w/chair & 7 drawers. 2 large filing drawers & inside top has 4 small w/locking cabinet & cubby holes. Interior under cabinet lights. Info @ (805) 477-2866. 11/13

2006 Harley Davidson: Dyna Street Bob. Mileage 4277. New battery, trickle charger & cover. KBB: \$8,125. Asking \$7,200 OBO. Info @ (805) 320-6128, Ventura Area. 11/13

Engagement Ring: 3.83 carat w/wedding band. EGL certified, VVS2 clarity, H color. \$6,500 OBO. Appraised at \$15K! Info @ (213) 507-0855. 11/13

Transport

Pioneer RV 2003: Original owner, amazing condition. 30 ft. sleeps 8, 1 pop-out, AC, TV, DVD. Full bath, awning needs replacing. \$6,000 OBO. Kevin @ (626) 786-3078. 10/13

Sea-Do: 2005 Bombardier GTX Supercharged w/pull trailer. Needs minor servicing; it's been sitting for a while. Michelle @ (951)-796-4565 & make an offer! 10/13

Coachmen RV 2005: Purchased in 06 in excellent condition. 27 ft. Sleeps 8-10. 2 pop-outs, AC, 2 awnings, full bath w/extra outdoor shower. \$15,500 OBO. Fernando Torres @ (562) 900-9229. 9/13

2004 Toyota Tundra: DBL CAB 4.6L V8. 224,000 miles. \$6,000 OBO. Paul @ (626) 991-5507. 9/13

2003 Toyota Sequoia: Limited. Power windows, leather seats, very low mileage, 37,000 miles. \$14,999. James @ (626) 919-5209. 9/13

2000 Ford Mustang: V6 convertible, \$4,200. 110,000 miles, automatic, new paint, no dents, clean interior, new headlamps w/hid, new cowl vents, rear spoiler, new chin spoiler, new tires w/brand new Ford oem 17" rims. No trades, cash only. Tags good till Jan 2014. Frank @ (323) 252-6011. 8/13

Tires & Rims: For original 2012 Ford F150. 6x135 Michelin P255 65 R17 LTX AS. Used for only 2,500 miles. \$400 firm. Johnny @ (323) 545-7007 between 5pm & 8:30pm. 8/13

2005 Harley Davidson Road Glide: W/dual backrests & detachable trunk. Lots of chrome & accessories, mileage 19,000. \$12,000 OBO. Theodore @ (661) 477-5896. 8/13

Harley Motorcycle: 1985 Super-glide. \$5,000. John @ (909) 593-5835 or japete43@gmail.com 7/13

2011 Toyota Tundra: 4x2 DBL CAB, 4.6L V8 8100 miles. 23,900 OBO. Info @ (562) 665-7127. 6/13

2011 Chevy Silverado: Crew Cab LTZ, 22,500 miles. Warranty! Navigation, leather interior, heated bucket seats, loaded! \$31,900 OBO. Kelly @ (661) 733-2411. 5/13

Harley Helmet: Brand new, black. Sells in stores for \$300, selling for \$180 OBO. Info @ (213) 447-9838. 5/13

3-Wheel Moped: Blue, 2011, practically new, purchased for \$2,800. Selling for \$1,600. Frank @ (323) 240-3595. 5/13

2012 Camaro LS: Reduced price \$19,500! Xclnt condition inside & out. 12,000 mi, auto, 6-cyl silver w/blk racing stripe & blk steel whls. Robert @ (951) 334-3649. 5/13

'96 Camaro: Original owner, 105K miles. Major work done. Runs well. Needs minor touching up. New tires & belts. \$3,500 OBO, as is. Dave @ (424) 256-9018. 4/13

Tires & Wheels: 4 original 2011 Toyota Tundra wheels w/Michelin P255/70R18 tires. Used only 5000 miles. \$350 OBO. Ernie @ (310) 908-0433. 3/13

2006 Volvo: Flint gray, V50 SW. Sports package, fair cond & 138K highway miles. Valued btw \$6,500-\$8,800. Price negotiable. Denise @ (323) 697-8299. 2/13

1992 Mercury Grand Marqui LS: Good condition, low miles. "As Is". \$2,993. Alvin Williams @ (310) 764-4478. 2/13

Harley: Factory paint job; USB power commander & drag tuner; Freedom 2 into 1 exhaust; CNC ported heads w/forged pistons & adjustable push rods; S & S gear driven cams 258; 42mm injectors; green LED lights; 6 speed trans; chrome; progressive 440 shocks. All work done @ Harley dealership w/ printouts. Many performance upgrades, 4,000 miles on engine build. Last dyno at 125hp 135ftq. 26,000 miles. \$16,500. Richard @ (805) 208-4406. 2/13

2008 Providence 40X Diesel RV: 360HP Cummings 8.3 L, 5-speed Allison transmission. 35,000 miles w/3 slide outs, 5-TVs, many upgrades. Reduced price \$130K. Mike White @ (661) 904-2234. 2/13

Cemetery Plots

2 Cemetery Plots: Rose Hill Memorial Park (Benevolence). Lot 1430, Graves 1 & 2. \$4,500 for both or \$2,300 a piece. Lincoln Lai @ (310) 542-9997. 10/13

Crypt Double Capacity: Inglewood Cemetery, Sunset Mission Mausoleum, Sanctuary of Grace, 243 double capacity crypt Tier-3. \$10,000. Dennis Carter @ (661) 433-1912. 8/13

1 Cemetery Plot: One space for 2. Oakdale Memorial Park, Glendora. \$3,300. Jose or Juanita @ (818) 799-3516. 8/13

2 Cemetery Plots: The Gardens Lot (354) in Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier. Graves 3 & 4 (side by side). \$4,800 for both or (1) \$2,500. Karen Hunter Hill @ (661) 317-5922. 6/13

4 Cemetery Plots: Side by side, Westminster Memorial Park, Garden of Devotion. \$3,000 ea; \$5,500 for 2; \$10,000 for 4, + transfer fee. Allene @ (310) 376-2006. 3/13

Furniture

Bedroom Set: Gently used, 8-piece whitewashed pine. Pieces include: twin bed, twin bunkie board, 3-drawer under bed, 6-drawer dresser, 4-drawer desk, hutch (for desk), desk chair & bookcase. Must see to appreciate. \$1,000 OBO. Nancy Cammarata @ (213) 216-3780. 10/13

Furniture: Solid oak dining table w/6 chairs, \$300 OBO. Oak finish coffee table & 1 end table \$45 OBO. Call after 4:30pm @ (909) 731-2762. 10/13

Estate Moving Sale: Assorted furniture including: Entertainment center, couch sets, chair sets, coffee & side tables. To schedule a viewing, call (909) 244-2469 or (909) 440-6364. 9/13

Roll Top Desk: looks like it could be over 100 years old. \$150 OBO. John @ (909) 593-5835. 9/13

Table Set: Rattan & glass, in good condition w/4 chairs & pillows. \$350. Tanya, after 5pm @ (323) 778-8297. 7/13

Entertainment Center: Plummers, fits "32" TV. Good condition. \$100. Must pickup. Michael @ (310) 534-2181. 5/13

Custom Made Sofa: 7 feet, queen mattress, excellent condition, \$375 OBO. Nicole @ (310) 308-1523 or (323) 766-1876. 1/13

Homes/Rentals/Land

Room for Rent: Whittier, CA. 605 x 60 fwy; Xtra large room recently remodeled & furnished w/ queen bed, in-wall entertainment center. Includes use of laundry & kitchen facility, share full restroom. No restriction street parking. Male roommate preferred. Avail: Dec 2013, \$700/ mo. Info: John @ (626) 757-5341 or jgonzlez@hotmail.com 10/13

For Rent: Lovely condo in LA/Westchester. 1 BD/1BA, kitchen, living room, dining room, 2-car garage. New paint, hardwood floors, stove, dishwasher, elevator, washer/dryer hookup, windows & fixtures. Very quiet. Close to public transportation. More details @ (310) 365-1868. 10/13

For Rent: 5 unit cozy apartment, 2BD/1 BA, 2-car garage/no pets. \$1,200/mo. + security deposit. 5347 Oakland St., 90032. Miranda @ (626) 422-1020. 10/13

For Rent OR Sale: Lancaster 2BD/1.5BA townhouse, 2 stories. Nice complex: small & clean w/pool, jacuzzi & tennis courts. Located near hospital, uspo, transportation, markets, stores, parks, schools & 14. New paint, flooring & newer kitchen cabinets. Half bath downstairs, full bath upstairs w/large round tub. Small interior patio, bar area, balcony, electric fireplace, attached 2-car garage. \$1,000/mo. Renting 1 year lease or more. No pets. App process, credit checks & docs required. OR for sale @ \$90,000. Info @ (323) 919-1163. 10/13

For Rent: 3BD/2BA House. Totally renovated, laundry area inside, granite countertops, hardwood floors & private garage. A MUST see!! Located at 1612 W. 82nd St. LA, Section 8 welcome. \$2,100/2,150 mo. Info @ (310) 387-6106. 9/13

For Rent: 3BD/2BA Townhouse, new carpet, new tile flooring, large bedrooms & bath, located near 110 fwy, shopping stores & public transportation. Must see Townhouse located at 10808 S. Hoover St. LA, Section 8 welcome, no pets. \$1,500/mo. Info @ (323) 293-2006. 8/13

For Rent: Pacific Palisades: 1BD/1BA, new appliances, freshly painted, nice patio, 1 carport. Must be 62 or over & qualify for low income rental through the City Affordable Housing Dept. (Not section 8) No smoking. \$1,500/mo + (1st & last months rent) 2 months security deposit. Please call only if you qualify. Grace @ (310) 459-1564 or Robyn (310) 795-3795. 8/13

For Rent: 2BD/2BA, extra large living room, dining room w/stove, air condition, walk-in closets. 4-unit building. Located at 2232 S. Sycamore Avenue, LA, 90016. \$1,350/1,400. Downtown, Culver City convenient. Gail @ (323) 313-3231. 8/13

For Rent: Downtown LA: huge 2BD/2BA, 4-unit building, 3rd floor (no elevators). Skyline view from balcony. Convenient to Academy/Pasadena/Glendale/Chinatown/Dodger Stadium/Silverlake & the 5/2/110/101 frwys. \$1,200/mo. 1 year lease, no pets, app process, credit check. Info @ (323) 919-1163. 8/13

For Rent: Bakersfield: 2BD/1BA. Totally remodeled w/brand new: flooring, kitchen cabinets, granite countertop & paint. Located near 5/58. Close to stores, parks, schools, etc. Carport covered parking. \$900/mo. 1 year lease, no pets, app process, credit check. Info @ (323) 919-1163. 8/13

For Rent: Bakersfield: 1BD/1BA. Totally remodeled. Located near 5/58. Close to stores, parks, schools, etc. Carport covered parking. \$550/mo. 1 year lease, no pets, app process, credit check. Info @ (323) 919-1163. 8/13

For Sale: By owner. Bakersfield: 2 houses on a lot! Great investment/retirement income or live in 1 & rent the other! Front house is 2BD/1BA. Totally remodeled w/brand new: flooring, kitchen cabinets, granite countertop & paint—rents for \$900/mo. Back house is 1BD/1BA—rents for \$550/mo. Located near the frwys 5/58. Close to stores, parks, schools, etc. Carport covered parking. Listed for \$130,000. Seller selects services. Info @ (323) 919-1163. 8/13

For Sale: By owner. Acton: Great property to live in while working or in retirement, near Acton train station. Live a clean, country life on almost 3 acres - your own mini-ranch! 3BD/2BA. Currently rented out for \$1,000/mo & tenant pays their utilities- 1 year lease expires 7/31/14. Wake up to beautiful mountains at the front & back of house & the sounds of farm animals - not the city noise! Enough space to store your vehicles & toys. Location near the 5, off the 14. Listed for \$130,000. Seller selects services. Info @ (213) 486-4606. 8/13

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Household Items

Tools: Home repair tools, hand & power tools. Info @ (818) 764-2091. 7/13

Household Items: (All OBO) China Cabinet w/ matching table & chairs \$300; BD Dresser w/mirror \$150; Stand-up lamp \$25; Sofa & chair \$125. Steve/ Linda @ (818) 506-4024. 3/13

Miscellaneous

Musical Items: Casiotone 401 keyboard. Includes foot pedal, instruction manual, cover, song books-\$100. Seth Thomas Metronome \$40. Library desk (shown) \$50. Photos available. Frances @ (310) 324-3117. 10/13

Shampooer/Vacuum: New Kirby cleaner. Shampooer used once, no other parts used. Paid \$1,400. Asking \$700 OBO. Robert Valdez: rvaldez95@roadrunner.com 9/13

Beer Steins: From 1978-2002, \$25 each. Info @ (805) 477-2866. 9/13

Collector Comic Books: 1960s-1980s. \$2.50 each & up, discounts for purchasing complete sets - Spiderman, Fantastic Four, The Thing & many others. John @ (951) 203-4438. 8/13

Summer Sports Camp: Inglewood. Boys & Girls, 5-14 yrs. Basketball, baseball, softball, flag-football & more. \$75/week. Mention Swift Games & 1st week is \$50. Info @ (310) 641-4131. Sponsors: Top Prospects Baseball, Inc. & H.O.O.P. Foundation. 7/13

Photographic: Enlarger & other photo equipment items. Free! Ben @ (213) 484-2682. 7/13

Legoland Tickets: Selling 2 adult for \$75 (\$37.50 each ticket), 2 children tickets for \$65 (\$32.50). Elaine @ (310) 283-9225. 6/13

Herald Examiner 1989: Final issue. Have 2 in excellent condition, \$500 OBO each. Info: phernandez1949@yahoo.com 5/13

Fender Squier Stratocaster: Plays great, white face. \$100 OBO. Info @ (626) 331-3547. 5/13

Brass Suzuki Trumpet: Includes plush lined metal case. Used only once. \$250 OBO. Info @ (909) 463-3393. 5/13

Shotgun: Late 1930's model Rizzini over an under 12ga shotgun must see to appreciate. \$1450 OBO. Russell @ (626) 331-3547. 4/13

Ovation Acoustic/Electric Guitar: Looks great w/no "bumps or bruises". Includes case, shoulder strap, digital clip-on tuner, picks & beginners book w/CD. Fresh "Elixir" Teflon strings installed, sounds great, very bright acoustic sound but electric pickup system needs to be fixed. \$200 OBO. Michael @ (818) 720-5198. 2/13

Examiner Newspaper: Last 1 ever printed \$500 OBO. Lauretta @ (323) 751-3203. 2/13

Travel/Timeshare

Palm Springs Condo: In beautiful Palm Springs Villas II, gated community, 7 swimming pools, tennis court, shuffle board; near shopping, restaurants & Casino Spa Resort. Weekly & weekend rentals, \$140 per night. Info @ (562) 301-2940. 5/13

Vacation Rental: Boulder City, located btwn Las Vegas & Lake Mead Recreation area. Cottage located in Historic district: Sleeps 6, 1/BD & queen sofa bed in living room + 2 built-in bunk beds. Walking distance to restaurants, antique shops, etc. Built in 1942, previously owned by DWP. \$500/week or \$100/day. Norma @ (323) 333-2238 or e-mail: Norma2go2@gmail.com 4/13

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

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

Vacation rental in Big Bear Lake: 3BD/2BA 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

Timeshare: Mayan Sea Gardens/Acapulco 2 units, 1BD, full kit & lvng rm, each sleeps 4 privately. Sep 28-Oct 5 or Oct 5-12, 2012. Rent 1 unit or both, 1 wk or both. 7 nights - \$600/per unit, \$1,000/both. Info @ (972) 291-2871. 8/12

Wanted

Rental Wanted: Active city retired couple looking for 2BD/2BA & parking for 2 cars. We can afford \$1500/mo. More info @ (310) 645-6527. 9/13

Apartment Wanted: Looking for place to live starting in October, within LA city limits. Senior citizen, 2BD apartment. From \$1,000 - \$1,400/mo. No smoking, no drinking. Ask for Mr. Walker @ (702) 488-6525. 8/13

Wanted: I buy all kinds of collectibles: crystal, Disney, fishing gear, military items, musical instruments, pocket knives, gold & silver, Radko, W.D.C. Michael @ (626) 592-2929. 11/12

Wanted: Looking for a 2BD+, w/d hookup preferred, garage in San Pedro or within 5 miles. Maximum Rent \$1,100. Contact: a.townsend78@gmail.com 9/12



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- DIANA - 11/1
- LAST VEGAS - 11/1
- THOR: THE DARK WORLD 3D - 11/8
- THE ARMSTRONG LIE - 11/8
- THE BOOK THIEF - 11/8
- THE WOLF OF WALL STREET - 11/15
- THE BEST MAN HOLIDAY - 11/15
- HOW I LIVE NOW - 11/15
- NEBRASKA - 11/15
- THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE - 11/15
- CHARLIE COUNTRYMAN - 11/15
- UFC 167: ST. PIERRE vs HENDRICKS - 11/16
- HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE - 11/22
- DELIVERY MAN - 11/22
- PHILOMENA - 11/22
- FROZEN - 11/22
- BLACK NATIVITY - 11/27
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- OLDBOY - 11/27
- MANDELA: LONG WALK TO FREEDOM - 11/29



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	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
AMC				
Restricted Tickets	\$13.75	\$6.00	X	= \$
Good Any Time	\$13.75	\$7.50	X	= \$
Small Popcorn	\$5.50	\$3.00	X	= \$
Small Drink	\$4.50	\$3.00	X	= \$
Movie Pack	\$40.00	\$24.00	X	= \$
<small>Includes 2 unrestricted movie passes, 2 small drink concessions and 1 small popcorn concession.</small>				
California Science Center IMAX				
Adult	\$ 8.25	\$5.75	X	= \$
Child	\$ 5.00	\$4.25	X	= \$
Cinemark Theatres				
Good Any Time	\$10.75	\$7.50	X	= \$
<small>Rave Cinemas is now part of CINEMARK. Existing Rave Tickets will be honored at all CINEMARK locations indefinitely.</small>				
Galaxy Theatres – Good Any Time				
	\$11.00	\$7.50	X	= \$
Harkins Movie Theatres				
Restricted	\$10.00	\$6.00	X	= \$
Good Any Time	\$10.00	\$7.50	X	= \$
Krikorian Theatres – Good Any Time				
	\$11.50	\$7.50	X	= \$
Laemle Theatres – Good Any Time				
	\$11.00	\$6.00	X	= \$
Landmark Theaters				
Good Any Time	\$13.00	\$8.00	X	= \$
<small>\$1.50 surcharge for use at West LA; \$2.50 for 3-D.</small>				
Pacific Theatres				
Restricted	\$13.75	\$6.00	X	= \$
Gift Book	\$42.00	\$32.50	X	= \$
<small>2 unrestricted admissions, 2 medium drinks and 1 medium popcorn.</small>				
Rave Motion Pictures "Rave 18": Now part of CINEMARK				
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Regal/Edwards Cinema/United Artists				
Restricted	\$14.75	\$6.50	X	= \$
Good Any Time	\$14.75	\$7.50	X	= \$
Movie Pack	\$30.00	\$25.00	X	= \$
<small>Includes 2 unrestricted ultimate movie tickets and a \$10 concessions gift card.</small>				
Regency Theatres – Good Any Time				
	\$11.50	\$7.00	X	= \$
UltraStar Cinemas				
Good Any Time	\$11.25	\$6.00	X	= \$
<small>Tickets can be upgraded for 3-D, IMAX, or ETX.</small>				

Attraction Tickets

Adventure City				
Adult/Child	\$14.95	\$10.50	X	= \$
Aquarium of the Pacific <small>Expires 5/31/2014.</small>				
Adult	\$25.95	\$17.95	X	= \$
Child (3-11)	\$14.95	\$10.95	X	= \$
Boomer's Family Fun Centers				
All Day Pass	\$30.99	\$16.00	X	= \$
Catalina <small>Expires 12/31/2013. Not valid 5/25-27, 7/4-7, 8/31-9/2.</small>				
Island Express – Round Trip	Adult \$72.50	\$60.50	X	= \$
	Child \$57.00	\$51.00	X	= \$
Davey's Locker				
Whale Watching	Adult \$32.00	\$21.00	X	= \$
	Child \$26.00	\$17.00	X	= \$
Sportfishing – 1/2 Day	Adult \$46.50	\$30.25	X	= \$
	Child \$39.00	\$25.75	X	= \$
Sportfishing – 3/4 Day	Adult \$71.00	\$56.25	X	= \$
	Child \$61.00	\$47.75	X	= \$
Discovery Science Center <small>Expires 12/06/2013.</small>				
Adult	\$15.95	\$12.00	X	= \$
Child (3-11)	\$12.95	\$10.00	X	= \$
Disneyland/California Adventure <small>Expires 12/31/2013.</small>				
1-Day, 1-Park	Adult \$92.00	\$88.32	X	= \$
	Child (3-9) \$86.00	\$82.56	X	= \$
1-Day Park Hopper	Adult \$137.00	\$125.36	X	= \$
	Child (3-9) \$131.00	\$119.87	X	= \$
2-Day, 1-Park	Adult \$175.00	\$162.75	X	= \$
	Child (3-9) \$162.00	\$150.66	X	= \$
2-Day Park Hopper	Adult \$210.00	\$189.00	X	= \$
	Child (3-9) \$197.00	\$177.30	X	= \$
3-Day, 4-Day and 5-Day: 1-Park and Park Hoppers				
<small>Go to cityemployeesclub.com for details and prices.</small>				
SoCal Select Annual Passport	\$279.00	\$265.05	X	= \$
<small>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2013. Valid 170 days.</small>				
SoCal Annual Passport	\$359.00	\$341.05	X	= \$
<small>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2013. Valid 215 days.</small>				
Deluxe Annual Passport	\$499.00	\$474.05	X	= \$
<small>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2013. Valid 315 days.</small>				
Premium Annual Passport w/Parking	\$669.00	\$635.55	X	= \$
<small>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2013. No blackout dates.</small>				
Golf N' Stuff				
3 Hour Unlimited Wristband: Norwalk location	\$30.00	\$16.25	X	= \$
All Park Pass: Ventura location	\$20.00	\$15.25	X	= \$
K1 Speed Racing				
Admit one	\$25.95	\$15.25	X	= \$
<small>Minimum height requirement 4'10". This pass entitles the owner to one 14 Lap race and a annual license for the day.</small>				
Knott's Berry Farm <small>Expires 12/31/2013.</small>				
Adult	\$57.99	\$33.00	X	= \$
Child (3-11); Senior (62+)	\$28.99	\$24.00	X	= \$
LA Zoo				
Adult	\$17.00	\$13.00	X	= \$
Child (2-12)	\$12.00	\$10.00	X	= \$
Legoland <small>Expires 12/06/2013.</small>				
Adult	\$75.00	\$58.00	X	= \$
Child (3-11)	\$65.00	\$58.00	X	= \$
<small>Comes with 2nd day free to use within 90 days of 1st use.</small>				
Sea Life Resort Hopper	Adult \$95.00	\$67.00	X	= \$
	Child (3-11) \$85.00	\$67.00	X	= \$
<small>Pass includes admission to Legoland, Sea Life Aquarium and the new waterpark. Ticket comes with a second day free to all 3 attractions.</small>				
Madame Tussauds Wax Attraction <small>Expires 12/31/2013.</small>				
Adult	\$40.00	\$13.00	X	= \$
Child (4-12)	\$35.00	\$10.25	X	= \$

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Magic Mountain <small>Expires 12/31/2013.</small>					
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Adult	\$57.95	\$43.50	X	= \$	
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Mulligan's Family Fun Center					
All Day Pass	Adult/Child \$23.99	\$16.00	X	= \$	
<small>Restrictions: Pass gives 1 Adult or Child unlimited use of Laser Tag, Miniature Golfing, Go-Karts/Speedway and the Rock Wall. This ticket is valid Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, major holidays and everyday during the summer. Attractions vary per location. Certain height, weight, restrictions may apply. This ticket is accepted at Mulligan Torrance, Murrieta, and Palmdale.</small>					
Gift Certificate	\$15.00	\$10.25	X	= \$	
Pirates Dinner Adventure <small>Expires 11/30/2014.</small>					
Adult	\$56.95	\$36.00	X	= \$	
Child	\$37.95	\$27.50	X	= \$	
Queen Mary					
Adult	\$24.95	\$20.25	X	= \$	
Child (4-11)	\$21.95	\$12.25	X	= \$	
San Diego Safari Park					
Adult	\$44.00	\$35.75	X	= \$	
Child (3-11)	\$34.00	\$27.75	X	= \$	
2-Visit Pass	Adult \$79.00	\$63.25	X	= \$	
	Child (3-11) \$61.00	\$48.75	X	= \$	
<small>May be used for one visit at each park or 2 visits to the same park.</small>					
San Diego Zoo					
Adult	\$44.00	\$35.75	X	= \$	
Child (3-11)	\$34.00	\$27.75	X	= \$	
2-Visit Pass	Adult \$79.00	\$63.25	X	= \$	
	Child (3-11) \$61.00	\$48.75	X	= \$	
<small>May be used for one visit at each park or 2 visits to the same park.</small>					
Santa Monica Pier/Pacific Park <small>Expires 1/6/2014.</small>					
Unlimited Wristband	\$22.95	\$12.75	X	= \$	
Sea World San Diego <small>Good through 2013 season.</small>					
Adult	\$79.00	\$59.00	X	= \$	
Child (3-9)	\$66.00	\$59.00	X	= \$	
Speedzone <small>Expires 4/25/2014.</small>					
3 Hour Unlimited Pass	\$49.99	\$25.25	X	= \$	
<small>Unlimited use of rides and Mini-golf.</small>					
Universal Studios <small>Expires 1/31/2014.</small>					
Buy 1-Day: get 2-Days free!	Adult/Child (under 48")	\$80.00	\$75.00	X	= \$
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Leader in the Making

Airport Police Lt. Michael Vaccariello graduates from the West Point Leadership Academy program.

Airport Police Lt. Michael J. Vaccariello, Security Access Control Unit (SACU), recently graduated from the LAPD's West Point Leadership Academy Program.

The LAPD/West Point Leadership Program (WPLP) is structured after the United States Military Academy (USMA) at West Point. Soon after the Vietnam War, the military realized that its leaders required further development, and established a program consisting of 136 hours of community-related law enforcement instruction. The program uses a decision-making model based on a scientific method called intellectual procedure, which focuses on improving individual ability in maintaining a balance between the needs of subordinates and the demands of superiors at all levels of command. Finally, the goal of the program is to develop a leader's ability to influence human behavior in order to accomplish goals.

Lt. Vaccariello, along with leaders from various law enforcement agencies nationwide, attended one week a month over a four-month period. Participants included a diverse group of professionals from private and public entities. When asked what he liked about the



Lt. Michael Vaccariello holds his graduation certificate.

West Point Leadership Program, Lt. Vaccariello said, "There is a wealth of knowledge and leadership skills that every participant receives from the LAPD trainers/facilitators. Among the 24 participants, we developed a strong and positive camaraderie."

Lt. Vaccariello was presented with his certificate by LAPD Asst. Chief Sandy Jo MacArthur. In attendance at the ceremony were Airport Police Security and Traffic Sgt. Melonie Hodge-Harrell; Denise Chang, Management Analyst II; and Tiffany Baltazar, Management Assistant.

Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon, who supports training for all of his staff, said, "Congratulations to Lt. Vaccariello for successfully completing this demanding and well-respected leadership training. I consider this type of training essential for all members of our organization, and encourage individuals who are serious about

improving their leadership skills to apply for these training opportunities." Airport Police graduates in the past include Capt. Mario Patrick, Lt. Guy Painter, Lts. Karen Schulz and Imer Chavez, and Sgt. Anthony Boisselle.



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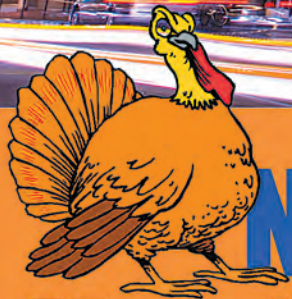
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