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A Message From the CEO

Smooth Sailing A Year Later

by John Hawkins,
President and CEO, The Club

Some things are worth waiting for. And this month's cover story on the important Port Pilot Service illustrates that.

We were set to go on a story about the Port Pilots more than a year ago, but the longshoremen (not City Employees) went on strike, wreaking havoc with the schedules of ships trying to bring their cargo into the Port of L.A. If you recall, things were at a virtual standstill, and we had to put the story on hold.

With the logjam long since passed, we headed back to the Harbor, and the *Alive!* editorial team created a strong story, if you ask me.

A lot of people, even some who work for the City, don't realize that certain City departments work like businesses. They bring in revenue, and in the Port's case, they bring in tons of it. That giant machine is only as smooth as its cogs, though, and the Port Pilot Service plays a critical role in moving the cargo and keeping everything safe and on schedule.

On a personal note, I had a great time visiting with City Legend and Chief Port Pilot **Bent Christiansen**, who welcomed us. Before I started with the Club, I was in the submarine service in the U.S. Navy. I miss the sea, and at times like this it comes back to me. Bent and I had a good conversation about that.



Chief Port Pilot Bent Christiansen (left) with Club CEO John Hawkins.

I want to give a special shout-out to **Leigh Smith** and **Rachel Campbell** at the Harbor for their assistance in putting this big story together. And one other quick note: Our cover shot this week, supplied by the Port and shot by freelancer **Tim Rue**, is phenomenal. We had the idea of creating our own shot very much like this, but frankly it would have been difficult. It's the first cover in maybe ten years that we did not take ourselves. We take great pride in giving you original, authentic photography every month, and this month's cover shot fits the bill. Whether we took it ourselves or not, it's a great shot, and we hope you enjoy it as much as we do.

Speaking of cover photos and first times – if you remember, last month's cover featured the Los Angeles Police Emerald Society Pipes and Drums band. And in this month's *Alive! Around the World* feature, you'll see a photo of one of our favorite contributors, **Michael Barnes**, Harbor, with **Chrisy Orcholski**, who's a member of the LA Pipes and Drums band. It's the first time I remember that we had a reader-submitted photo in the paper of someone who was on the cover the previous month. Pretty awesome, I think.

In this issue we're also emphasizing our Long-Term Disability Insurance. All the information is there for you on page five, but let me just add that the Club really does care about you and your stability, happiness and success. We want you and your family to be protected. Please do me a favor and consider getting it; it could be the most important thing you do this year.

I don't want to finish without acknowledging the retirements of several City Employees who have been very important to the Club and *Alive!* – **Richard Lee**, Public Works, whose assistance goes back to the beginning of *Alive!*; **Karen Chiarodit**, LAPD/Crime Lab, who was on our cover in September 2013; **Beverly Mims**, Housing, who contributed articles; and the great **Chris Plakos**, DWP, who was a great help for us on a number of stories we did in the Owens Valley. These four have contributed immensely to the quality of life in Los Angeles, and I wish them all the best.

And with that, it's April, and that means spring. Grab your family, get outside and have some fun. The great deals at the Club Store can get you started!

—JOHN

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Summy Lam (right) photographing Bent Christiansen, Chief Port Pilot, in front of the Port Pilot Station at the Harbor.



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Well-Done Run, MaryAnn!



MaryAnn Urdiales, Club Customer Service Associate

Club Store staffer promotes community solidarity with running group.

MaryAnn Urdiales, Customer Service Associate at the Club Store, recently completed the second annual Amigas Who Run 5K. The race took place March 13 starting at Mariachi Plaza in Boyle Heights across the First Street Bridge to City Hall.

The **Amigas Who Run** race brings women of all levels together to honor and support women athletes and activists worldwide. MaryAnn and her running group, the Lady Bridge Runners, participated in the Amigas Who Run race.

The Lady Bridge Runners run

every Wednesday and welcome all levels of runners. "The group wants to promote community solidarity and physical activities," MaryAnn says. "We believe that public space should be open and safe for women-identified people, and that health is every woman's right."

"The idea of gathering more than 700 women is amazing to me," she said, talking about Amigas Who Run. "And to get us all to run, is even better!"

For more information about joining Lady Bridge Runners, go to:

Participants in the second annual Amigas Who Run 5K.



The Lady Bridge Runners after completing the Amigas Who Run 5K.

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Letters to the Editor

Fun Is Right Down Their Alley

Here's just a quick note to thank you for accommodating Sheung and I last night at XLanes. We had a fun time bowling as well as meeting other City and Club brothers and sisters. We had the good fortune of bowling on the lane with Radam and his family, which made it all the better.

Keep up the great work you're doing at the Club, and I can't wait for the next event!

– Joe Quan, ITA

Alive! Helps Margaret Keep In Touch With City News

I retired from the City about 11 years ago, and I had the opportunity to meet John Hawkins, Club CEO, when you were first starting the newspaper. I love *Alive!* and look forward to reading it. I order my movie tickets, etc. through *Alive!*, and feel like it's my way of keeping in touch with what is going on in the City.

Thank you for publishing such an interesting newspaper and looking out for our interest as City Employees.

– Margaret F. Gonzalez, Retired, Housing

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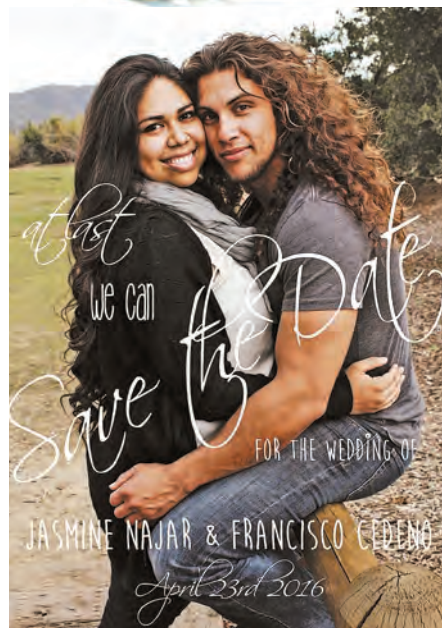
I was so happy to learn that the Club sells Mammoth Mountain discounted ski passes. My family and I had such a great time on our weekend ski trip. It was so easy. I purchased the e-tickets and printed my confirmation. Once we got to Mammoth, we went to ticket sales and exchanged the confirmation for our ski passes.

Everyone had a great time, and we saved quite a bit of money. Thank you, Club!

– Susan Martinez, Transportation

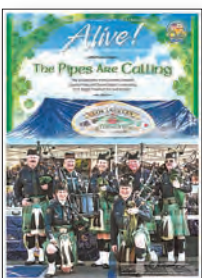
On Their Way to Bliss!

Jasmine Najar, niece of Christina Craig, LAPD/Communications, became engaged to Francisco Cedeno last December and is planning to marry Francisco in April. "Congratulations, you two. All of my love, Nina."



Note to Readers:

Donating to LA Police Emerald Society Pipes and Drums Band



A number of readers have contacted us, wondering how to donate to the Los Angeles Police Emerald Society Pipes and Drums Band, which we featured last month. (Or maybe you're interested in playing for the band; they welcome new members. And they'll teach you.)

Here's how to reach the band:

Sgt. II Michael Apodaca, Retired, LAPD, band president
(909) 969-8569 • iflya36@yahoo.com

CORRECTION

In last month's children's coloring contest, we listed the wrong name for the parents of the age-10 winner, **Isabella Jimenez**. Isabella's parents are George Jimenez, DWP/Valley office, and Carol Jimenez, DWP/JFB. We apologize for this error, and congratulate Isabella again for her beautiful artwork.



Robert's Question of the Month

BY ROBERT LARIOS, Chief Operating Officer
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Fellow Club members answer the Question of the Month

"How much fun was the Club's Bowling Night?"



"Now that I am retired, I am going to have time to go to your next event!"

–Earl Rodgers, DWP, Retired, 38 years of City service



"That was a fun night!"

–Radames Macias, Port Police, Security Officer, 10 years of City service



"Had a great time hanging out with our Club brothers and sisters!"

– Joe Quan, Sr. Systems Analyst, ITA, 28 years of City service



"Fun times ... let's have more bowling nights!"

–Carin Bautista, Benefits Specialist, Fire and Police Pensions, 23 years of City service



"I saw nothing but smiles from everyone!"

–Lita Payne, Assistant General Manager, LACERS, 28 years of City service



"Had a blast! I will score better next time!"

–Michael Torres, Sr. Systems Analyst, Airports, 11 years of City service



"So much fun. Let's do this again!"

– Linh Lee-Ngo, Sr. Clerk Typist, Public Works/Engineering, 14 years of City service



"I am the best bowler in the City. If you want to beat me, bowl with me!"

–Brian Szramowski, Survey Party Chief, Public Works/Engineering, 18 years of City service

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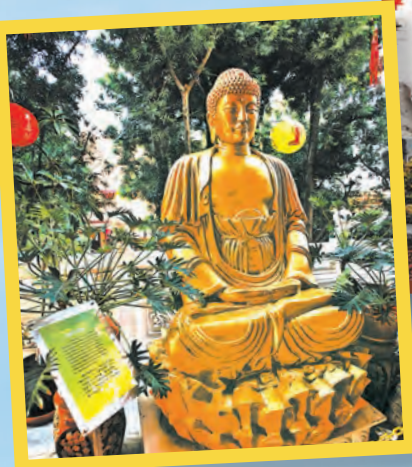
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Angel Gomez, Club Director of Sales

Angel's Be Alive!



Year of the Monkey decorations.



A gold statue on the grounds.

I share a moment with this amazing statue.



Stairs that lead to the temple.



The Avalokitesvara Garden.



Hsi Lai Temple

Hacienda Heights

Hello again, everybody!

It's a little different this month – we visit the Hsi Lai Temple in Hacienda Heights. If you hike the Hellman trail in Whittier, you can see the very top of the temple, which from there looks about the size of your hand. I always wanted to go see the inside of the temple but never got around to making the trip. So for this month, we did. I told my family, “Today, we are going to the temple in Hacienda Heights.” They all said “okay,” so off we went. That was easy! I should have done it a long time ago.

History: The temple was built in 1988 and took more than 10 years to plan and construct. The founder of Hsi Lai Temple is Venerable Master Hsing Yun. This temple serves as a center for people interested in Buddhism and Chinese culture. “Hsi Lai” means “coming to the West.” Architecture found in the temple is loyal to the Ming and Ching dynasties. This includes buildings, gardens and statues.

The Hsi Lai Temple covers 15 acres and 102,432 square feet. In the middle of the entire temple there is a cement area that is very open and spacious. The Hsi Lai Temple also has many information centers with detailed knowledge of Buddhism.

We happened to go on the last day of the Chinese New Year celebrations. This year 2016 is the year of the monkey. When we arrived we were surprised to see many decorations celebrating the monkey. The day we visited, we were told that was the last day to hit the bell symbolizing the New Year. Wow! That was amazing! I never hit a bell in a Buddhist temple and on the last day; I must be lucky.

Inside there were many statues and sculptures that showed powerful figures of Buddhism. We walked up the steps into the temple and were amazed with all the gorgeous statues and figures that surrounded the entire room. This place was breathtaking, and you should come take a look. We loved the serenity of just being there and would love to come back and learn more about Buddhism. *Note about photography:* Taking pictures inside the temple is prohibited without permission, which we received for this article.

If you want to relax and get away from the daily grind, I recommend you stop by this temple. It's another wonderful find for us to explore and create new memories, so make some time and visit this amazing place. You will be impressed. We all recommend you visit at least once.

Be well and “Be Alive!”

Angel

Hsi Lai Temple

3456 Glenmark Dr., Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

Cost: Free

Parking: Free (street parking)

Special notes:

- Smoking is prohibited throughout the temple grounds.
- Photos and video recording is allowed only outdoors.
- No commercial photography is allowed without permission.

- Do not bring meat of any kind or alcohol onto the temple grounds.
- Please show respect to the temple and dress appropriately; no sleeveless shirts or blouses, tank tops, shorts or short skirts.
- Many rooms are off-limits to the public. Please be aware of the signs.

Directions: From downtown get on US 101 south from West Fourth Street for two miles. Follow CA-60 east to Three Palms Street in Hacienda Heights. Take exit 16 from CA-60 east (16.3 miles), then follow South Hacienda Boulevard to Castle Bar Drive (2.3 miles).





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Public Works

Time for the Open Houses!

Sanitation’s incredibly popular open houses at six yards are set for the spring.

You can “Discover Recycling” at the 2016 Sanitation Open Houses.

Each of Sanitation’s six waste shed district yards will open to the public in a series of free Saturday events. The Open House program showcases Sanitation’s residential curbside collection programs with the promotion of proper recycling practices and information about bulky item collections. Each event will feature trash truck and equipment demonstrations in addition to facility tours, information booths, recycling games, and refreshments.

In 2014, nearly 7,000 residents attended the open houses with 290 City Employees who volunteered their time to give back to the neighborhoods they serve.

Sanitation’s Lopez Canyon Environmental Center will host an activity booth about the City’s green bin recycling program and give away small vegetable plants. Visitors will plant saplings to take home, use mulch and compost made from residential yard trimmings, and learn about “closed loop” recycling. More

than 2,200 vegetable plants were potted and given away to residents in 2014. Sanitation will also partner with “City Plants” to provide 50 fruit and 50 shade trees for adoption by City residents, on a first-come-served basis at each yard, while supplies last. (City residents must present valid identification with their city address or a current DWP bill to adopt a tree. Note: The limit is one tree per property address.) Used tires from City residents will also be collected, which is provided by a grant from CalRecycle. (City residents must present valid identification and a current DWP bill to drop off used tires. Note: A maximum of nine passenger and/or light truck tires will be accepted, but tires on rims and used tires from businesses will not be accepted.)

In 2003, Sanitation launched its first open house at the West Los Angeles district yard. The goal of the program was to reconnect the refuse collection truck operators, on a voluntary basis, with City residents after the imple-

mentation of the automated collection program. In 2000, the automated program removed the need for Sanitation collection operators to exit their trucks and manually lift and empty residential trashcans. In the following years, the program grew to promote recycling and proper disposal practices as well as to improve access to L.A. Sanitation services. The program expanded in 2005 to add the East Valley, West Valley, North Central, and South Los Angeles district yards. In 2006, the Harbor district yard was added to provide Citywide coverage.

Residents attending the open houses have grown with approximately 200 visitors in

2003 to nearly 7,000 in 2014. The popularity of the events can be traced to City and Sanitation leaders as well as City Employees who volunteered their time to transform the six yards into fun learning centers. By combining solid waste, wastewater to clean water and recycling education with refreshments, music and games, Sanitation provides the opportunities and partnerships that supports a more livable and sustainable city.



Time: Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.					
East Valley Yard	West Valley Yard	North Central Yard	South LA Yard (Expo Center)	Harbor District Yard	West LA Yard
April 30, 2016	May 14, 2016	May 21, 2016	June 4, 2016	June 11, 2016	June 25, 2016
11050 Pendleton St Sun Valley	8840 Vanalden Ave. Northridge	452 San Fernando Rd. Los Angeles	3990 Menlo Ave Los Angeles	1400 N. Gaffey St. San Pedro	2027 Stoner Ave. Los Angeles



John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins, Club CEO

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"I took this picture a few years ago in Agra, India. My daughter rode on this camel and I just took this shot of the camel and his (her?) owner after she got off him."

– **Ondrea Tye, Planning**

John's comment: I love this picture, Ondrea; it's clear, sharp and "in your face." Fantastic!



"I traveled north to see Storm Large in a great show over the weekend in Santa Monica. I took this photo to enter it into the photo contest. You know what they say, variety is the spice of life."

– **Michael Barnes, Harbor**

John's comment: Michael, you have a way with creating the avant-garde. The way your drink juxtaposes the brochure design is ... brilliant! Thanks as always, Michael.



"I shot this on a trip to Argentina and wanted to share it with your readers. One of the funniest photos I've ever seen. Can't you just hear the drill sergeant yelling, 'About face!'?"

– **Mike Levitt, Retired, Harbor, DWP and LAPD**

John's comment: Yes, I can hear that every time I look at your photo. Well done!



"This was taken in yet another small Guatemalan village situated by scenic Lake Atitlan, the deepest lake in Central America (1,200 feet). Admiring these amazing waters that are surrounded by ancient volcanoes is an almost soothing experience – and not even the locals ever get tired of it!"

– **Yves Didier, LAPD**

John's comment: Yves, you really have a way of capturing life's simple scenes so magically. Well done; you must frame this!



"The Bee – The wings don't look real, and when you can see the pollen on the bee, that's close enough."

– **John Nance, Retired, DWP**

John's comment: John, you did a completely amazing job at getting such a close shot, and so clear ... it's almost too close for comfort, though!



"I perked up a drab, gray and industrial-looking city locker room with a little bit of color."

– **Andrew Redfield, Animal Services**

John's comment: Andrew, there's nothing like original art in the workplace, especially art that is tasteful and adds a ray of sunshine every time someone looks at it. Thanks for sharing!

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.
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 - Winners are chosen by Club staff. All decisions will be final.
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- Paper prints can be mailed to: Picture Perfect Contest, *Alive!*, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
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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@cityemployees-club.com
 - The contest is all in good fun: The Club cannot be responsible for delays in delivering *Alive!*, or for delays in the transmission of responses.

Airports/LAPD/LAFD



Information and photos courtesy
Officer Rob Pedregon, Airports

Recruiting Event

Airport Police, LAPD, LAFD hold joint recruiting event to promote diversity.

The Los Angeles Airport Police, LAPD and LAFD held a recruiting seminar and testing event Feb. 20 at the Crenshaw Christian Center.

The event was held to promote diversity in the three departments and was deemed an overwhelming success. Information was provided to those interested, and two testing sessions took place.

Airport Police representatives from Motor, ESU, K9 and Patrol Services were on hand to discuss the many opportunities available with the Airport Police Division.

Those interested can search **#866GoAirPD** for future testing locations and dates.



The Airport Police tent drew the interest of many event-goers.



From left: Airport Police Officer Aaron DuBoise, LAPD Officer Zavala and Airport Police Officer Ciro Benitez.

Airports

Photos by Harold Johnson, Airports, Club Member

Job Shadow Day

LAX shows students what it's like to have an airport career.

The Community Relations Division at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) hosted a job shadow day March 1. Students from St. Bernard High School, who normally look across campus to view aircraft activity on the LAX tarmac, had an up-close look at the inner workings of this busy facility from the viewpoint of a career they wish to attain.

"Job shadowing provides students the opportunity to get a sneak peak into a future career before making a final decision," said Principal Public Relations Representative

Harold Johnson of the LAX Community Relations Division, organizer of the event.

"Mentors learn too, by giving back their time and sharing work skills to the next generation," he said.

This year, students took job shadow in the fields of airline and airfield operations, aviation law enforcement, business administration, community and public relations, civil and electrical engineering, environmental management and information technology.



LAX Community Relations Principal Public Relations Representative Gabriella (Gaby) Pacheco (right) looks on as students board a van at the start of the job shadow day.



At the end of the job shadow day, LAX Security Officer Keawe Tolson (second from left) answers questions from students before they return to school. Job shadow day brought mentors and students together in real working environments.



An Airbus 380 aircraft passes by job shadow students during their visit to LAX.



Rest Insured

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

Do You Need Gap Insurance?

The availability of smartphones and the ease of using apps have created a whole new way of getting around. Ride sharing simply didn't exist three years ago, and now it's the most popular way to get a ride. Uber, Lyft and others (originator Sidecar has gone defunct) are picking up passengers every day, and saving us time, money (often) and hassle. Thousands of Americans are supplementing their income by driving for a ride-sharing company in their spare time. Many enjoy it, and find it a quick and easy way to help out with the monthly bills. But they probably are exposing themselves to a potentially uncovered claim. Most ride-sharing services provide insurance coverage while you are actually transporting a passenger, as *all* personal car insurance policies exclude the use of your personal car for livery (being paid to transport people or items).

Important note: If you are a member of a carpool and drive other people in your car, that is covered because you are not doing it for money. Carpools typically operate by individuals taking turns giving each other rides for free. This is not considered a business exposure, and is therefore not excluded. Once you get paid for driving someone around, it legally becomes livery, and your policy does not cover you. But, that's not the problem! Most people understand that your personal car insurance doesn't cover you while you have a paying passenger, and that is why the ride-sharing service provides you coverage. What you need to know is that many insurance companies consider a ride-sharing driver to be *working* as soon as that driver has been hailed by a customer.

Even if you don't have a passenger in your car at the time, if you are driving to pick up a customer who has hailed you, then you are considered to be working, and your personal car insurance will not cover you. This is logical if you think about it for a minute. You wouldn't be driving over to the mall if it weren't for the app telling you to go pick someone up over there. What happens if you are rushing over to pick up a passenger, and you accidentally rear-end someone? The ride-sharing company will not cover you because you have not picked up your passenger yet. But your insurance company won't cover you, either, because you have been hailed and are technically "working" at the time. Bummer!



This is an important problem for people who drive for Uber or Lyft. There is a solution. Several companies provide a "ride-hailing" endorsement that you can add to your personal car insurance policy to extend your coverage to include the period of time between when you have been hailed, and when you actually pick up the passenger. If you are driving for any of the ride-sharing companies, be sure to properly check out what you are covered for, and ask about the ride-hailing endorsement to extend your coverage.

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June 2: RLACEI annual golf tournament, Alhambra Golf Course	Dec. 1: RLACEI Christmas party, Friendship Auditorium

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.

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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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Health of Pension Plans Varies Among Communities

RLACEI



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

My article last month, showed the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) at .09 percent instead of .9 percent. Sorry, it shook up a lot of members.

Hal Danowitz, our Secretary/Treasurer, spent most of March in South America gathering information for his "Adventures with

Hal" article for *Alive!* Director Neil Ricci will be taking his place while he is gone. Thanks, Neil.

The Los Angeles Fire & Police Association, Inc., reported that the funding for their Pension is 91.5 percent, up from last year's 86.6 percent. This is one of the highest fund ratios that I know of. In comparison, CALPERS, the largest in the country, is currently funded at about 77 percent.

Our LACERS' Pension Market

Value is 70.5 percent. Health value is 81 percent. Combined value is 71.9 percent. The Actuarial Pension Value is 69.4 percent. Health value is 79.7 percent. Combined value is 70.5 percent.

LACERS has done a good job of budgeting and putting money aside for both pensions and healthcare costs.

See you at our April 14 meeting.

Why Not Try Market Timing?



Michael R. Wilkinson

LACERS Board Update, By Michael R. Wilkinson

Whenever the financial markets go on a tear to the upside, we feel so smart, and then we are humbled when they move downward. Why can't we just time the market and get out at the top and buy back in at the bottom? It seems so simple!

Let's look at how a lot of market timers have done. University of Utah Professor John Graham and Duke University Professor Campbell Harvey tracked 15,000 predictions made by 237 market-timing newsletters over 12 years ending in 1992. By the end of the time period, 94.5 percent of the newsletters went out of business with an average life span of just four years.

"Sure, it'd be great to get out of stocks at the high and jump back in at the low," noted one of

the creators of the modern mutual fund, John Bogle, in *Money* magazine. "But in 55 years in the business, I not only have never met anybody who knew how to do it, I've never met anybody who met anybody who knew how to do it."

One of the biggest problems with market timing is how quirky and unpredictable the market is. For instance, if you just stayed in the course and left your money in an S&P Index from 1994 to 2013, you would have earned a 9.2 percent annualized return. But if you missed the 20 days with the largest gain (out of 5,037 trading days), then you would have only made 3.02 percent. Similarly, the down days are just as hard to predict and will produce an impossible headwind to overcome.

University of Michigan Professor H. Nejat Seyhun analyzed 7,802 trading days for the 31 years from 1963 to 1993 and found

that just 90 days generated 95 percent of all the market gains, an average of just three days per year.

In short, the right course for your personal investments as well as a well-funded pension plan such as LACERS is to properly diversify, rebalance as necessary and resist the impulse to use market timing to tinker with the investment mix. The odds are overwhelming that market timing will only make the situation worse.

Finally, we never go too wrong to get a last word from that great baseball philosopher, Yogi Berra. "It's tough to make predictions, especially about the future."

Much of the material in this article originally appeared in an online article by Index Fund Advisors, "Time Pickers: Understand that no one can time the market." The full article appears at <http://www.ifa.com/12steps>.

San Diego and Puerto Rico Experiencing Pension Issues



Michael Karsch

Legislative Report: Pension Law and Policy, By Michael Karsch

The University of California retirement system is undergoing a search for a better way to pay for its retirement system. An article in the *Daily Californian*, Berkeley's newspaper, reported in February that the UC Office of the President (UCOP) is considering changing the benefits of faculty members, specifically the way the pension system could be made more dependent on the market by dropping the Defined Benefit pension (like ours, the

promise of clear, dependable income flow based on a formula using years served and age to arrive at what is frequently 70 percent to 75 percent of salary in retirement) and switching to Defined Contribution pension (money set aside for retirement is given to the retiree for his/her investment plan, with no guaranteed amount for monthly pension checks). According to the writer, a professor of English at Berkeley, UC President Janet Napolitano has negotiated with Gov. Jerry Brown to do something with the DB plan, namely to introduce a DC plan that shifts risk to employees. The UC system paid nothing into its pension system for

20 years, relying on strong stock market returns in the 1990s and early 2000s. This was one of the problems in the financing system of its pensions. While the employees of UC are now paying seven to eight percent of their salaries into the pension system, Brown and Napolitano now need to take more drastic measures to avoid the growing deficit, which is to drop the DB approach for the DC approach which is like the 401(k) found in much of the private sector.

In San Diego, the City is fighting to keep its pension "reform" of a 401(k) retirement plan for its new employees. As reported earlier, the City and its voters

San Diego and Puerto Rico Experiencing Pension Issues (Continued)

approved in 2012 the 401(k) plan for all new hires, while the labor unions fought the move. The State Labor board ordered San Diego to restore its Defined Benefit pensions to new hires because the mayor failed to bargain the reform measure with the public employee unions. San Diego filed an appeal of that order. Leading the charge to keep the 401(k) reform is former City Councilman Carl DeMaio, also active with San Jose’s former Mayor Chuck

Reed in changing the state’s ironclad protection of pension rights for all public employees. Puerto Rico also continues to suffer financial woes in its retirement system for the territory’s public employees. That system is “nearly out of money,” according to a New York Times article in February. The U.S. Treasury Secretary is working out a plan to protect the territory’s pensioners by putting them ahead of payments to bondholders. It was

noted that out-migration of people from Puerto Rico to the United States is a “prime cause” of the financial problem. A change such as this in handling the territory’s debt could have dire consequences in the national bond market. Most of Puerto Rico’s debt is held by individuals who are retired and living on incomes below \$100,000, according to a representative of a law firm representing two large mutual fund companies.

Calling All Members: Recruit One New Person



Lee Kebler

One of the biggest problems we have in retired associations is membership. Even though we spend much of our time in recruitment, we are slowly falling behind. We send Directors to exit seminars, conventions, workshops and wherever we think we can recruit new members. This year we will be having one of the largest exoduses of personnel in the history of our Departments. The Fire and Police Pensions Dept. is scheduling exit seminars monthly to handle

the workload. What if each of our members could recruit one new member? Many of us keep in contact with our buddies from the job; we contact them in many places and ways including shopping, parties, traveling, on the Internet, by phone, etc. Our membership becomes more and more important as the attacks on our pensions, health-care and other benefits continue to increase. We are at the stage where we have as many retirees

as there are active members. The larger our pension system becomes, the greater the increase in attacks. We are the only organization whose sole purpose is to represent retired Firefighters and Police Officers for their benefits. Let’s all try to get one new member. Don’t forget to get make your reservations for the annual barbecue June 1 at Grace E. Simons Lodge. For more information, call our office at (888) 288-5073.

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Health Benefit Eligibility Change for Members with Part-Time Employment



Mary Beetz

LACERS’ UPDATE BY MARY BEETZ
IMPORTANT! Retired Members who had worked part-time that did not qualify for health benefits in the past may now be eligible. Recently, the City Council adopted an ordinance that amended language related to LACERS health benefits eligibility. This ordinance took effect on Sunday, February 21, 2016. Based on this new ordinance, Members who are at least age 55, had worked part-time, and have at least ten years of Service with the City of Los Angeles (worked for the City for at least ten years) now are eligible to receive medical and dental plan premium subsidies. The new eligibility criteria for LACERS medical and dental plan premium subsidies are summarized below.

LACERS Medical Plan Premium Subsidy
A Member’s subsidy amount depends on age and Medicare status:
Members who are under age 65, or age 65+ and enrolled in only Medicare Part B

The 2016 maximum medical plan premium subsidy for this group is \$1,580.08. A Member who has at least ten years of Service is eligible to receive 40% of the maximum

medical subsidy. For each year of a Member’s earned Service Credit (based on actual hours worked for the City) above ten years, a Member is eligible to receive an additional 4% of the maximum medical subsidy.
Members who are age 65+ and enrolled in both Medicare Parts A and B
The 2016 maximum medical plan premium subsidy for this group is equivalent to the single-party premium of the LACERS medical plan in which the Member is enrolled. A Member who has at least ten years of Service is eligible to receive 75% of the maximum medical subsidy; a Member who has 15 – 19 years of Service Credit is eligible to receive 75% of the maximum medical subsidy; and a Member who has 20+ years of Service Credit is eligible to receive 100% of the maximum medical subsidy.

LACERS Dental Plan Premium Subsidy
The 2016 maximum dental plan premium subsidy is \$43.24 if enrolled in the Delta Dental PPO plan or \$12.19 if enrolled in the DeltaCare USA HMO plan. A Member who has at least ten years of Service is eligible

to receive 40% of the maximum dental subsidy. For each year of a Member’s earned Service Credit (based on actual hours worked for the City) above ten years, a Member is eligible to receive an additional 4% of the maximum dental subsidy. Due to these changes, some retired Members with part-time service now may be eligible for LACERS medical and dental subsidies, which may be used to offset the cost of enrolling in LACERS medical and dental plans. If you believe you are one of these Members, please contact LACERS to confirm your Service and Service Credit, and your subsidy eligibility. If you are confirmed eligible for subsidies and, as a result, you would like to enroll in a LACERS medical and/or dental plan, you may do so anytime through LACERS’ next Open Enrollment period, which ends on November 15, 2016. The earliest your coverage can begin is April 1, 2016, but you must submit all of the necessary enrollment documents by March 15, 2016 to have an April 1 effective date. Contact LACERS for more information and to request the proper forms.

- Contact LACERS at www.lacers.org or www.lacers.org/retired, (800) 779-8328, (213) 473-7200 or TDD (888) 349-3996

If you are a retired Member who worked part-time and has at least ten years of Service, but was not eligible for LACERS health benefits when you retired, contact LACERS to see if you are now eligible for health benefits.

For Retired Club Members



CONTACT THE CLUB:



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Cambodian Temples

Hal and Co. head to Southeast Asia for a 21-day land tour. **Part 2**

In April and May 2015, Hal and Evelyn took a land tour of Southeast Asia, starting in Bangkok and including Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Malaysia and Taiwan. In each place they hired a private car and guide, except for Taiwan.

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By Hal Danowitz, Secretary, RLCEI

Laos, April 22, 2015: This hotel, Maison Souvannaphoum, in Luang Prabang, Laos, is very much in the French colonial style, there are only 24 rooms. At breakfast we were the only guests. We had the "Loa dish Fur" soup with vegetables and chicken; it was very good. The night before there was thunder and lightning and it was raining that morning, sometimes very hard.

Our guide, Wat, picked us up at 9 a.m. That day we traveled north on the Mekong River to see the Tham Pak Ou Caves, with a stop at Ban Xang Hai Village, which is famous for the production of loa loa, the local rice wine and whiskey. I was concerned about the weather, but the rain stopped and the temperature was in the 70s. It was overcast, which was nice. We had our own riverboat that was 60 or 70 feet long. It was very comfortable, with airline-type seats. The time to get to the caves was about two hours, including the stop at the village. This was not high season, which starts in December and ends in March at the latest before the truly hot and rainy weather starts in June, so things were not crowded. I guess you could call it shoulder season.

We got a lot of exercise climbing the steps from the dock to the riverbank. At the village we tasted both the wine and the whiskey, and now I know where the term "firewater" comes from. Evelyn thought it was jet fuel. I bought a small bottle of whiskey as a souvenir. After the tasting we walked through the religious buildings, which included a number of open shrines with different Buddhas. It was a very wealthy village; you can tell by how nice their shrines are, and by the Mercedes parked next to the shops. On the way back to the boat we walked through the stalls selling local handmade cloth.

The Tham Pak Ou Caves are in steep limestone cliffs overlooking the Mekong and Nam Ou rivers. These caves were discovered more than 400 years ago and are filled with Buddha images of every style and material. There are two caves, lower and higher; we saw the lower cave, which was still a good climb, but decided not to climb the 200 steps to the upper cave. People came to ask for luck, love and good health, and many bring Buddhas to leave in the caves. There were thousands of them. We were told the Kings came once every year to wash the main Buddha. This was a show of respect.

We had lunch across the river from the caves. We had watermelon juice, fried noodles and chicken and grilled fish. The fish was fresh from the river and was carp, but it was delicious. The cost was \$16.

The ride back took only an hour, and we stopped on the way to the hotel at the local market to see the displays of foods, pro-

duce, eggs and other household goods, all sold in different stalls. It was called the morning market and some stalls were already closing.

Now for some general information: Bring lots of \$1 bills. All the sellers took dollars, but they wouldn't or couldn't give change in dollars. If you are going to be in a country for more than a few days, then get the local currency.

All of these countries used 220 electrical current; most of our chargers were dual current, but the plugs didn't always work. So far in both hotels our standard USA two-pronged plug was useable in the hotel's outlet and the chargers for our phones and iPad worked fine. To be on the safe side, you need to bring the country's plug just in case.

That night for dinner we tried a tasting menu in the hotel, with a fixed price of \$19 for 10 courses. We started with drinks: Jack Daniel's for me (\$5) and a vodka and tonic for Evelyn, which cost more because it was priced as two drinks. We were first served a fried black mushroom strip and then chicken soup. They then brought out a large boat platter with eight different dishes, some more tasty than others. We finished with three desserts and espresso. With tax and service, it was \$53. There were two other couples in the dining room by the time we finished. I was sure \$53 was a huge amount of money for the residents of the village. Before UNESCO named it a world heritage site it would have been fortune. New hotels and guesthouses are under construction along with all of the services tourists want. The standard of living will only improve.

The Loa people were very friendly and polite. You can become a millionaire here for only \$125 – that equals 1 million kip.

The next day, our flight to Siem Reap, Cambodia, didn't leave until 2:20 p.m., so we didn't leave the hotel until 12:30 p.m. After

meats and whole chickens. We did see both live and recently deceased fish. The produce and fruit looked good. The market opened at 5 a.m. and most stalls closed around 10 a.m., but there were a few open in the afternoon.

There were many cars; most were new, with lots of tuk tuk (mostly nine-passenger) and sightseeing vans. The locals rode motorbikes and could carry all kinds of stuff. The streets were not crowded; you just need to look both ways before stepping into the street.

We had only been there for two days, but we must have looked like locals because two young Korean women asked us for directions to the National Museum, and we knew where it was.

Just like the hotel's checking-in process, the checkout was almost as formal. The General Manager came out to say goodbye, and after many bows we were on our way to the airport. Our guide walked us through the checking-in and to immigrations. He was a very good guide and we enjoyed our time with him and the driver. So far we had been quite lucky. We flew on Vietnam Airlines to Siem Reap. Seeing Angkor Wat was the reason I wanted to do this trip, and we were scheduled to see it the next day.

We noticed that the local airline schedules didn't mean much. If all the passengers were on board, the plane took off. Our flight was uneventful and we landed a little early. We cleared immigration and picked up our bags and saw the representative from the tour company holding a sign with our names. He wasn't our guide, who was scheduled to meet us the next morning.

We drove about 15 minutes to our hotel, the Angkor Century Resort and Spa. I guess five-star doesn't mean the same in Cambodia. The halls didn't have air conditioning, and our room, which was large, didn't have the A/C running because you had to put your room key in a slot to get the A/C and lights to work. Well, we were scheduled there for only three nights. One plus was that the Internet was strong and we could get to Verizon's Website



At Angkor Wat.



Evelyn at our village stop.

breakfast we walked to the marketplace, the "morning market." It looked like the weather would be a repeat of the day before. It did rain the night before, but now it was just overcast with a temperature of 69 degrees. But it felt warmer.

The morning market sold all kinds of foods and lots of household products in open stalls with no refrigeration. That included pieces of

to check our email. The hotel wasn't busy because we didn't see many lights on in the rooms that we could see. The bed was very firm and the pillows were great. But the lighting was terrible – not enough of it.

The hotel was close to the main business area and we walked there to have dinner. We picked the Nest and had a great hamburger, believe it or not. All the prices are in US dollars. It was not as cheap as Laos, but close. The streets were busy with cars, tourist buses, bikes, scooters and small motorcycles. Because of the storm a day or two prior, the same one as last night in Laos, the street signals were out along with the power for any establishment that didn't have a generator. Our hotel had a generator but it certainly made crossing the street a life-affirming experience.

The next day, April 24, we had breakfast about 7:30 a.m. So far this hotel, including the breakfast, rated third of the three hotels we'd stayed in. We found it best to stay with the Asian food, but the coffee was the best yet. Evelyn said we are the only Americans in the hotel.

Our guide, Seth (you have to love the names they pick), was on time and drove in our private Camry to our first stop – Angkor Wat. All of the weather reports had called for rain, but so far the weather was better than we could have called for. It was a little overcast that morning, which kept the temperature down.

Angkor Wat is one of the wonders of the ancient world and was built in 802 A.D., at the height of the Kmer Empire. It's a temple complex and the largest religious monument in the world. It was once home to more than a million people. Before entering the complex our guide needed to buy our tickets and our picture was taken to put on our tickets. Makes for a nice souvenir. The tickets with our picture were produced immediately and we could use them for up to three visits over a six-day period – kind of like a multi-day pass to Disneyland and American Adventure.

We first stopped at Angkor Thom, a fortified city covering more than 10 square kilometers that was built by King Jayavarman VII. We spent almost three hours walking the hallways and galleries. To enter you first must cross a very wide moat. The walls were covered with a carving depicting the history of the King. It was a lot of walking and climbing. We drank lots of water, but there was a nice breeze, which made the temperature bearable. Lastly we climbed 42 very steep steps

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Our dinner at the hotel.

— Adventures with Hal, continued

into a temple, which provided a great view of the complex. We then stopped at one of the smaller sites before stopping for lunch.

The restaurant had an air-conditioned room for tourists. We had a Cambodian dish called chicken amok, a combination of chicken, vegetables and curry with rice served on the side, served in a coconut shell. With a large bottle of water, the bill was \$17.50 for the two of us. It was delicious.

After lunch we spent the rest of the afternoon at the Bayon Temple, which both of us thought was more interesting than Angkor Thom. It is the oldest temple in the complex and was mostly unrestored, but had beautifully preserved bas relief and giant stone faces smiling down at us from all angles. Also there were not as many tourists as at Thom. Also of interest – this was a Hindu Temple before becoming Buddhist.

We got back to the hotel around 3 p.m. and layout out by the pool for an hour.

We went to the night market to look around and have dinner. What we didn't know was there were many night markets. We decided to take a tuk tuk and I asked at the desk what it would cost. He took us outside and called over the driver and we found out the price was \$3. The tuk tuk here are

different than in India or Thailand – it was a motorbike pulling a four-person trailer. It was almost like being in a rickshaw. We did end up at the night market, only it wasn't the one we thought we were going to. The driver asked if he could come back and take us back to the hotel, and we settled on two hours, enough to look around and have something to eat. It seemed from our experience all night markets looked and felt the same. The food stalls were interesting. Evelyn bought some spices.

We found a restaurant on a second floor overlooking the market. We were still full from lunch so we decided to have appetizers, beer and finish up with ice cream. It all came to \$22 with tip. Cambodia was less expensive than Laos, which was less expensive than Thailand. With drinks they served peanuts, salted with hot spices.

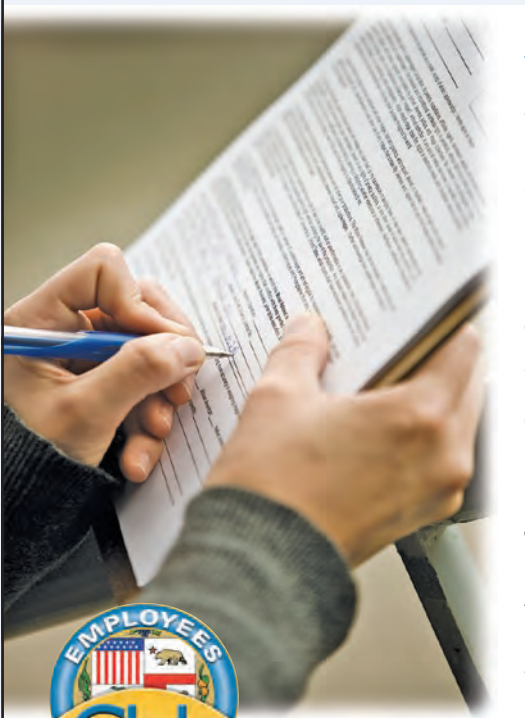
Electricity was iffy here. They received their power from Vietnam and if the transmission line went down there was no power, which because of a storm last week has continued to be a problem. Our hotel had a generator and we noticed the switchover – the lights went out, the generator kicked in and the lights came on.

Next month we'll complete our time in Cambodia and then move on to Vietnam. ■

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The Philippines



Pablo Nino Franco, Retired, Harbor, and his wife, Josie, visited the Philippines in January. They went to see the Puerto Princesa Underground River, Corregidor Islands, Cagsawa Ruins in Albay, and the Chocolate Hills in Bohol.



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Cynthia Ruiz: ‘To Stay Healthy... Stay Active’

Meet LACERS Retired Member and Board Commissioner, Cynthia Ruiz, the newest LACERS Well Champions Member.

On Jan. 22, I had the pleasure of introducing Commissioner Cynthia Ruiz to our LACERS Well Members at the 2016 Wellness Kickoff in Griffith Park. Commissioner Ruiz was gracious enough to offer to lead a hike, and a great time was had by all who attended.

As a strong advocate for community outreach and public service, Commissioner Ruiz leads by example, and I hope that you enjoy getting to know her as much as I have.

Being one of the newly appointed Commissioners, tell our Members a little about yourself.

My name is Cynthia M. Ruiz and I am a LACERS Board Commissioner. Additionally, I am a self-employed consultant where I do business development, strategic planning and community outreach. I am a certified Minority Woman-owned business. I am also a motivational speaker and author. My second book about the topic of leadership will be released

in the spring of this year. I serve on several nonprofit boards, including Girls Today, Women Tomorrow (GTWT), a mentorship/leadership program for young women in Boyle Heights.

My last position with the City was Deputy Executive Director of External Relations, Harbor. Prior to that, I served as President of the Board of Public Works.

I live in Los Angeles with my dog, Jet. My only son, Arturo D Chavez, is a fashion stylist for Nickelodeon. He and his lovely wife live in Los Angeles.

What inspired you to be a LACERS Well Champion?

I was inspired to be a wellness Champion because I have seen too many examples of people I worked with retiring from their job and dying in a few years. I want retirees to enjoy the next phase of their life. To stay healthy, you need to stay active. Your life is not over when you retire; it is the beginning of a new phase.



Cynthia Ruiz

We discussed how different “being healthy” was viewed growing up and how challenging it can be to make time for wellness in today’s world. Did you always view health as a priority as you do now, or were you influenced by someone/something in your life?

I was active when I was young, then slowed down as I became an adult. I experienced a health challenge about six years ago, which landed me in the hospital for 10 days. Coming home, I realized I needed to eat right and stay active.

I also saw my younger brother, Jesse, face a battle with cancer. He was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer, which caused the doctor to remove some of the bone and to insert a titanium rod into his right leg. He goes to the gym on a regular basis. He is now cancer-free and works as a personal trainer, helping others stay fit. He is my best hiking buddy. If he can do it, anyone can. No excuses.

Wellness means different things to different people. What has it meant to you?

Wellness means quality of life. As we become more mature it becomes apparent that retirement is about enjoyment. If you do not have your health, it becomes difficult to enjoy the “Golden Years.” I eat healthy, work out with a personal trainer three times a week, and hike on a regular basis. A few years ago, I stopped eating red meat, which for me has helped me increase my energy. I also never miss my annual physical exam. In addition to physical health, mental health is equally important. Find productive ways of handling the stress in your life. For me, I meditate and pray on a regular basis.

What are your top three places to hike locally? Do you have a favorite outside of Los Angeles County?

Los Angeles has so many great places to hike. I love Griffith Park, since it has so many options. One of my favorites is leaving from the parking lot of the Griffith Observatory and hiking to the Hollywood sign. I really like Los Liones hiking trail in Pacific Palisades because, when you reach the top, you get an amazing view of the Pacific Ocean. Some of the best hiking I have done is in Sedona, Ariz., hiking the red rocks, in awe of Mother Nature’s beauty.

One of my favorite quotes is: “The story of your life is written by you,” by Don Miguel Ruiz.

Retirees: Stay Active!

LACERS Well offers a variety of events, activities to stay healthier, leaner, stronger.

As part of this year’s campaign theme for wellness, LACERS encourages you to make 2016 a “Healthier, Leaner, Stronger!” year. Wellness is the integration of wiser eating habits, keeping up with regular doctor visits for physicals and other screenings or examinations, as well as the incorporation of regular low-impact exercise. LACERS Well encourages your participation in the numerous events and activities designed to help you become more active. The campaign will include educational and preventative information on various diseases common amongst seniors, such as diabetes, coronary artery disease and obesity, as well as other chronic illnesses. No matter what your current health status is, you can move toward a higher level of wellness. Take a step towards making 2016 a “Healthier, Leaner, Stronger!” year.

LACERS Well Wants You to Be a Champion!

Do you have what it takes to become a LACERS Wellness Champion? All you need is an interest, hobby or activity that you would like to share with others. The Champion program seeks individuals who like to interact with other seniors to lead activities that promote health and wellbeing amongst your fellow retirees. Activities can be hiking clubs, yoga classes, movie nights, book clubs or whatever you like to do that you think others might like to do with you.

Volunteering to be a Champion provides you additional opportunities to receive more program rewards and incentives. Champion meetings will be held quarterly in Los Angeles and surrounding counties, including San Bernardino, Orange, Ventura and Riverside. To find out how you can be a LACERS Well Champion, call Tara Miller, Wellness Program Manager, at (213) 978-6843.



LACERS Well Champion-led Activities Near You

Looking to be more active or connect with fellow retirees? Champion-led activities are designed by retirees for retirees and are a fun way to stay healthy and be social, in and around your community.

Free Fitness Classes at Houghton Park Community Center, Long Beach

- Zumba, yoga, circuit training and more
Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. All fitness levels welcome.
- Tai chi, 10 a.m.
Contact Brenda Combs: babycombs@aol.com

Walnut Walk

First Monday of each month, 7 a.m.
Outdoor venue varies
Contact Christy or Scott Margiotta: scottmargiotta@gmail.com

El Cariso Park Walk, Sylmar

Mondays at 9 a.m.
Contact Irene Galvan: ronnie20dav@gmail.com

Glenoaks Park Tai Chi, Glendale

Monday, April 4, 9 a.m.
All fitness levels welcome.
Contact Faith Mok: faith.mok@att.net

South San Fernando Valley Walk

Alternate Tuesdays, 9 a.m.
Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Park
Contact Debby Rolland: drthenuts@gmail.com

Rueben Ingold Park (Los Angeles) Walk

Thursdays at 11 a.m.
Contact Avis Ridley-Thomas: avisridleythomas@me.com

‘Buddy Walk for Life,’ Baldwin Park

First Friday of each month, 8 - 10 a.m.
Contact Mariam Galang: mariamgalang@gmail.com or (626) 482-1238

Manhattan Beach Pier Walk

First Saturday of the month, 8 - 10 a.m.
Contact Cyrus Adami: Cyrus13@yahoo.com

Ontario Mills Mall Walk

First Saturday of every month, 9 - 11 a.m.
Each month, Eugene highlights a new health awareness campaign.
Contact Eugene Mandelcorn: emandelcorn@ymail.com

Calabasas Walk

Third Sunday of each month, 10 a.m.
Outdoor venue varies
Contact Cheryl Tabbi: cheryltab@hotmail.com

Senior STARS Ski and Snowboard Program, Mountain High

Every Wednesday of ski season
Local carpool opportunities available
Contact Rico Hall: ricohall999@yahoo.com or click on seniorprogramstars.blogspot.com

Rescheduled:

‘Mike on a Bike’ Griffith Park Ride
Friday, April 15, 9 a.m.
Register at www.LACERS.org/lacerswell

Fullerton Arboretum Docent-Led Tour

Wednesday April 27th, 9 a.m.
Contact Joyce Kawai: jkawai@gmail.com

LACERS Well “Walk Cabrillo” Guided Tour at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

LACERS Well is hosting a walking tour at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. Join us for a walk guided by their education staff. Starting at the aquarium courtyard, we’ll visit the native garden, salt marsh, beaches and tide pools. We’ll explore each habitat and signs of the season along the shore during this two mile long guided tour. The walk will last approximately two hours. Please note that this is a fairly rigorous walk through some rocky terrain, so participants should be nimble.

Tuesday, May 3; sign-ins begin at 10:45 a.m., walking tour begins at 11 a.m.
Cabrillo Marine Aquarium: 3720 Stephen M. White Dr., San Pedro

All LACERS Retired Members, plus a guest, are welcome. Please wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes. All attendees will be required to sign a liability waiver at sign-in prior to participating. Spaces are limited, so be sure to sign up as soon as possible. Register online at www.LACERS.org/lacerswell, or call LACERS at (800) 779-8328.

Volunteering Bears Fruit

LACERS Well Champions volunteer at two senior centers.

On Jan. 25, LACERS Well Champions volunteered their time and effort to distribute 3,600 pieces of fresh fruit to seniors in the L.A. community. More than 800 seniors received a care package of fresh bananas, apples, pears and oranges in two multipurpose community centers – Bradley Senior Center and Wilmington Jaycees Foundation – and through homebound delivery service.

The Bradley Senior Center, overseen by the Watts Labor Community Action Committee (WLCAC), operates social service programs to assist older individuals maintain self-sufficiency and transition safely back to their communities from long-term care facilities. The center offers daily opportunities to improve health through programs/classes including diabetes self-management, chronic disease self-management, UCLA memory classes, the Arthritis Foundation's "Exercise with Ease" and American Diabetes Association's "Living a Healthy Life."

The Wilmington Jaycee Foundation invites all seniors age 60 and older to participate in programs including health screenings, recreational senior trips, onsite activities, social services and educational classes. The center provides daily onsite and home-delivery meal service and caters to more than 500 seniors in the Wilmington community.

The LACERS Well "Champions Who Care" program is an annual endeavor to give back to the local senior community through outreach, resource awareness and volunteer time. Each year, Champions will identify areas of need among seniors and establish a plan of action to assist in meaningful ways.

LACERS Well thanks Kaiser Permanente, the Fruit Guys (a delivery program for farm-fresh fruit to businesses and schools), the Wellness Champion volunteers, and senior



Tara Miller, MS RD/N
LACERS Well Program
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center staff (Phyllis Wilts, Lone Hall, Naara Sipper and Gary Kern) for providing assistance in donating and distributing the fresh fruit to this much-needed population.

"The Watts Labor Community Action Committee (WLCAC) provides senior services to low-income African American and Latino communities in 22 zip codes within the City of Los Angeles," explained Phyllis Willis, Director. "70 percent of our seniors is at high nutritional risk, and grocery stores with fresh

vegetables and fruit are not accessible to the majority of the population we serve. It goes without saying, our seniors are grateful for the act of kindness LACERS Well brought to our community!"

LACERS Well Champions who delivered fruit were:

- Tara Miller, LACERS Well Program Manager
- Sharylon Davis
- Faith Mok
- Sue Flores
- Dorothy Miller
- Victoria and Frank Comfort
- Lois and Henry Starks
- Patricia Heyne
- Mariam and Lib Galang

Special thanks go to Maria Alvarado, Bradley Senior Center Food Service Coordinator. ■



At the volunteer event were, from left: Phyllis Willis, Director, WLCAC Senior Programs, and LACERS Well Champion Sharylon Davis.



Get Fit and Be Kind to the Earth

Be smart about how you treat the earth, and yourself.

By Kristi Kuzma, CPT Intern, LACERS Well

If you're like me, you may have already thought you were doing enough on your own to help the environment every day, such as recycling, trying not to litter, and drinking from your own reusable water bottle. Or maybe, also like me, you didn't realize how many other changes we can make that won't take extra time out of our busy lives.

April is the month for celebrating the first Earth Day, which was started by Sen. Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin in 1970. So what better time to educate ourselves more on some other small, but significant ways we can make a difference? Let's celebrate Earth Month!

What is Earth Day?

A massive oil spill occurred in Santa Barbara in 1969. So much damage occurred that Sen. Nelson was inspired to organize a national "teach-in" (a lecture and discussion on a topic of public interest) that focused on educating the public about the environment. Every year since on April 22, Earth Day, is celebrated worldwide with rallies, conferences, outdoor activities and service projects. Here are some simple ways you can help the environment, promote better awareness, and in most cases, even improve personal wellness.

Reduce red meat consumption. According to a 2014 study from the Weizmann Institute of Science and Yale University, red meat requires 28 times more land to produce than pork or chicken, 11 times more water, and five times more climate-warming emissions. Some good (and good for you) alternatives are fish, chicken, turkey, nuts, beans, low-fat dairy products and whole grains.

Exercise outdoors. While some gyms

have experimented with solar and manually generated power to operate, most gyms utilize considerable amounts of electricity to function, including lighting, air temperature control and heating units for swimming pools. By using the great outdoors, not only are we absorbing Vitamin D, which is essential for strong bones and a healthy immune system, it has also been found that the outdoors have an overall positive effect on our vitality, sense of enthusiasm, and energy.

Take a shorter shower. According to the Alliance for Water Efficiency, consumers take, on average, 8.2 minutes to shower, using 17.2 gallons of water. By shaving two minutes off your shower, more than four gallons of water can be saved, which is more than enough to water the average number of houseplants... twice.

Use the library. Instead of buying books or magazines for something you will read only once, borrow them from the library. Donating old books and magazines is also a great way to help.

Plant something. You can start small with a few simple herbs in a small pot for your window. Or consider doing a plant-cutting swap with your neighbor.

Ride a bike, walk, carpool or use public transit. In Southern California, we are lucky to live in an environment where the weather is nice year-round. If you have some errands to run, plan ahead with a friend or group of friends, and if it's too far to walk or ride, consider carpooling or taking public transport.

Use baking soda and vinegar to clean instead of commercial or chemical clean-

ers. There isn't much these common household items won't clean. Add a few drops of lavender or lemon essential oil and it will smell great, too.

Pick up litter. According to www.litterit-costsyou.org, a pro-environmental Website on green environment sustainability, 1.9 billion tons of litter end up in the ocean every year.

Putting litter in the trash not only helps the environment look better, it can help save ocean life.

Take reusable bags along and use them. Keep them in your car or purse. Some stores, including Target, Trader Joe's and Whole Foods Market, will offer a discount if you bring your own bag, while other grocery chains sometimes charge for every bag they provide.

These are just a few ideas that can help improve the environment. For more information about Earth Day, visit www.earthday.org.

For some of the many events scheduled in Southern California, check out the ones listed below. (More information can be found at <https://www.eventbrite.com/d/ca-los-angeles/earth-day-events/>)

- Earth Day Food and Wine in Paso Robles, Calif., April 23. Prices vary.
- Earth Day at Soka University in Aliso Viejo, Calif., April 23. Admission is free.
- City of Artesia's Third Annual Earth Day Expo, April 23. Admission is free.
- Integrative Wellness Expo and Conference in Ventura, April 23. Prices vary.
- Earth Day at the Bay in Newport, April 23. Admission is free.

Life After Retirement

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

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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
Ampil, Guillermina A.	Sr. Accountant	Controller	15	Grant, James M.	Crime Intellig. Analyst	LAPD	30	Miller, Michael L.	Exhibit Preparer	Cultural Affairs	25
Atha, Mark Douglas	Animal Keeper	Zoo	22	Green, Sharon Vanessa	Pr. Clerk	LAPD	31	Mims, Beverly T.	Sr. Administrative Clerk	Housing	35
Badshah, Shahnaz S.	Recreation Assistant	Rec and Parks	5	Guillen, Jose F.	Custodian	General Serv.	18	Moreno, Donald	Maintenance Laborer	General Serv.	26
Burney, Yvette Anita	Police Administrator	LAPD	31	Hatley, Paul	Construction Inspector	Public Works	30	Nembhard, Carlos J.	Wastewater Coll. Wrk.	Public Works	27
Cervantes, Lorraine	Legal Secretary	City Attorney	21	Ibarra, Rosalio Ramirez	Custodian	Airports	12	Ocampo, Nora Pescoso	Accountant	Public Works	10
Chiarodit, Karen	Sr. Exam Quest. Doc.	LAPD	36	Ippoliti, Fortuna B.	Council Aide	Council	7	Powers, Sheree B.	Park Maint. Super.	Rec and Parks	32
Contreras, Hermalinda	Sr. Traffic Supervisor	Transportation	35	Jimenez, Sonia G.	Council Aide	Council	17	Preston, Donna Jean	Administrative Clerk	Public Works	10
Dodd, Jerry C.	Sr. Traffic Supervisor	Transportation	36	Joe, John Chi Djoen	Civil Engineer	Rec and Parks	28	Quon, Wilken G.	Sr. Accountant	Public Works	39
Dunkle, Thanh Nha Le	Management Analyst	LAPD	35	Jones, Janice L.	Pr. Clerk	Finance	26	Rohaly, Karen M.	Administrative Clerk	Library	5
Ellis, Bennie Fay	Sr. Traffic Supervisor	Transportation	35	Kassew, Kabew	Wastewater Treat. Lab Mgr.	General Serv.	32	Rondinone, Edward J.	Storekeeper	General Serv.	29
Ficken, Jennifer L.	Sr. Police Service Rep	LAPD	11	Kim, Sanghee	Administrative Clerk	General Serv.	27	Sanders, JoAnn	Sr. Admin. Clerk	LAFD	35
Folarin, Ola Yinka	Systems Programmer	ITA	11	Knotts, Paul J.	Mech. Repairer	Rec and Parks	31	Schaefer, Eric G.	Security Officer	LAPD	15
Forrester, Patricia E.	Admin. Clerk	Library	6	Lackey, Leland Jay	Maint. Constr. Helper	Public Works	13	Scott, Leslie A.	Light Equipment Op.	Airports	17
Fowlkes, Eddie J.	Sr. Admin. Clerk	LAPD	35	Lee, Richard E.	Principal Public Relat. Rep	Public Works	34	Sinclair, Denise Michelle	Sr. Admin. Clerk	LAPD	30
Garrison, Steven Paul	Systems Programmer	ITA	30	Lopez, Gregorio E.	Special Program. Asst.	Rec and Parks	5	Stern, Henry W.	Chief Investment Off.	Treasurer	7
Gastelum, Ramona	Recreation Assistant	Rec and Parks	1	Mack, William J.	Equipment Operator	Public Works	31	Sweet, Charles Steven	Wastewater Treat. Op.	General Serv.	30
Germain, Raoul J.	Building Mech. Insp.	Build. & Safety	5	Malcolm, Shirley Ann	Principal Clerk	LAPD	35	Trevino, David E.	Truck Operator	General Serv.	35
Gonzales, Ramona	Management Analyst	LAPD	27	Mathews, Gregory R.	Dep. Dir. of Auditing	Controller	6	Utreras, John C.	Build. Mechanic Super.	Build. & Safety	25
Gonzalez, Sandra P.	Exe. Admin. Assistant	LAFD	35	McClellan, Montel	Sr. Housing Inspector	Housing	16	Valenzuela, Aura A.	Crossing Guard	Transportation	5



The Next Generation, Growing Up!

Margaret F. Gonzalez, Retired, Housing, wrote to update us on her great-niece and -nephew – we use the original photo in our “Share Your Life’s Moments” graphic. Thanks for updating us, Margaret! “As I was perusing the March 2016 *Alive!*, I noticed a picture of my great-niece and -nephew in your ‘Share Your Life’s Moments’ section. I sent that picture in quite a few years ago and I thought you might want to see an update of how they look now. “Their names are Gabriel (Gabby) and Diego Reyes. They live in Mesa, Ariz. Gabriel is 9 and Diego is 13.”

Show Us Your Grandkids!

Retirees: *Alive!* wants to show off your grandkids! So send in those photos!

Here's how:

1. **Make sure to have the permission from their parents.** If you send in a photo, *Alive!* assumes you have already received that permission.
2. Photos with you in them are better, but if not, that's okay, too.
3. Make sure you list the names of your grandkids.
4. Tell us, in a sentence or two, a little bit about them – their school, their accomplishments, what they love to do, how proud you are of them, etc.
5. Digital photos are best! Send them to: talkback@cityemployees-club.com

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

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

38th Annual Retirees Invitational Golf Tournament

Thursday, June 2, 2016

The 38th Annual Retired Los Angeles City Employees Invitational Golf Tournament will be held on **Thursday, June 2, 2016** at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course with a “Shotgun Start” at 7:30 a.m. The course is located at 630 South Almansor Street, Alhambra, CA 91801. Check in is at 7:00 a.m. **SOFT SPIKES MANDATORY!**

- The tournament is open to retired and active employees and friends. The cost is \$67.00 for R.L.A.C.E.I. & City Club members. All others is \$77.00 includes green fees, carts, prizes and lunch at the Alhambra Court restaurant. Lunch only is \$25.00.
- Those interested in participating must complete the reservation form and mail it with your check made payable to: **“R.L.A.C.E.I.” by May 20th** and sent to Tom Stemnock, Chairman, 4040 Vineland Avenue, Suite 108, Studio City, CA 91604. For any questions call Chairman Tom Stemnock at (818) 487-6789.

2016 Golf Tournament Reservation Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

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

Luncheon Only: \$25

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

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Some *History Comes Alive!* columns can be heard on 89.3-KPCC's Off-Ramp, online at www.kpcc.org/offramp/

~ Tales From the City Archives ~



by Michael E. Holland
City Archivist

The Library Fire of 1986

Photos courtesy the Gary Leonard and Security Pacific Bank Collections, Los Angeles Public Library; and the City Archives

The impermanent nature of manmade structures is present in many forms around us every day. We see the destruction of iconic structures as more dramatic and heartbreaking, however rarely they occur. The replacement of the Sixth Street Viaduct going on right now is proof of planned destruction. But 30 years ago, on April 29, 1986, a gut-wrenching act of destruction took place at one of the City's most iconic buildings. That day, the Central Library was touched by what is believed to be arson.

Thirty years later, the events of that Thursday morning have become part of the urban legend of the City. Novelist Susan Orlean visited the City Archive in February to look through several of our boxes containing files dealing with efforts to rebuild and restock the building. We also have minutes of the Fire Commission, which met a week after the fire. There is an audio file of a press conference the morning after the fire; the audio captured the sense of shock that still hung over the City like the smoke that billowed and was captured in photos, which also exist in the archives. Here is a link to the audio with some of the photos on the City Clerk's Youtube channel: <https://youtu.be/kDXqhQMczjM>

A final report by the National Fire Protection Association dated March 13, 1987 began this way: "On April 29, 1986 at approximately 1050 hours, a fire occurred in the Central Library ... the 400 building occupants evacuated the library in about eight minutes without a mishap ... it took firefighters seven-and-a-half hours to extinguish the fire in this partially sprinklered building."

The library had installed smoke detectors but not sprinklers except in the basement. There were "portable pressurized water extinguishers provided for the entire building." The public safety concerns had been debated since 1970 when the library was added to the National Registry of Historic Buildings. There had been some talk of razing the library before it was made a City historical monument in 1967.

But the 1926 structure had long since run out of space. The original structure had a basement level, three upper levels and the southeast wing comprising two stories. Reinforced concrete ranging from 16 inches to three feet thick was the most current technology at the time it was built. The stacks of books at the center of the destruction were shelves built over airshafts that circulated air over the books. This was due to the fact that the original library was not air-conditioned. So natural air movement both vertically and horizontally maintained an ambient temperature. It also gave the fire a place to spread beyond the firefighters' reach for a time.

"The fire," the report goes on, "was determined to be of a suspicious nature. It appears that fires were set in the third or fourth shelves on each side of a fifth tier aisle in the northeast stack. No evidence of accelerant was found near the suspected area of fire origin."

The challenges that the LAFD faced were unique. Because of the murals and other wall decorations, firefighters couldn't use their normal technique of breaking windows and aiming streams of water inside. They had to go inside the burning building carrying hoses from one area to another. They did have to use jackhammers to break several holes between floors, but every move was made to preserve as much of the library building as possible.

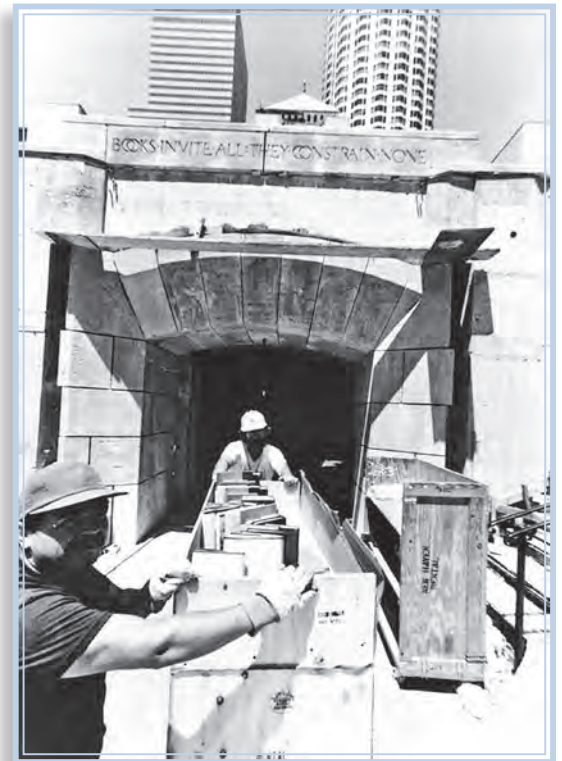
The total LAFD manpower used included the following: 60 fire companies, nine paramedic ambulance units, three helicopters and 350 personnel. As soon as the fire was out, 1,500 people, including library staff and other City employees as well as volunteers from all over the county, descended to rescue the books. The next four days saw a round-the-clock operation to move books to pallets, wrap them in plastic and get them into cold storage to prevent mildew growth that would damage them further. The result was 1,600 pallets safely stored with a total of 600,000 volumes rescued.

But the losses were still staggering: 200,000 volumes destroyed by fire. 150,000 volumes were smoke and fire damaged. The collection of patents was completely destroyed and irreplaceable. Some of the patents were replaced by the U.S. government, but many more were not as they were from places like Germany, the USSR

and Cuba. The magazine collection was decimated to a third of its original 6,000 titles going back to the 1700s. Three million gallons of water were needed to put out the fire.

The report contains a section explaining that libraries have very special fire suppression issues. But it states that during the period of 1980 through 1984, an average of 134 library fire incidents occurred in the United States each year. A sad footnote to the report was that a second fire broke out in the Central Library Sept. 3, 1986. This time the Art and Music section, "an area not greatly affected by the first fire," was damaged and, after the half-hour incident had passed, \$2 million worth irreplaceable artifacts, including some early Hollywood collections, had been destroyed. Like the first fire, it was also believed to have been arson, according to officials. Both fires remain unsolved.

The fire forced the closure of the library administrative office, which was moved to the nearby ARCO Tower. The book pallets were moved to cold storage warehouses and the LA Convention Center until the books on pallets could be dried and repaired. Some of the books were dried by a high-tech approach in Huntington Beach by defense contractor McDonnell Douglas Corp. A low pressure vacuum chamber designed to simulate conditions in outer space was supposed to remove



Workers move books back into the reconstructed Central Library, 1993.

telethon with the controversial Dr. Gene Scott was broadcast starting at noon Jan. 9, 1987 and claimed to have raised \$2 million in pledges. But it was later determined that slightly more than \$250,000 had been collected instead – slightly above ten percent of the goal.

The archive boxes contain some comment cards written by phone bank staffers during the telethon. Many of the cards were praises for the jazz piano offerings by City librarian Wyman Jones. The files show how active he was in the entire restoration project until he retired from the City in 1990. The library was housed in eight floors of the nearby Title Insurance building from 1989 to 1994. Elizabeth Martinez was the City Librarian when the Central Library reopened Oct. 3, 1994.

The new and expanded Central Library reflected and has since become what Henry David Thoreau believed what books were in his classic work *Walden*: "Books," he wrote, "are the treasured wealth of the world and the fit inheritance of generations and nations." There were some moments when it seemed that the library – now named after Mayor Richard Riordan – would have been lost to Angelenos. If you haven't been there at all or recently, you should pay it a visit. ■



The Central Library on fire, April 29, 1986.

water from all parts of a book. But the pumps were overwhelmed by the volume of water being wicked away. This was an experiment that included freeze-drying the books and leaving them in boxes rather than unpacking them. The process, estimated to take one week, ended up lasting nearly a month.

Meanwhile, a long-term strategy for replacing and rebuilding the library collections began with many volunteer efforts and fundraisers. The biggest was "Save The Books," a joint venture between Mayor Tom Bradley and ARCO, which ultimately raised \$10 million towards a \$17 million goal. A 24-hour



After the fire that devastated the Central Library in 1986, departments had to be moved; many took up temporary residence in the nearby Title Insurance building before moving back to the refurbished Central Library in 1993. Here, in the Title Insurance building, Glen Creason of the Maps Section is behind a reference desk.

St. Baldrick's Tops \$1 Million!

14th annual LAFD/LAPD St. Baldrick's Fundraiser tops \$1 million in total funds raised by this chapter.

LAPD/LAFD

Story by LAFD Capt. Danny Wu, Club Board Member
Photos courtesy Capt. Danny Wu; Angel Gomez, Club Director of Sales; and Michael Meadows

If you take a look around, you may notice that many LAFD and LAPD members are sporting a new shorn look. Are they getting prepared for summer? Did they lose a bet? Are they saving money on shampoo? For the participants of the 2016 14th annual LAFD/LAPD St. Baldrick's fundraiser to fight childhood cancer, the answer is a resounding "no!"

On March 12 at Fire Station 89 in North Hollywood, these first responders joined with brave souls from the public by shaving their heads in solidarity to support children who have lost their hair as a consequence of cancer treatment. Worldwide, more than 160,000 children are diagnosed with cancer every year, and sadly it takes the lives of more children in the United States than any other illness. By raising money for shaving his head, shavees like LAFD co-organizer Sean Kennedy assists the nationwide St. Baldrick's Foundation with offering research grants for finding a cure. This is extremely important because, after the U.S. government, the St. Baldrick's Foundation is the largest source of funding for childhood cancer research. Proceeds from this year's event bring the aggregate total raised through 14 years to more \$1 million!

Like events in the past, this year's event was all about the kids. Tireless worker Laura Hixson and her volunteers from the Los Angeles Police Federal Credit Union organized an amazing silent auction (with donations by the City Employees Club, Home Depot, Sears, LAPD Air Support Division, Fire Axe Inc., and others) and a secret egg toy fundraiser (supported in part by Spark of Love)—contributing an additional \$5,000 to the projected more than \$100,000 raised at this year's event. Magicians from the Magic Castle mesmerized the little ones with their tricks; Betsy Quezada painted eagerly waiting faces; LAFD S&M's Derrick Tinsley drew amazing caricatures—and they all broadened every child's smile even further by volunteering their artistic talents. Children and their families enjoyed exploring the LAPD S.W.A.T. display, Tesla patrol car, and having their photo professionally taken in Laura Lichter's LAPD motorbike picture booth. The crowd enjoyed a delicious free pancake and sausage breakfast from Pancake Factory North Hollywood, and quenched their thirst with fresh cups of joe from the Coffee Bean and drinks/snacks from KENK USA's Kelly Khoury. UCLA Blood and Platelet Donor Center's Vicky Nguyen partnered with Janet Higgins from City of Hope to recruit donors for their blood drive and bone marrow registration—thereby helping out even further in the local community and beyond.

Actress Angeline Rose-Troy smiled as she again shaved heads with Moni Meza, Jessica Sanchez, Deby Herdrich and Kim Ferry—all regular barbers from over the years. St. Baldrick's Director Kathleen Ruddy smiled as LAFD Fire Chief Ralph Terrazas shaved LAFD co-organizer Danny Wu's dome, while in the next stool his Chief Deputy Joe Castro shaved LAFD Bandwagon Operator/Firefighter Cody Weireter's head with pleasure. LAPD Police Chief Charlie Beck made a repeat appearance and looked happy to lop off LAPD co-organizer Lt. Greg Doyle's hair in front of an approving crowd! Not present this year due to his busy schedule was regular supporter, comedian/host Jay Leno—although he did stop by Fire Station 89 earlier in the week to deliver a generous \$5,000 donation. However, present this year was LAFD's highest fundraising participant Battalion Chief Jesse Cisneros, who supposedly strong-armed many gold badges (and their checkbooks) into raising more than \$6,300!

One of the highlights of this year's event came in the "Honored Kids" ceremony, where Laura Hixson presented our St. Baldrick's special kids and their families with an incredible gift basket for recognition of their fight with cancer. Someone who could relate to their courage is Fire Station 89's own Apparatus Operator Lee Hazelquist—who made it known that even while recovering from his own cancer treatment he was not going to miss his first St. Baldrick's event. As he does every year, Lee arrived early to assist with setting up and cooking breakfast for the hundreds of hungry mouths on UFLAC's "Mother Of All Barbecues." Thank you, Lee, for your tireless work ethic and dedication, and we all hope to see you driving Truck 89 soon!

Thank you also to all who volunteered, pledged, participated and brought your families out for a worthy cause. Special thanks goes out to Fire Station 89 for hosting, Off the Shelf Catering's Jovan Fiddler for feeding all of the volunteers, and ACE Party Rentals in North Hollywood for donating an impressive 40-by-60-foot canopy that protected the eating area consisting of LAFD In-Service Training's tables/chairs—in anticipation of El Niño and inclement weather. Luckily, the furious downpour from the day before subsided before the day of the event, and clearly this year's event was meant to be enjoyed in our beautiful Southern California weather.

We look forward to seeing you all next year, and remember it's not too late to donate online at: www.stbaldricks.org/events/lafdlapd



This group of participants included LAFD Chief Ralph Terrazas (left) and Capt. Danny Wu, Club Member (far right).



LAPD Chief Charlie Beck (right) shaves the head of LAPD Lt. Greg Doyle, Club Member.



LAFD Engineer Sean Kennedy.



The LAPD Motorcycle photo booth proved popular.



LAFD Engineer Kelly Taggart.



CLUB SPORTS

News from Sports Leagues
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Photos by the Club's Sports Dude, Robert Larios

FUN TO SPARE!

Club's first Bowling Night a big hit.

On Feb. 25, the Club Sports Dept. held its bowling night of 2016. The fun was held at the innovative and energetic XLanes in Little Tokyo.

The event was not just about success in the lanes – it was about meeting fellow City, DWP, State and County municipal workers.

Watch this space for news of possible future bowling nights!



Above: Lynne Gregoire, Public Works/Street Services, Club Member.



Right, from left: Carin Bautista, Fire and Police Pensions, Club Member, and Lita Payne, LACERS.



Michael Torres, Airports, Club Member, and his wife, Theresa.



Linh Lee-Ngo, PW Engineering, Club Member, and Brian Szramowski.



From left: Angel Vidales, DWP, Club Member; Dennis Vidales; Veronica Mendez, Club Member; Vernon Steele; and Ignacio Martinez.



Right, from left: Jack Thomas, Club Member; Janae Lee; Sandra Lee; and Jason Thomas.



From left: Dakarai Smith; Ray Ray; Elvia Magallon, Economic/Workforce Development, Club Member; Vince Castillo; Natalie Castillo; and Anthony Rojas.



Hoops, Bowling, Softball: Club Sports on the Horizon

The Club Sports Office welcomes all individual players to inquire about the Club's sports leagues. Currently, the Club is coordinating efforts for basketball, bowling and softball. Please contact sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com or call the Club at (800) 464-0452 to be placed as a free agent and for more information.

JOIN A SPORT:



Basketball

The 2016 Club basketball season is scheduled to begin this fall with registration open now – there are four teams formed and ready to play (eight are need to get the season started).



Bowling

The season for bowling can begin at any time when there is enough player interest and participation.



Softball

The 2016 Club softball season will begin in July with registration open in April.

Who can join? All players **must be Club Members** and agree to all regular Club membership rules and regulations. Players who are not Club Members must join and become members and must be City, State or County employees. Club Membership fees are \$2.25 per pay period for City and DWP employees, and \$2.50 per month for retired City employees. Exceptions to eligibility requirements are offered for relatives of Club Members over 18 years of age.

Images of past sporting events can be found on the Club Website at <http://photos.cityemployeesclub.com/ClubSports>

Airports

Story by Harold Johnson, LAX
Community Relations Division.
Photos by Harold Johnson
and Club staff.

Leaving LAX

Three long-time Airport employees
find it hard to say goodbye.

At Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), family members and staff of Human Resources Division gathered March 8 in an emotional and sometimes teary ceremony to say goodbye to three long-time staff members who are leaving. Manny Edward Melendez is retiring, and Reyindah! (Linda) Brown, Club Rep, and Devon Deming have accepted promotions out of the department.

The goodbye event was held at LAX. After more than 30 years of City service, Manny Edward Melendez is retiring. Melendez made an early-life career change from engineering to a non-technical civil service position.

"My job in the oil industry was as a Cartographer Engineer on drilling platforms and rigs worldwide," said Melendez. He then moved to California and worked as a Quality Assurance Engineer in the medical-pharmaceutical industry. As those businesses began leaving the country, he worked as a Quality Assurance Engineer in the aerospace and defense industry working for Ford Aerospace, Teledyne, Bell & Howell, NASA, Black & Decker and Northrop, to name a few.

"Due to the downturn in our economy and to avoid being laid off constantly, I applied for several City positions," he continued. "The first position the City called me to start was for the Delivery Driver I post."

Melendez gave up what he called, "the money" for work that was more enjoyable. He found a serene career as an employee of the City. He told family and colleagues who had gathered at the goodbye celebration, "If you are happy with what you are doing, that's what counts."

Starting in General Services in 1985 as a Delivery Driver, Melendez had an opportunity to visit many parts of Los Angeles. He transferred to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) in 1995. After a long and prosperous City

career, Melendez is retiring as Supervisor of the LAX mailroom.

Reylindah! (Linda) Brown has accepted a promotion to work at the Harbor. After working 13 years at LAX vendor HMS Host, Brown began City service in 1989 and has remained at LAX throughout her 40-year working career.

Brown describes a pivotal day in her life she experienced while working for Host. "I was walking from Terminal 2 to Terminal 7 – there was no Terminal 1 and no Tom Bradley International Terminal," she told the gathering. "I saw the re-lamp crew. They were working as a team."

Wanting that cohesion at work, Brown passed the Civil Service test for typist. Starting as a Clerk Typist in Human Resources (HR), then being promoted to Sr. Clerk Typist in 1990, Brown was promoted again to Accounting Clerk II in 1992 and had to leave HR. After stays in Accounting, Payroll, Revenue Section and Financial Reporting she transferred from Accounting back to HR in January as a Personnel Records Supervisor.

Brown will begin work at the Port as a Personnel Records Supervisor.

Devon Deming started working with the City in 1999 as a Management Assistant in Planning. Deming transferred to Personnel after four months on the job and began running the City's Vanpool Program. Seven months later she was promoted to Management Analyst II. It took only three years for Deming to work her way to Sr. Personnel Analyst. During her rise up the promotional ladder, she took charge of the LAWA Rideshare Program in 2003. In that capacity Deming initiated activities like Halloween RideSCARE, Bike to Work Week, making a Rideshare video and vanpool photo sessions to promote that program. Deming helped with the Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP) Synthesis Study on Airport Employee Commute Programs. She was President of the Southern California Chapter of



From left: LAWA Human Resources Director Paula Adams, Club Member; Devon Deming; LAWA Deputy Executive Director Samson Mengistu, Club Member; Reyindah! Brown, Club Rep and Manny Melendez.



Manny Melendez with his City Council Resolution to recognize and thank him for more than 30 years of City service.

Devon Deming, 17 years of City service, has accepted a promotion to Director of County Metro Commute Services.



Reylindah! Brown, Club Rep poses with her employee signature farewell card.



Aprile Benjamin writes a goodbye message to Reyindah! Brown, Club Rep.



Maria Sison



From left: Rebecca Rivera, two family members and Diana Ramirez.



Regino Sarabia.



Teresa Salgado and Hector Gomez, Club Member.



Reylindah! Brown, Club Rep, with Shawn Smith, Crime Scene Investigator, 15 years of service, Club Member.



From left: Racheal Walker, Patricia Alston and Shannon Lawrence, Club Member.



From left: Brenda Crawford and Reyindah! Brown, Club Rep.



From left: Stephanie Young, Manager Assistant II, 25 years of City service; Manny Melendez, Retiree; and Sheryl Thomas-Perkins, Sr. Government Affairs Rep, 25 years.



From left: Vernezia Benwikere and Asst. Human Resources Director Olivia Riter, Club Member.



From left: Keylaundra McClelland, Club Member; Ryan Jackson, Club Member; and Glynnis Cash, Club Member.



From left: John Ward, Club Member; Adrianna Vidal, Club Member; and Gerardo "Jerry" Hernandez, Club Member.



From left: Reyindah Brown, Club Rep; Catherine Jones, Club Member; and LAWA Human Resources Director Paula Adams, Club Member.



From left: Vernezia Benwikere and D'Ann McCoy Snerl, Club Member.



Sandra Bijou.



From left: Jerry Lopez and Michael Hartnell, Club Member.



Devon Deming, center, poses with Rideshare Office staffers, from left: Josie Serrano, Arthur Palomar (Club Member), Dennis Banzuela, Melissa Molina (Club Member) and Conrad Rodriguez.



Jim Mumau.

Association for Commuter Transportation. She is an appointed member of the Metro South Bay Governance Council, and an appointed member, 2015 Metro Blue Ribbon Committee on Transit Service. Deming is also a board member of the South Bay Westside Transportation Management Association (SBWTMA), a certified member of the Association of American Airport Executives, a member of the Metro Expresslanes Community Advisory Committee and Women's Transportation Summit (WTS).

Metro Rideshare Diamond Awards are given to Southland companies and individuals who go to extra mile to promote commute alternatives. During Deming's tenure as Rideshare Program manager, LAWA received 16 Rideshare Diamond Awards, including the Corporate Blue Diamond Award, Metro's highest honor.

Deming has other recognitions, too, including being a founding member of Best Workplaces for Commuters (BWC); receiving a Gold Medal in BWC's Race to Excellence; being a recipient of the Renovation Award from the National Association for Commuter Transportation; being recognized for Outstanding Service in the Public Sector by the National Association for Commuter Transportation; and earning the Chapter of the Year Award from the National Association for Commuter Transportation.

Deming will begin work at Los Angeles County Metro as a Director of Commuter Services.

The Club congratulates Manny, Linda and Devon for their great service to LAX's Human Resources Division, and all of the City. ■



From left: John Ward, Delivery II, 15 years of City service, Club Member; Gerardo Hernandez, 13 years, Club Member; Hector Gomez, 2 years, Club Member; Manny Melendez, Retiree; Teresa Perez Salgado, Delivery II, 16 years, Club Member; and Regino Sarabia, Clerk Typist, 13 years.



From left: Federico Sandoval, Sign Painter, 28 years of City service, Club Member; Ruben Diaz, Sign Painter, 1 year; Manny Melendez, Retiree; and Ernesto Garcia Jr., Sign Painter, 1 year, Club Member.



From left: Susan Sharp, Linda Annala, Brenna Simmons and Vike Cartwright-Adams.



Frank Serrano and Shavonda Stamps.



From left: Josh Brown, Linda's son, Administration Clerk, 4 years of City service; with Linda Brown, Club Rep, and her daughter, Dominique Brown, Airport Security.



From left: Olivia Ritter, Assistant HR Director, 29 years of City service, Club Member; Linda Brown, Club Rep; and Devon Deming, Club Member.



Devon Deming leads Glynnis Cash, Dennis Banzuela and Conrad Rodriguez into the event.



From left: Anthony De La Torre, Sign Shop Supervisor, 15 years of City service; Linda Brown, Club Rep; Federica Sandoval; Ruben Diaz; and Ernesto Garcia Jr., Sign Painter, 1 year.



From left: Georgianna Streeter, Internal Auditor IV, 12 years of City service, with Devon Deming.



Bill Hartranft, Carpenter Supervisor, 13 years of City service, with Reyindah Brown, Club Rep.



Melissa Molina, Club Member, left, looks on as Devon Deming talks to the group.



From left: Reyindah Brown, Club Rep; and Courtney Kenard, Club Member.



From left: Maria-Esthera Melendez; LAWA Deputy Executive Director Samson Mengistu, Club Member; and Manny Melendez.



Rhea Rufon.



From left: Sgt. Javier Parga, Airport Security, 13 years of City service, Club Member; Reyindah Brown, Club Rep; and Gerry Jackson, 29 years, Club Member.



Ralph Morones, Director of Maintenance, 44 years of City service, Club Member, with Reyindah Brown, Club Rep.

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Mariana Guevara,
Club Store Manager

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The *Alive!* Children's Coloring Contest

Deadline for submission:
May 11, 2016

Submit to:
Club Coloring Contest
City Employees Club of Los Angeles
120 West 2nd Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012



The Club will do everything it can to gather all the submissions, but it cannot be responsible for lost or misdirected mail.

Good luck and have fun!

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

Your name _____ How old are you? _____

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

What is your favorite snack? _____

What is your favorite television show? _____

Why do you want to go to this park? _____

For parents/guardian to complete:

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Job title and department with the City: _____

Parent/guardian phone number: _____

Child's address/city/zip: _____

Club Membership number: _____



Zoo

Photos by Tad Motoyama, Zoo



Grevy's zebras drinking water.



Three female Grevy's zebras.

Return of the Zebras

Zoo welcomes zebras for breeding.

The Los Angeles Zoo welcomes four Grevy's zebras to the Zoo's animal community after the habitat had been vacant for five months. The new herd, consisting of one male, four years old from the Bronx Zoo, and three females, all two years old or younger and from the Jacksonville Zoo and the Oglebay Park Good Zoo, were sent to the L.A. Zoo as part of a breeding recommendation from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' (AZA) species survival program. The L.A. Zoo hopes the new group will interact positively and lead to offspring that would help educate guests about the continually declining population of this species in the wild.

"We eagerly anticipated this new group of Grevy's zebras, and so far they are getting along and thriving in their new environment,"

said Beth Schaefer, General Curator at the Los Angeles Zoo. "The last zebra birth at the L.A. Zoo was in 1988, so we hope this group will be fortunate enough to have a foal in the next few years."

The Grevy's zebra, the largest of the three species of zebra, is easily distinguished from plain and mountain zebras due to their larger frame, thin striping patterns, giant round ears, and white belly. Found in the deserts of northern Kenya and Ethiopia, the Grevy's zebra population is rapidly declining, estimated at less than 2,500 left in the wild, due to habitat loss, reduction of available water sources, overgrazing and competition from domesticated animals, and hunting. Guests can now view the new breeding group of Grevy's zebras in their habitat daily, weather permitting.

Larios in the City

BY ROBERT LARIOS, Chief Operating Officer
rlarios@cityemployeesclub.com

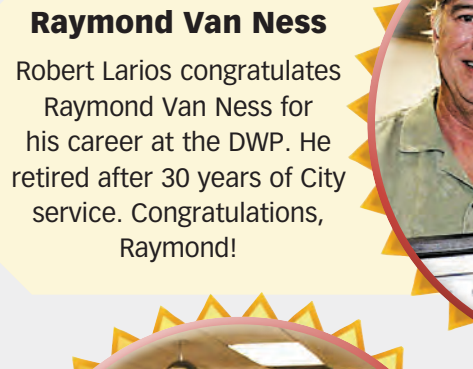


Robert Larios, Chief Operating Officer, honors City employees for their achievements.



Johnnie J. Levario

Robert Larios congratulates Johnnie J. Levario for his career at the DWP. Johnnie retired after 30 years of City service. Congratulations, Johnnie!



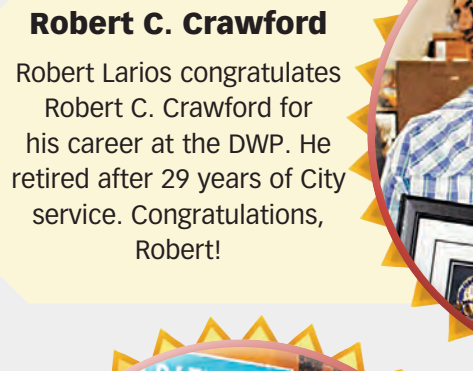
Raymond Van Ness

Robert Larios congratulates Raymond Van Ness for his career at the DWP. He retired after 30 years of City service. Congratulations, Raymond!



Loretta S. Galvan

Robert Larios congratulates Loretta S. Galvan for her career at the DWP. She retired after 28 years of City service. Congratulations, Loretta!



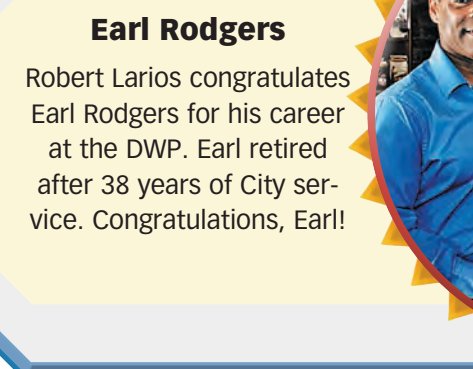
Robert C. Crawford

Robert Larios congratulates Robert C. Crawford for his career at the DWP. He retired after 29 years of City service. Congratulations, Robert!



Jose A. Manzano

Robert Larios congratulates Jose A. Manzano for his career at the DWP. He retired after 30 years of City service. Congratulations, Jose! (Jose was accompanied by his son, Anthony Manzano, on the left.)



Earl Rodgers

Robert Larios congratulates Earl Rodgers for his career at the DWP. Earl retired after 38 years of City service. Congratulations, Earl!

THIS MONTH AT THE

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

A REC AND PARKS FACILITY

Yoga in the Salt Marsh

SAT., APRIL 16 • 10 – 10:45 A.M.

Bring your mat and come join Cabrillo Marine Aquarium's Yoga in the Salt Marsh! Listen to the beautiful natural sounds in the marsh while you stretch and relax to the teachings of resident yoga teacher, Cathy Terrones.

This is a free event, open to all yoga skill levels. Your personal yoga mat is required, there will not be one provided for you. Class will take place on a wooden deck overlooking the Salinas de San Pedro Salt Marsh at Cabrillo Beach in San Pedro.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required (call the number below). Meet at the front steps of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium at 9:55 a.m., then walk to the salt marsh.

Open to all ages.

Free!

(310) 548-7562

Parking: \$1/hour



Cabrillo Marine Aquarium
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People We See

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in a series.



Meet James Shaw.

AGE: "I'm 48."

BIRTHPLACE: "San Diego."

FAMILY:

"I have a step-brother, a sister and another sister, but she died when I was younger. My grandma always said that I have lots of siblings."

MARRIED?

"I've been married three times. Back in 2010 I was due to get married again, but my fiancé died from heart issues. That was back in Vegas."

EDUCATION:

"I graduated from High School, but I was put in the special ed classes. It was hard for me to learn as fast as the other students. Immediately after graduating I joined the Job Corps."

RELIGION: "I am Christian."

MEDICATIONS:

"I'm on a couple of antidepressants."

WHERE DO YOU LIVE: "On the street. Last night I was up on Arcadia and Spring, sleeping on the sidewalk. It's hard to get a good night's sleep. And this morning the police woke me up because I overslept. My phone had died and I didn't realize it was 5:30 a.m., which is when I need to get off the sidewalk."

WHEN MOVED TO L.A.:

"It's a long story, but this most recent time I got here from San Diego on the first of this month."

WHY MOVE TO L.A.:

"Mainly because it's easier to get help, and the streets are kinder. It also helps because I have food stamps for L.A. County, and I can't use them in any other county. It's easier to get my general relief, too."

FAVORITE MOVIE: "Urban Cowboy."

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Reba."

FAVORITE ACTOR: "Burt Reynolds, of course."

FAVORITE ACTRESS: "Jennifer Aniston."

FAVORITE MUSIC:

"Country, but not the new stuff ... I like the old country."

FAVORITE FOOD: "Carne asada."

FAVORITE CANDY: "I don't eat candy anymore."

FAVORITE BOOK:

"My eyesight is so bad right now that I can't really read."

LAST JOB:

"I have had a lot of different jobs. I worked at a car wash. I washed dishes, was a security guard, dug trenches in Tennessee ... you name it, I did it. But my latest job was back in 2010 when I was a medical caretaker. Now, though, with no transportation and my scoliosis I can't really work. And I'm not an alcoholic or drug user, so that's not the reason. My only vice is chewing tobacco. I prefer Skoal when I can afford it."

LAST THING EATEN:

"A bean and rice burrito last night."

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY:

"It was going to the movies to see Smokey and the Bandit when it first came out. I remember the theatre was packed and the only place to sit was on the floor in the front."

IF GIVEN \$1 MILLION:

"I would get a place – an apartment. But first I would head right to my favorite restaurant down on Skid Row and order me their carne asada burrito."

IF YOU WERE MAYOR:

"I would make a hotel that is exclusively for the homeless. But I would make it homeless-friendly, not like the missions. At the missions you can't have a cell phone, no cigarettes, no chewing tobacco. In my homeless hotel, I would allow all these things, maybe even some alcohol flow ... not too much, just a little. Everything in moderation, my ma would say."

MOST PRIZED POSSESSION: "My cell phone."

MAKE A WISH: "To have my own place."

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

The interview, conducted by John Hawkins, took place March 16 at the corner of Temple and Spring Streets, on the northwest corner of City Hall downtown.



James Shaw (left) and
Club CEO John Hawkins.

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



The Smart Move

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

Healthy, Wealthy and Wise

How are your New Year's Resolutions holding up? Common resolutions to exercise or lose weight might come to mind first.

But your health and wealth go hand in hand, now and when you retire.

To make sure you are doing everything you can today to plan for a better tomorrow, consider these tips for making yourself healthy, wealthy and wise:

- **Save as much as you can, as soon as you can.** No matter how old you are, you should be saving for your future. Start young, and you can put the power of compounding on your side. Your money will grow faster over time as your earnings produce their own earnings. Take advantage of tax advantaged plans including tax-deductible 457 Plans and tax-free ROTH IRA eligible plans. Also, with the price of oil dropping, put the money you save on gas into a retirement savings account.
- **Prepare and prevent.** Preparation means saving for retirement and making sure you have appropriate insurance. Prevention means having routine tests, screenings and health exams to catch problems before they become serious

— and expensive — health conditions.

- **Understand your retirement benefits.** Learn as much as you can about your pension plan. Take advantage of additional savings available through your employer through payroll deduction.

If you have a pension plan, find out about projected benefit levels at different retirement ages and under different distribution plans.

- **Ensure you have a better future.** Make sure you have the insurance you need to protect your health and financial future before and after you retire. Protecting yourself against catastrophic critical illnesses is crucial to protecting your retirement nest egg. Start a plan while you are young and get the most coverage for your money and have the best chance of qualifying for benefits. As you approach retirement, learn everything you can about Medicare, supplemental health policies and long-term care insurance.



While you don't want to waste money by having too much insurance, you also need to be careful you don't leave yourself exposed to financial catastrophes.

- **All things in moderation.** Moderation — and diversification — is good advice for many aspects of life. Money should be diversified appropriately so it is invested in areas that are not too risky, not too conservative and typically not all in one basket.

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(888) 443-8829.**

CBLife is The Club's new partner for four areas – life insurance, critical illness insurance, retirement income and accident medical expense insurance. Currently the Club offers three CBLife products: the Security Builder Plan, the Timber Ridge Critical Illness Plan, and Accident Medical Expense Plan.

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Airports

LAX Service Awards

Employees with 30 years of service and more are recognized.

Airports celebrated its valued employees during a service awards presentation held late last year. Pictured here are some of the honorees recognized for their 30-plus years of valued service to the City. Congratulations to the awardees.

Photos by Shawn Smith



Back row, from left: Asst. Airports Chief Brian Walker, Club Member; Asst. Airports Chief David Maggard; Danita Morrow, 35 years of service; Marilyn Payne, 30 years, Club Member; Lt. Karen Schulz, 35 years; Glenn Cabrera, 30 years, Club Member; Asst. Airports Chief Ethel McGuire, Club Member; and Airports Chief/DED Patrick Gannon. Front: Officer Aletha Metcalf-Evans, 35 years, Club Member; Officer Verdell Lackey, 40 years, Club Member; Officer Eleanor Traylor, 40 years, Club Member; Lt. Michael Vaccariello, 35 years; Sgt. Harold Evans, 35 years; and Officer Richard Aguilar, 35 years, Club Member.



Susan Roth, 30 years of service, and Jay Berkowitz, 30 years.

From left: Danita Haynes, 30 years of service, Club Member; Tanya Baker, 35 years, Club Member; Sarah Clifton, 35 years; Tina Johnson, 35 years, Club Member; and LAWA Human Resources Director Paula Adams, Club Member.



Michael Henderson, 35 years of service.



From left: Michael Leonard, 30 years of service; and Mark Adams, 30 years.



Gordon Knouse, 30 years of service, Club Member, with his son.

From left: Andrew Lawrence, 30 years of service, Club Member; Scott Lager, 30 years; Gerald Oliver, 30 years; and Gregory Bland, 30 years, Club Member.



From left: Anson Fong; Mary Albers, 30 years of service; Remedios Aquino, 30 years; Dominic Nessi; and Sonja Matingly, 30 years, Club Member.

From left: Officer Aletha Metcalf-Evans, 35 years of service, Club Member; Reginald Burrell, 40 years, Club Member; and Officer Eleanor Traylor, 40 years, Club Member.



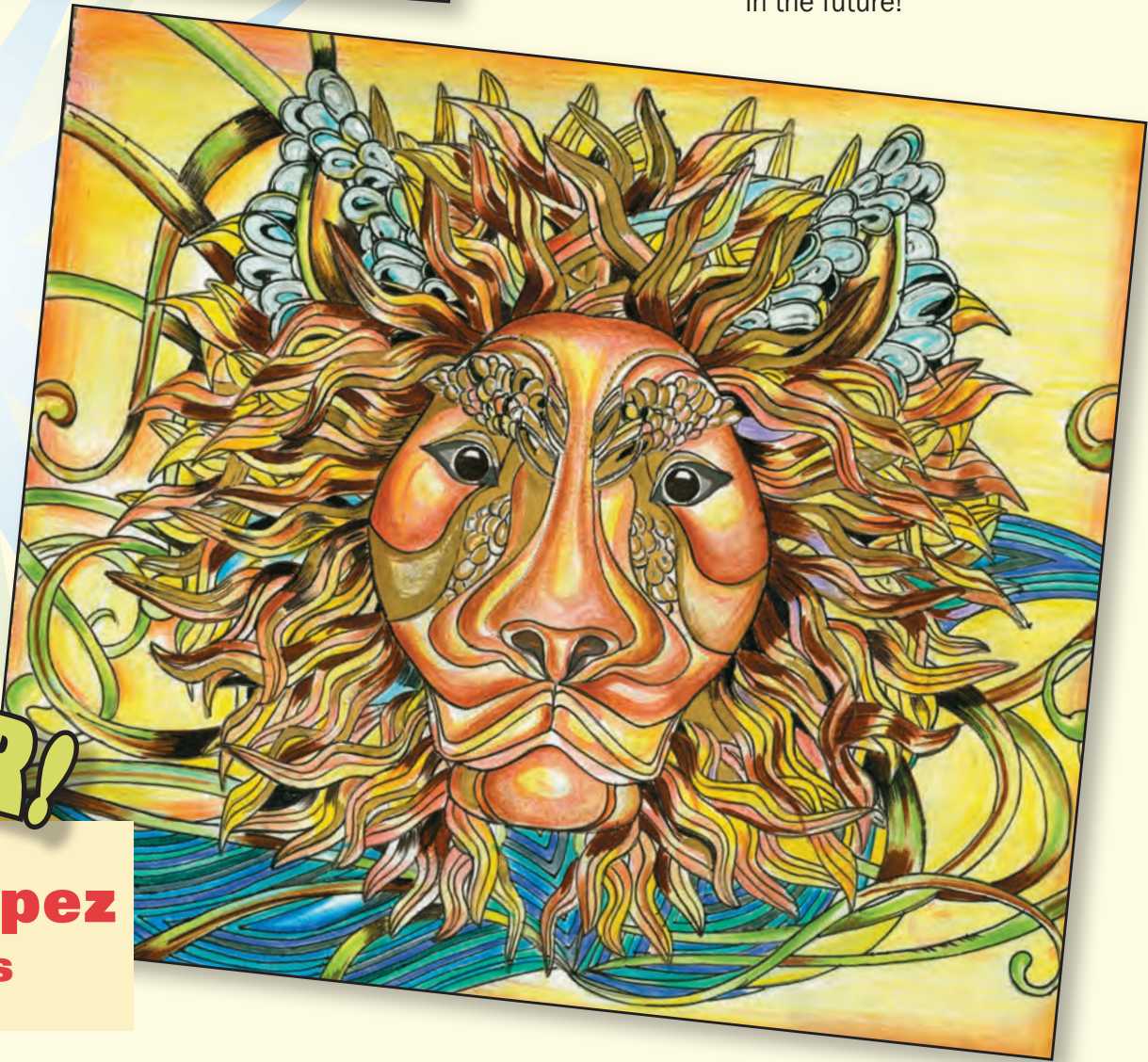
WINNER!

**Theodore
Garcia**
Rec and Parks

The winners
receive a
\$50 Target
Gift
Card

WINNER!

Salvador Lopez
Public Works



Grownups Rule!

**Once again, the grown up
Club Members have
blown us away!**

Alive! publishes its Grownup Coloring Contest only once a year. But when we do, Club Members go above and beyond, and send us some amazing works of art.

Thanks for your contributions,
and look forward to another
Grownup Coloring Contest
in the future!

Other Notable Entries

Gloria Alvarado	Retired
Richard C. Andrade	Airports
Bonita Calloway-Smith	DWP
Juan Campos	DWP
Dennis Clyde	Retired
Raul Cobos	PW/Sanitation
Robert Contreras	Retired
Linda de la Peña	Library
Veronica Diaz	LAPD
Charles R. Echols	Retired
Evelyn Fitzpatrick	Retired
Mirna Garcia	Rec and Parks
Wenceslao Garcia	Retired
Maria Gaspar	LAPD
Mark Glenchur	LAFD
Maria Gomez	Rec and Parks

Adelaida Gonzales	Retired
Grace González	Retired
Melody Hebert	Airports
Eduardo Hernandez	Rec and Parks
Robert Horvath	PW/Sanitation
Linda Israelson	Library
Jerry Jimenez	GeSvc
Edna M. Lang	Retired
Brian Lindsey	PW/Contract Administration
Alfred Lopez	LACERS
Leticia Lopez	Rec and Parks
Thomas Mariner	Retired
Phyllis M. Massey	Retired
Jeanee McKay	Retired
Hector Meza	General Services
Jenipher Quintanilla	Airports

Kreshell Ramey	DWP
Renee Ramirez	LAFD
Victoria Ramirez	Library
Robert Ruiz	DWP
Luz Ruiz	Animal Serv.
Jeanette Santoni	Finance
Jennifer Smith	City Attorney
John Sousa	Airports
Rosalia Stein	LAPD
Georgina Tamayo	Housing
Satoru Tanaka	Retired
Willette Taylo	Rec and Parks
Barbara Tomlinson	Retired
Sara Vega	Housing
Michael Watrin	PW/Street Lighting
Pamela Webb	Retired

GROWNUP COLORING CONTEST



Honorable Mention
Gina Nei
Public Works



Honorable Mention
Andrew Redfield
Animal Services



Honorable Mention
Clifford Milar
DWP



Honorable Mention
Kathryn Kutsch
Airports



Honorable Mention
Steve Wamsley
Rec and Parks

Zoo

Photos by Tad Motoyama, Zoo



A Southern Pacific rattlesnake at the Zoo.

With rattlesnakes multiplying due to warm weather, Zoo reminds us to be careful!

The Los Angeles Zoo and California Poison Control System remind all California residents to be aware of rattlesnakes that are moving around and active earlier than normal this season due to the record-breaking warm weather in February; even newly born rattlesnakes possess dangerous venom. Additionally, L.A. Zoo experts believe 2016 has the potential of greater snake activity should the forecasted El Niño weather bring heavy rain to the Southern California area. The rainy season would provide rattlesnakes with an abundance of new food available to them, so California residents should be aware and cautious. The Southern Pacific rattlesnake, native to the Los Angeles region, can be found at the Living Amphibians, Invertebrates, and Reptiles (LAIR) building at the L.A. Zoo along with many other species of rattlesnake. Home to one of the most diverse collections of rattlesnakes in the country, including

many rare varieties from Mexico, the LAIR is one of the few reptile and amphibian-focused facilities to open within the last decade in a North American zoo. There are currently over 60 species of amphibians, invertebrates and reptiles represented, and each habitat is beautifully themed to exemplify the natural environments of the many diverse species.

A Southern Pacific rattlesnake at the Zoo.



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Life's Important Moments



Share your moments!

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





New Members

Airports

Chanea Adams
Sylvia Arriola
Wendy Blow
Jeffrey Dudlik
Cameron Faniel
Valentino Flores
Alfred Harutounian
Channel Henderson
Claudio Luchini
Jose Manacop Jr
Keylaundra McClelland
Esteban Moledo
Saggian Murphy
Brett Porter
Francisco Rivera
Searcy Snyder III
Mignon Thomas

Animal Services

Marissa Chacan-Gonzalez
Eugene De Masio
Destinie Hinds

Building and Safety

Chiharu Suzuki

City Attorney

Nick Fratianne

Convention Center

Steven Potik

Finance

Danny Gomez
Jose Guillen

LAFD

Daniel Beltran
Ryan Chance
Jareo Cooper
Steve Encinias
Geoffrey Maye

General Services

Dushaun Brumfield
Luis Castro
Sekou Chinyelu
Nicolas Diaz
Gregory Fisher
Alvin Goya
Byron Taylor
Donald Hoffman

Harbor

Abigail Flores
Robbin Stites

Housing

Bessy Corrales

ITA

Chi-Chun Chang
Patrick Ho
Corazon Lohr
Ramil Lopez

Library

Narally Avila
Henry Chow
Wendy McPherson
Rahim Robinson
Wayne Tavetian

Personnel

Cebert Cooper
Dana Craig
Fatimah Maat

Planning

Arrenz Nulud

LAPD

Jacqueline Aguilera
Jerry Alvarez
John Alviani
Lisa Barr
Samantha Brock
Charlotte Broughton
Susan Brumagin
Richard Carney
Christopher Chavez
Efren Corral
Alicia Courts
Juan Del Rio
Christohper Dill
Michelle Flores
Karen Guiterrez
Daniel Johnson
Steven Juarez
Niki Khodabandeh
Sharahmeca LaCoure
Paola Leal
Rod LeValley
Hector Lopez
Terrel Maston
Timothy McRae

Donna Moore
Carlos Moreno
Daniel Moss
Michiko Murakami
David Nunez
Rogelio Nunez
Matthew Oropeza
Norma Peteque
Fidencio Pina
Leticia Ramirez
Gregory Roberts
Frank Rodriguez
Alexandra Roldan
Jose Romo
Kit Stajcar
Sharon Stinson
Meggan Stroup
Vincent Taylor
Arturo Vela
Karen Widman

Public Works:

Engineering

Neil Drucker
Melissa Lam
Alexander Ngo
Rodolfo Preciado
Mite Ristovski
Son Vuong

Sanitation

Moises Arrizon
Luis Arrizon
Nori Bersales
Octavia Burton
Salvador Calderon
Miguel Cardenas
Bryant Cowart
Lawrence Fang
Rafiq Forde
Florencio Fregoso
Martin Jimenez
Malaquias Limon
Erik Mares
Paul Martinez
Freddy Matt
James Mawer
Letotia McCall-Meekins
Mike Muniz
Juan Najar
Nathaniel Noble
Fernando Perez
John Ramirez

Welcome New Members!

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

Ricardo Ramos
Marlon Rios
Tegan Slaughter
Quinn Taylor
Joshua Toribio
Shunyaa Turner
Sebring Whitaker

Street Lighting

Mario Calvillo
Mike Morales
Arshalous Tavitian

Street Services

Hung Dinh

Rec and Parks

Armando Astorga
Jeannette Banuelos
Savun Chea
Nicholas Dafesh
Gustavo De La Cruz
Kimberly Green
YaChica Jones
Arnold Mattis
Blanca Meza
Michael Ortega Gomez
Kathrine Pipkins
Dianah Scates
Christopher Simich
Erica Tellez
Danny Torres
Lorenzo Velez
Jesse Zepeda

Transportation

Michael Alcazar
Ray Alexander
Kwesi Angus
Fernando Barboza
Michael Botello
Jose Castillo
Cesar Diaz
Lency Gonzalez
Trina Hill
Eric Jimenez

Janile Murphy
Denise Myles
Oscar Ramirez
Jose Reza-Rea
Julie Rice
Rose Rugley
Javier Santos

LA ZOO

Marjorie Keyantash

DWP

Eric Lewis
Carlton McCloud
Karla Perez

Other

Ruben Alonso
Mario Armstrong
Karl Baker
Aisha Barker
Thomas Batchelder
Valentin Becerra Jr.
DaJuan Bell
Louis Blunt
LaVern Brazil
Jeffrey Briggs
Clifford Brown
Christopher Bruce
Patterson Bunch
Danielle Carson
Gregorio Chairez
James Chase
Anthony Chavez
Linda Chea
Jason Cobb
Alina Starr Coleman
Donald Demarse
David Dufort
Kevin Duran
Amber England
Robert Fairbanks
Marque Fisher
Melvone Garrett
Helen Gerard
Andrew Gillem

Hayden Goldman
Kim Hardy
Claudio Hernandez
Edwin Hernandez
Miguel Hernandez
Deborah House
Daniel Jackson
Tony Johnson
Shirley Johnson
Eric Kessel
Kurt Klemm
Lupe Lepe
Njuane Lewis
Alicia Liem
Jose Lopez
J. Jesus Lopez
Oscar Madrigal
Regina Martinez
Brittany Maticock
Sadrach Mejia
Tomas Mosqueda
Manuel Munoz
Juan Murillo Alba
Devondra Newchurch
David Nguyen
Mauricio Novoa
Mildred Oates
Jason Oja
David Pongvarin
Jerome Quemada
Ashely Rawis
Antony Rivera
Sonia Rojo
Maryann Ruiz
Armando Salazar
Jeffrey Sallee
Muzzamilullah Shariff
Gerardo Toscanini
Eric Truelsen
Ayesha Turner
Adrian Turrey
Nancy Vanegas
Marlon Viernes
Nikeshia Wells
Loan Wendt
Kirk Wilson



Births

Have a photo of a recent birth?
Send photo and the
appropriate information to
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Khalani Blu Fontenette,
born Jan. 9 to Danielle
Fontenette. Grandma is
Chermaine Fontenette,
RCTO, Public Works/
Sanitation.



In Memoriam

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

Active

Brennan, Patrick	Rec and Parks	14
Honan, Michael	Public Works	27
Phelps, Howard	LAFD	8
Polglase, Mark	Rec and Parks	7
Washington, Cynthia	Rec and Parks	7
Woo, Man Kim	Finance	26

Retired

Anderson, Eldon	Public Works	24
Bacon, Richard	Rec and Parks	22
Badgett, Ernest	Public Works	41
Bailey, A.J.	Public Works	30
Brown, Robert	General Serv.	34
Burruel, Carol	City Clerk	6
Carrington, Barbara	Library	21
Christian, Anthony	Public Works	11
Cohan, Joan	Library	30
Copperman, Ralph	Build. & Safety	11
Cunliffe, Heber	Build. & Safety	39
Dowdy, Rae	Rec and Parks	6
Draper, Scott	LAPD	36
Dungo, Artemio	Public Works	25

Foreman, Perry	Public Works	24
Gibson, Fred	Public Works	24
Johnson, Alex	Public Works	29
Jones, Patricia	LAPD	25
Kaku, Noburo	General Serv.	35
Lankford, Jimmie	Transportation	31
Macabeo, Jose	Build. & Safety	21
Norman, Raymond	City Planning	26
Oates, Dewey	General Serv.	27
Perkins, David	Public Works	31
Prescod, William	General Serv.	26
Rader, Edward	General Serv.	32
Salas, Benjamin	Airports	11
Shick, Raymond	LAPD	43
Shoop, Randall	General Serv.	20
Somoza, Orlando	Transportation	10
Stanley, Eula	Airports	21
Thomas, Gardner	Transportation	12
Thompson, Robert	Build. & Safety	35
Wallace, Shedric	Public Works	28
White, Arthur	General Serv.	28
Wootan, Howard	Public Works	24
Zamarano, Fernando	Rec and Parks	10

Peace of Mind

CLASSIC
From May, 2014

by **Tiffany Sy**
The Club's Peace of Mind Expert



Contact me at
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Is Your Paycheck Covered For Long-Term Disability?

Is your paycheck covered if you can't work? Why risk your income when it comes to supporting yourself or your family?

The latest government research founded by the U.S. Census Bureau in 2011 shows approximately 5.3 million Californians living with a disability, cognitive impairment, ambulatory disability and/or needing assistance with independent living. The Americans with Disabilities Act predicts nearly 33 percent of all people will suffer a serious disability between the ages of 35 and 65. At age 30, the chances of disability are approximately 3.5 times greater than death. At age 40, the chances of disability are about three times greater than death, and at age

50, two times as great. Protect yourself and your family against the worst odds and apply for long-term disability insurance (LTDi). LTDi provides a replacement income when you cannot work due to an illness or disabling injury.

The Club's group exclusive long-term disability insurance plan is offered to City and DWP employees. Qualified claimants will receive a monthly benefit to supplement your income if you cannot perform your duties at work. It covers you in the event of an illness or injury, whether on or off the job. After meeting your pre-selected elimination period or waiting period, you are entitled to file a claim for a non-taxable benefit of up to 70 percent of your gross salary or 60 percent of

your gross salary without other benefit sources. Since the benefit you receive from us is not taxed, it will closely reflect the amount of income on your pay stub after your tax deductions. The duration of the benefit is paid out until the age of 65 (retirement age) or until you can return to work.

It is standard procedure to undergo medical review or underwriting by the insurance carrier during the enrollment process. There are a few medical questions required and health records are requested by your physician's office to establish if you are qualified for the coverage by the underwriter. Typically, the entire process could take up to 10 weeks before a decision can be made.

If you have recently been hired by the City/DWP, the great news is you qualify for open enrollment! If you **sign up for LTD within the first 60 days of your hire date, you can enroll without medical underwriting!** That means no health questions are asked and you are automatically approved. If you have been employed longer than 60 days, you can still apply, but will have to pass medical underwriting.

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Story and photos courtesy Bianca Swan, Project Coordinator

THIS MONTH AT THE



Griffith Observatory

Sunset Walk

April 19

7:15 – 8:15 p.m.

The Observatory offers a sunset hike led by a Park Ranger and a museum guide. The easy walk starts on the Observatory's West Terrace, proceeds up the Charlie Turner trail to the Berlin Forest on the hill just north of the Observatory, and then returns to the West Terrace. The distance covered is about half a mile over the course of an hour at a very moderate pace with stops along the way to discuss the highlights and history of Griffith Park, and objects visible in the evening sky.

NOTE: The Charlie Turner trail is a moderately steep earthen trail. The Observatory recommends footwear appropriate for hiking.

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Information:

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Commissioner Vincent Jones (left) leads a panel with (from left) Beatriz Solis, the California Endowment; Stephen Box, Empower L.A.; and Carrie Shapton, L.A. Area Chamber of Commerce.



City Controller Ron Galperin addresses the audience at the Innovation Summit.

Innovation Summit

Innovation and Performance Commission hosts first Innovation Summit.

On Oct. 9, the City's Innovation and Performance Commission hosted its first Innovation Summit, to assist City departments in developing innovations, and giving them information about the City's new process of funding leading-edge programs and projects.

The summit was held at the California Community Foundation.

At the summit, the Commission acknowledged those who have been awarded innovation grants from the Mayor's Office in the past year, and attendees shared why they submitted their projects to the Innovation Fund.

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

The Mayor's Civic Innovation Awards, formerly the Quality and Productivity Awards, foster a commitment to excellence and quality by highlighting employee achievements in improving City services. Awards are given in real time by Mayor Eric Garcetti.

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

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

The commission promotes performance in our City departments through:

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

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

Do You Have a Great Idea?

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

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

Ideas should:

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

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

Here's a list of the innovative projects that were funded by the Mayor's Office and the Innovation Commission, and that were acknowledged at the summit:

Dept./Project	Grant Amount	Dept./Project	Grant Amount
LAFD		ITA	
• Nurse Practitioner Response Unit	\$245,000	My PayLA	\$35,000
• Rapid Response Vehicle	\$82,856	Personnel	
• Brush Inspection Module	\$50,000	One Stop Shop – Candidates	\$35,000
Public Works/Engineering		DWP	
3D Printer	\$10,000	Automated Inspection Units (drone)	\$5,000
Public Works/Street Services		LAPD	
Smartphones for Pothole Dispatch Services	\$90,000	• LAPD Online Reports	\$60,000
Public Works/Board of Public Works		• Identifying Super-Users for Services Via Outreach (ISSO)	\$150,000
Median Design Competition	\$35,000	Mayor	
Transportation		Digital Services Unit	\$150,000
Can I Park Here Now?	\$60,000		



Innovation Fund grantees Capt. Thomas Gikas, LAFD, and Lt. Billy Brockway, LAPD.



Todd Sargent, Innovation Commission President, addresses the audience at the recent Innovation Summit.



Commissioner Vincent Jones (left) leads a panel with (from left) Ange-Marie Hancock, USC; D'Artagnan Scorza, Social Justice Learning Institute; and Efrain Escobedo, California Community Foundation.



Dr. Marc Eckstein, representing a grant-winning project, addresses the Innovation Summit.

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when: Friday, October 9th 9:42pm*

where: The California Community Foundation, Joan Palevsky Center for the Future of Los Angeles, 221 S Figueroa St Suite 400, Los Angeles, CA 90012

*RSVP by 10.7.15 to Bianca Swan via email at bianca.swan@lacity.org

For more information visit <http://innovate.lacity.org>



Happy Mother's Day

From the Club!



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

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

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



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Transportation

Photos courtesy Zaki Mustafa, Transportation, Club Member

Jackets for Life

**DOT employees
hand out clothing
for those in need.**



Zaki Mustafa (right) lead the jacket giveaway project.

On March 2, Transportation employees downtown gave away approximately 80 jackets to the needs on the streets, to stay warm. The effort was lead by Zaki Mustafa, Principal Transportation Engineer, Club Member. The employees gave away the jackets on their own time, before work started. The effort was part of a project where Zaki and others raised the money for and bought more than 700 jackets. The vendor, when hearing about the personal project, donated an additional 200 jackets for no cost. Zaki raised approximately \$3,500 for the jacket giveaway. The remainder of the jackets were donated to the L.A. Mission, the Fred Jordan Mission, the

Salvation Army, Mary's Mercy Center and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Other Transportation employees involved in the project included Bernie Apolonio, Ben Acuna, Miranda Ow, Marissa Cadia, Selwyn Hollins, Nader Asmar, William Haverson, Russell Hasan, Kevin Tang, Arturo Ledezma, Darryl Johnson and Oliver Hou. Well done, Transportation employees. The world is a better place for what you have done.



Transportation employees give away jackets to the needy downtown.



Transportation employees get ready to hit the streets downtown March 2 to give away jackets to the needy.



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Cooking with the Club

with Chef Robert Larios



Avocado and Tuna Tapas

As imagined by Chef Larios

Tapas! I visualize glasses of white wine to go with olives, cheeses and crunchy flat bread. But here is a recipe that uses much of the traditional ingredients, including olive oil and balsamic vinegar while incorporating the taste and flavors this chef has grown to love. Serrano peppers, cilantro, limes and Hass avocados are some of my most favorite ingredients for almost any meal – I could even consider having these ingredients for breakfast! This is a delicious and fast recipe that is perfect for entertaining for your own tapas party or as an appetizer.

¡Buen provecho!

Chef Larios

Photography by Patricia M. Larios

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 ripe Hass avocados, halved and pitted
- 1 (12 ounce) can solid white tuna packed in water (not oil)
- 1/2 red onion, finely diced or 1 shallot, finely diced
- 1/4 bunch cilantro, chopped (or parsley)
- 1 dash balsamic vinegar or 2 limes, juiced
- 1 serrano pepper, depending on heat level desired.
- 1 tablespoon mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon extra virgin olive oil
- Sea salt and freshly cracked pepper, to taste
- 1 green onion, thinly sliced
- 1 Roma tomato, finely diced, or 1/2 red pepper, finely diced

Serves 2 to 4

DIRECTIONS:



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Prepare your cooking area with ingredients. In a bowl, stir together canned tuna, red onion (or shallot), cilantro, balsamic vinegar (or lime juice), serrano pepper, mayonnaise, extra virgin olive oil, sea salt, pepper, green onion, tomato (or red pepper). Reserve some cilantro for plating garnish.



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Pack the avocado halves with the tuna mixture.

Cooking TIDBIT

If you wish to have a more creamy texture in the tuna mixture, you may eliminate the olive oil and just use one tablespoon of mayonnaise. I prefer the multiple colors that red onion and red tomatoes (or red pepper) give to this dish, so if you can add them, it will add much visual satisfaction. You may also eliminate the use of the serrano pepper if heat is not to your liking. I also recommend making careful crisscross cuts with a knife in avocado meat while halved for easier eating with a spoon. Be careful not to cut through the fruit's skin.



[Food Dictionary]

Tapas – [TAH-pahs]

Popular throughout Spain in bars and restaurants, tapas are appetizers that usually accompany cocktails. They can also form an entire meal and range from simple items including olives or cubes of ham and cheese to more elaborate preparations like cold omelets, snails in a spicy sauce, stuffed peppers and miniature sandwiches

Bibliography: © Barron's Educational Services, Inc. 2009, Adapted from *The New Food Lover's Companion*, 2007, by Sharon Tyler Herbst and Ron Herbst



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Garnish plate with cilantro.

Serve and enjoy!

Fun Food Quote:

"If you have nothing but love for your avocados, and you take joy in turning them into guacamole, all you need is someone to share it with."

— Jason Mratz

Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



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Long Beach

Here's **Michael Barnes, Harbor**, enjoying St. Patrick's Day.

"There is nothing more fun than St Patrick's Day in Long Beach," Michael writes, "Cruising the coastline on a double-decker bus, especially when piper Chrsy Orcholski happens to be our friend. (See last month's cover featuring the Los Angeles Police Emerald Society Pipes and Drums band.) As always it was a great day listening to the pipes and rock 'n' roll tunes.

"St. Patty's day swag flowed like manna from heaven with green beads, hats and trinkets for all on board, being accompanied by the odd icy cold adult beverage now and again, all of which soon had the bus in a true St. Patrick's mood. Chrsy piped us on our merry way.

"Being responsible adults, at no time did we drive; that's what our children are for."





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Mexico



Here are three from the City (and one, not!) enjoying a sunset at Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. From left: **Laura Diaz, LAPD**; **Carlos Diaz, LAPD**; **Penny Guzman, LAPD**; and Juan Guzman.

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New York

Here's **John Burnes, *Alive!* editor**, inside and outside the new Calatrava-designed travel plaza at the World Trade Center site, New York City. The previous travel plaza, carrying Metro and PATH trains under the World Trade Center, was destroyed on 9/11. The center will feature lots of retail inside on the ground floors. It has partially reopened, with full service expected in the next year. The center sits right next to the Freedom Tower and the 9/11 Memorial.



Airports

Story and photos courtesy
Officer Rob Pedregon, Airport Police

Appreciated in Westchester

Airport Police Officers
recognized at Westchester Elks
Law Enforcement appreciation dinner.

Airport Police Sgt. Christopher Azevedo, Officer Robert Briggs and Officer Charles Yoon were recognized and honored March 8 at the Westchester Elks Lodge #2050 Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner, held in Playa del Rey. The trio was nominated and recognized for its efforts within the Airport Police Emergency Operations and Planning Unit (EOPU). The unit is responsible for developing emergency response plans and coordinating training and exercises to prevent, protect and mitigate threats and hazards to Los Angeles International Airport, LA/Ontario International Airport and Van Nuys Regional Airport.

The importance of the EOPU is evident in the Division-wide active shooter training that took place in October 2013, just a few weeks prior to the Nov. 1 tragedy at LAX. The first responders on that day credit their actions and

seamless teamwork to the realistic scenario based training that the EOPU coordinated. The EOPU's after action reporting was crucial in providing information to assess actions and improve methods and practices for proactively protecting the aviation community. Additionally the EOPU oversees the Airport Police Terrorist Liaison Officer program, the Command Post Cadre and the Joint Vulnerability Assessment Team.

As Chief of Airport Police Patrick M. Gannon presented the Officers with their awards, he said, "I am grateful to the Westchester Elks Club for giving us the opportunity to recognize the important work that the Emergency Operations and Planning Unit contributes to the safety and security of our Airports."

Congratulations to Sgt. Azevedo and Officers Briggs and Yoon.



From left: Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon, Officer Charles Yoon, Sgt. Christopher Azevedo, Officer Robert Briggs, Capt. Greg Staar, Capt. Mario Patrick, and Assistant Chief David Maggard.



From left: Councilman Michael Bonin, Elks Past VP Dan Baccelliere, Officer Charles Yoon, Sgt. Christopher Azevedo, Officer Robert Briggs, and Chief of Airport Police Patrick Gannon)

CLASSIFIED ADS

Members Marketplace

New Ads This Month!

For Rent: Timeshare, San Diego. July 19-July 26, 2016. ComicCon. 1 bd., queen in master, full sleeper sofa in living area. Max. occup. 4. Less than 1 mile fm. Balboa Park, 1.5 miles to Convention Center. No pets. Parking extra. \$1,100. Terry, (818) 769-3382. 4/16



For Sale: Travel trailer, 2008 Forest River, 29 ft., clean, fifth wheel, toy hauler. 4,000 Onan generator, power awning, fuel station, more. \$14,000 OBO. Gilbert, (909) 714-4071. 4/16

Transport

For Sale: Motorcycle, 2005 Suzuki Hayabusa GXR 1300, 6,643 miles. Never been dropped. Serious cash offers only. \$8,500 OBO. kfrink05@hotmail.com 3/16

For Sale: RV trailer. 2003 Wanderer, fifth wheel, model 367TB. Onan generator, 12-ft. garage, power hitch, fuel station. AM/FM CD stereo, super slide. \$10,000 OBO. Mike, (661) 557-0975, maddad111@yahoo.com 3/16



For Sale: 1980 Cadillac, red, white int., immaculate. New tires, gas tank, fuel pump, stored since 2010. 91,400 miles. \$9,495. (805) 649-1940. 3/16

For Sale: Travel trailer, 2009. 29 ft. New sofa sleeper, reclining chairs. Extended dining table, kitchen counter, much more. \$22,000. Dave, (623) 826-5505. 2/16



For Sale: Cadillac Brougham, 1989. Leather interior. Very good shape. 77,000 miles. \$4,000 OBO. (626) 797-8328. 12/15

For Sale: 2013 Chevy Cruze LS. 4 door, 41k miles. Silver, black cloth int. Very clean, dealer maintained. Photos at <http://tinyurl.com/nzavven> \$13,000 OBO. James, (818) 522-2568. 12/15



For Sale: RV trailer, 2008 Thor Sonoma, 26 ft. New tires, roof, awning. Honda generator. Exclnt. cond. \$9,500. (562) 773-5408. 11/15

For Sale: 1984 F-150 – w/camper shell and carpet kit. As is. \$1100 OBO. Call 310-764-4478 9/15



For Sale: 1963 Chevy Corvair, convertible. Good cond., runs great. Light green ext./int., white top. \$9,000 OBO. Alex, (323) 691-0872. 8/15



For Sale: Watercraft, his and hers, '93 Bombardie Seadoo, '91 Waverunner w/trailer. Great condition. Jackie, (626) 383-1708. 7/15

For Sale: 2003 Harley “ROAD KING” Davidson (100th anniversary edition) motorcycle, 5087 miles, stage 1 with detachable windshield, passenger back support, hardbags, battery charger, black and chrome, hardly ridden, always garaged, 1 owner only. \$10,000.00 OBO. Please call 818-366-3273 John or text 818-633-4164. 7/15



For Sale: Motorcycle, 2007 Kawasaki, like new/15 hours ridden, runs great, must see. \$3,000. Robert, (661) 964-7837 bet. 2-7 p.m. 7/15



For Sale: RV trailer/toy-hauler, 2006 Forest River Sierra Sport, 29 foot. Very good cond., new tires, new roof, 4,000 onan generator, low hours. \$15,000 OBO. Call/text John Long, (909) 837-8347. 7/15

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

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



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

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

5th Wheel Trailer: 2010 Cougar High Country, excellent condition. Sleeps 4. Slide outs, awnings & full bath. All accessories & new 5th wheel hitch can be towed by ½ ton truck, it's ready to go. \$32,000 or TOP. Ken Hawkes @ (310) 505-5733. 8/14

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



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

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

Cemetery Plots

For Sale: Cemetery plots. Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills. Valued at \$13,000. Asking \$10,000 OBO. Robert, (626) 899-2174. 3/16

For Sale: Burial plots, 4 (spaces 1, 2, 3, 4), Forest Lawn Cemetery, Cypress. Lot 1187, Constant Love section. \$4,100 each OBO. Michelle, (310) 648-5506. 2/16

4 Cemetery Plots: Cemetery plots, 4, side by side on the hill at Greenwood Gardens, Rose Hills/Whittier. Approx. value \$18,000, selling \$12,000, OBO. Cortez, (323) 382-2405. 2/15

2 Cemetery Plots: Eternal Valley Newhall, Premium Garden of Peace. Currently plots here start at \$6,900 each. Sell both \$7,500 total. Jim @ (661) 713-6353. 11/14

Cemetery Plot: 1 plot for 2 people. Oakdale Memorial Park, Glendora, CA. \$3,000. Jose or Juanita Rojas @ (818) 799-3516 or at (818) 799-0569. 11/14

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2 Cemetery Plots: Rose Hills, Whittier. Located in cherry blossom lawn, \$4,850 each + transfer fees. Area is on flat ground & near the lake. Charles @ (310) 386-5041. 9/14

Furniture

For Sale: Furniture. Oak. King size bedroom suite; china cabinet; dining room table, six chairs; more. \$2,000 OBO. Vic, newtwic@gmail.com 3/16



For Sale: Bedroom set, 5 piece, cherry wood. Good cond. \$650 OBO. (818) 281-1488. 10/15

For Sale: Crib, cream colored, designer style. Good cond. \$350 OBO. (818) 281-1488. 10/15

For sale: Sofa and chair, great condition, leather/upholstered, “reversible” pillows/cushions. Carved wood, unique design, nail heads. \$600 OBO. Charlene, (661) 916-2970. 5/15



Dining table: w/leaf, 6 chairs, \$300 obo. Jackie, (626) 383-1708. 4/15

Mattress: Beautyrest Black (Alexia) queen size, extra firm, new mattress, \$600 obo. Responsible for own pickup. Dwain, (323) 754-8382 or dnrhenry@yahoo.com 4/15

Ping Pong Table: 5 x 9, fold-up & roll-away, \$75. Joe @ (310) 323-4940. 2/15



Baby Crib: Never used, brand new & in great condition. Delta brand, amber model #6925-204, \$130. John @ (562) 755-9462. 2/15



Cocktail/Coffee Table: New, modern glass-top. \$300 (El Segundo). Espresso colored base w/large glass top elevated by grey posts. 43”x 43”. Breakdown is easy. Must be able to lift & transport on your own. Javier Gomez @ (310) 529-0543. 12/14

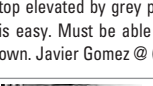


Table Set: With leaf & 4 chairs. \$300 OBO, great condition! Valerie @ (951) 315-3920. 11/14



Hutch & Cabinet: Touch light, matching set \$500 OBO, great condition! Valerie @ (951) 315-3920. 11/14

Homes/Rentals/Land

For Rent: Studio apt. 1052 W 54th St., 90037. Utilities paid. Deposit req. \$750/month. (323) 915-9300. 3/16

For lease: House, 2 bd./2 bath, near 101/110/2/5 fws. Near Gold Line, downtown, Sunset Blvd., Silver Lake, Chinatown, Dodger Stadium, Echo Park, Elysian Park, Pasadena, Burbank, LAPD Academy, Hotchkiss LAFD Training Center. Downtown views. 1 parking space. 1 yr. lease min. No pets. Application process. Doc/credit check req. \$1,500 month, \$1,500 security dep. (323) 919-1163. 2/16

For Sale: Home, Missouri.; 3 bed/1 bath, 1 car garage, 1,400 sq. ft. \$59,500. (573) 687-3339. 2/16

For Sale: House, 2 bed/1 bath, remodeled, Bakersfield. Investment property, rented month/month (\$750/month). Large cleared lot, secure. Listed at \$94,000. Sold as-is, seller selects services (title, escrow). tisdaseason2468@outlook.com 11/15

For Vacation Rent: Condo, 2 bd./2 bath, beachfront, Puerto Nayarit, Mexico. Private pool on balcony. April 1-8, 2016. \$1,000. Jessie, (323) 893-6570. 11/15

For Sale: Timeshare. Pacific Monarch/Diamond Resorts. One full week, two bedrooms. Don't buy direct. \$2,000/obo. Elizabeth, (909) 772-4087. 9/15

For Sale: Home/studio apts., three sep. units sold as one package. Bakersfield. Front home: 2 bd., needs work (in progress), flippable. 2nd bedroom rentable. 2 studio apts. in back, rentable. \$110,000 total. Sold as-is; seller selects title/escrow co. Email: tisdaseason2468@outlook.com 8/15

For Sale: Townhouse. Las Vegas/Chinatown, near Strip, behind school, near major streets. Has rental tenant. \$85,000, HOA \$100/month. Sold as-is; seller selects title/escrow co. Do not disturb tenant. Email: tisdaseason2468@outlook.com 8/15

For Rent: Apt., 1 bed, 1 bath. Near First/Alvarado. 1 of 3 units. 1 car garage. Near Mid-Wilshire, Koreatown, Good Samaritan Hospital, Staples Center, Echo Park, Silverlake. App. process/credit check req. No pets. 1 yr. lease minimum. \$1250 a month. (323) 919-1163. 8/15

For Sale: Timeshare, Puerto Vallarta 1+1, 1/2, sleeps 4, beachfront Playa del Sol Costa Sur Resort. Asking \$1,800, extended thru 2030. Jennifer, (818) 517-3675. 8/15

For Rent: Lovely apartment in Los Angeles (5-units). 1 bed / 1 bath, kitchen, living room, dining room, 1-car garage. Upstairs unit. New paint, carpet, windows and fixtures. Very quiet on Don Tomaso Dr. Close to public transportation. Call for more details (310) 365-1868. 8/15

For Sale: Cabin, A frame, San Bernardino mtns., secluded, views. 765 sq. ft.; 1BD/1BA; new cabinets; needs work; 30903 Live Oak Dr., Running Springs. Photos on Realtor.com. \$127,000; Dan Teter: (866) 214-8587. 7/15



For rent: Vacation rental, Big Bear Lake. 3 bd/2 bath house in village. Fully furnished, near the lake. John Long, Call (909) 837-8347. 5/15

For rent: Studio apt. in safe, quiet La Crescenta, Wifi-ready, semi-furnished, double-pane windows, glass-sliding doors opening to vegetable garden, fruit trees, succulents, seating areas, mountain views. Close to Montrose and Trader Joe's, 2 blocks to public transportation. \$1,400 includes utilities. Lita, (818) 795-4074. 4/15

Vacation rental: Condo in beautiful oceanfront resort, Cabo San Lucas. 7-day rental for \$795. 1 bd, 1 bath; completely furnished, full kitchen w/ views of El Arco on Medano Beach. Close to downtown, shopping, restaurants, entertainment. View at clubcascadasdebaja.com. (562) 301-2940. 4/15

For rent: Lovely apartment in Leimert Park (in 4-unit complex). 1 bd/1 bath, kitchen, granite countertops, living rm, dining rm, 1-car garage. New paint, carpet/hardwood and tiled floors, windows and fixtures, Washer/dryer hookup. Close to public transportation. 15 minutes from downtown, USC, beach. (310) 261-2085. 4/15

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

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

Household Items

For Sale: Kitchenware. V-Slicer Pro Mandoline by Swissmar/Borner. New. \$25. (213) 792-3130. 3/16

For Sale: Light meter. Gossen Luna Pro SBC. New condition. Manual. \$50. (213) 792-3130. 3/16

For Sale: Electric toothbrush, Oral-B. Professional Care model 7850 DLX. New. \$35. (213) 792-3130. 11/15



For Sale: DVD/CD player/storage, Sony ES DVP, jukebox style, stores up to 150 disks. Categorize/play on demand. Incl. remote, keyboard for input. Door does not close but can be done manually, or may be repaired. John, (626) 757-5341; jgonzlez@hotmail.com 11/15

For Sale: Heater, Lasko ceramic tower. 1,500 watts, w/remote. New. \$39. (213) 792-3130. 11/15

For Sale: Immersion blender, Wolfgang Puck. Black. \$35. (213) 792-3130. 11/15



For Sale: Oven, Kenmore 30-in. wall unit, electric, self-clean, white. Brand new in package. 30 inch/wide x 29 inch/high x 24.5 inch deep. \$600. (562) 301-2940. 10/15



For Sale: TV/entertainment center. Phillips Magnavox 60-inch TV, \$200/obo. All maple entertainment center, 3 piece, glass doors, tall sliding compartment doors, \$800/obo. Martha, (213) 367-4094. 9/15

For Sale: Panini maker. Wolfgang Puck brand. Black/chrome, like new. \$40. (213) 792-3130. 9/15

For Sale: Pots/pans. Wolfgang Puck brand. Stainless steel. 13 pieces, like new. \$50. (213) 792-3130. 9/15

For Sale: VCR, Mitsubishi HS-U520, 4 head Hi-Fi. Remote. Exclnt. cond. \$25. (213) 792-3130. 9/15

For Sale: Printer, color, Lexmark X2470. New in box. \$20. (213) 792-3130. 9/15

For Sale: Exercise machine. Rock 'n' Roll Stepper Body Express by Tony Little Designs. New in box. \$65. (213) 792-3130. 9/15

For Sale: Lawn mower, 21 inch rotary, good condition. Plus other gardening items. \$58. Don, (818) 780-7788 (leave message). 8/15



For Sale: Motorized wheelchair, Go Chair, exclnt. cond., new battery. \$800/ OBO. Peggy LeGras, (323) 314-9100. 7/15

For Sale: e-printer, HP Photosmart 7520, brand new in box. \$75 or best offer. James A. Goree, (323) 778-6086. 6/15

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

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

Miscellaneous

For Sale: Turtles, fresh water, 3, 10 yrs old, w/ large aquarium. \$100 OBO. George, (818) 308-7644 or george.pardo@lacity.org 3/16

For Sale: Board games. Trivial Pursuit. Master Game Genius Edition and Silver Screen Edition. \$15. (213) 792-3130. 3/16

For Sale: Exercise device. Easy Shaper by Tony Little. Exclnt. cond. \$15. (213) 792-3130. 3/16

For Sale: Model railroad track. Kato Unitrack oval set, Atlas power pack, HO scale. \$70. (213) 792-3130. 3/16

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For Sale: neon sign for game room. New, never used. Valued at \$250. \$175. John, (626) 757-5341;jgonzlez@hotmail.com 11/15



For Sale: Aquarium, “cube” salt water, 38 gallon. Incl. aquarium, stand, extras (no fish). Valued at \$2,000 in equipment, supplies. \$600. John, (626) 757-5341; jgonzlez@hotmail.com 11/15



For Sale: Plumeria trees. White. Scented. From Hawaii. Assorted heights. \$10/foot, potted. Buyer picks up. Michael, (310) 339-7684. 10/15

For Sale: Exercise set. Tony Little Easy Shaper. Exclnt cond. \$40. (213) 792-3130. 9/15

For Sale: Binoculars. Bausch and Lomb. 7x35, 11 degree field. W/case, strap. Exclnt. cond. \$75. (213) 792-3130. 9/15

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

Wanted

Wanted: Roommate for large bedroom in Whittier, near 60/605 fws. In three bedroom home, owned by Firefighter. Use of kitchen, laundry. Non-smoker only, please. \$600/month. John, (626) 757-5341; jgonzlez@hotmail.com 1/16

Wanted: Roommate. 3 bd./2 bath home. Chatsworth. Quiet neighborhood. Rent includes 2 bd., own bathroom, all utilities plus cable. App. process/credit check. \$1,000/month. (818) 590-4760. 10/15

Wanted: Room wanted in Burbank by caretaker: Experienced caretaker to provide light housekeeping, shopping, driving, companionship to elderly person in exchange for private room. Excellent references. Prefer Burbank area. Karen, (626) 252-1288. 7/15

Wanted: I buy all kinds of collectibles: crystal, Disney, fishing gear, military items, musical instruments, pocket knives, gold & silver, Radko, WDCC

Rec and Parks

Story courtesy Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

Earth Day for the Birds

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

City Employees are invited to join the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Sat., April 16 for an Earth Day celebration. The Earth Day and Coastal Bird Fest celebrates nature and local wildlife with a beach cleanup, educational demonstrations, music, arts and crafts, and activities for children of all ages.

Participants can help be a part of the solution by joining in a beach cleanup from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., with supplies and refreshments provided.

Beginning at 10 a.m., guests can enjoy the Earth Day and Coastal Bird festivities at the Aquarium, which will offer earth-friendly sustainability workshops, local musicians, fun arts and crafts, local experts giving bird talks and leading bird walks in the nearby Coastal Park; and dozens of exhibitors demonstrating how to care for the earth and protect the planet.

During the spring, more than 100 species of birds can be found around the Cabrillo Beach Coastal Park, including shorebirds, sparrows, raptors and more. Migrating birds utilize the wide variety of habitats in the Coastal Park

for feeding and resting during their long journeys. The Earth Day and Coastal Bird Fest will celebrate the resident and visiting birds of this area, and their role in the environment.

The Earth Day and Coastal Bird Fest ends at 3 p.m., while the Aquarium is open until 5 p.m.

Throughout the day, the Aquarium provides opportunities to examine Southern California marine life, visit the touch tank, search the Virginia Reid Moore Research Library for more information about local sea life and coastal birds,

observe the newest arrivals in the Aquatic Nursery and let curiosity be the guide in the interactive Exploration Center.

The aquarium is located at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr. in San Pedro and is a Rec and Parks facility with support from Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. Limited car parking at Cabrillo Beach is \$1 per hour.

Information: (310) 548-7562 or www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org



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3. *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up*, Marie Kondo
4. *Make Me: A Jack Reacher Novel*, Lee Child
5. *X*, Sue Grafton
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10. *Hitman: Agent 47*

Books downloaded

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1. *The Girl on the Train*, Paula Hawkins
2. *The Martian*, Andy Weir
3. *The Crossing*, Michael Connelly
4. *Fates and Furies*, Lauren Groff
5. *The Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up*, Marie Kondo
6. *Rogue Lawyer*, John Grisham
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Club Angels

Applications for Club's Mukai Scholarship Now Available

*Simplified applications for Club Scholarship are available online and at the Club Store. **Deadline is noon, July 29, 2016.***

Pick up your application for the Joannie Mukai Memorial Club Scholarship at the Club Store, or download an application today! The Club's scholarship program is named after the late Club Board Member Joannie Mukai.

The 2016 Mukai Club Scholarship Program, which expects to grant 20 awards, is now accepting applications.

Continuing in 2016: Club Scholarship applications have been simplified, for greater ease in filling them out.

All materials must be physically in the Club Store and Service Center downtown, 120 W. Second St. by noon, July 29, 2016.

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

Those eligible include Club Members, their spouses and their children who are in college or will be attending an accredited college or university in Fall 2016.

"The Club loves recognizing excellence in our Club Members and their families," said John Hawkins, Club CEO. "The Club Scholarship



Joannie Mukai.

Program reflects that commitment.

"It's amazing how talented our Club family is. The Club celebrates the lives of City Employees, and this is one of the most important ways we do that every year. We're all about giving

back, and the Club Scholarship reflects that."

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

You can pick up an application at the Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St. downtown, or download an application at: www.cityemployeesclub.com/scholar.asp

"We fully support the dedication of our Club families to taking care of the educational needs of themselves and their children," Hawkins continued. "We want to help them in every way possible. We look forward to giving back."

Eligibility requirements:

- All Club Members and their spouses, and children of Club Members under the age of 25, are eligible to apply. Club Members must be in good standing.
- The successful candidate must attend an accredited four-year college or university full time in the fall semester 2016. Current high



Luke Broyles received a stipend last year as part of Club Angels' Mukai Scholarship Program.

school seniors matriculating to a four-year school in Fall 2016 are eligible.

- Candidates will be judged for academic excellence, community service and financial need.
- Scholarships are expected to be awarded in equal amounts of \$500 (each).
- **DEADLINE:** Applications must be in the Club Store, 120 W. Second St. downtown, by noon July 29, 2016. All applications must be physically in the Club office at that time to be eligible. Sorry, but the Club is not responsible for delays in delivery.
- Decisions will be made by Club personnel and will be considered final.
- Club Store address: 120 W. Second St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Send questions to:
scholarship@cityemployeesclub.com

LAPD

Congratulations, Capt. Casey!

Capt. Pete Casey is promoted to Commander, Van Nuys.

Pete Casey, Club Member, formerly at LAPD/Communications, is now Commander at Van Nuys Station.

Pete Casey was born in Claymont, Del. At an early age, Pete set his goals to move to Los Angeles and become a Los Angeles Police Officer. In 1983, Pete was hired as an executive for Target Stores in Phoenix, Ariz. In 1988 Target moved Pete to Los Angeles, and in 1989 Pete joined the LAPD as a Line Reserve Officer at Rampart Division. In 1991, Pete lateraled onto the Department and was assigned to Newton Division. While working Newton Division, he received numerous awards and commendations including the Department's highest honor, the Medal of Valor. Pete performed CPR to a lifeless child who was not breathing and as a result saved her life.

In 1993, Pete was assigned to Pacific Division, where he worked a variety of assignments from working FALCON (Focus Attack Linking Community Organizations and Neighborhoods), a multi agency federally funded undercover narcotic task force, working patrol, Training Officer and Sr. Lead Officer. During his assignment at Pacific Division, Pete was featured on the Discovery Channel's "Inside the Real LAPD." While at Pacific Division Pete established a strong neighborhood and business advisory council, implemented Model Neighborhood program sponsored by the City Attorney's Office, and obtained a gang injunction on the Culver City Boys gang. In 1999 Pete was promoted to Sergeant and assigned to Southwest Division as a field supervisor. In 2000 he was promoted to Sergeant II and assigned to Internal Affairs South Section.

In 2001 Pete transferred to 77th Division as an Assistant Watch Commander. In 2006 Pete



Capt. Pete Casey

was asked by the then-Deputy Chief Charlie Beck to establish Operations South Bureau's Criminal Gang Homicide Group as then-Commander Pat Gannon's aide. In 2007 Pete completed his Bachelor of science degree in criminal justice and was promoted to Lieutenant.

From 2007 to 2012 Pete continued his career as Watch Commander in 77th Division, Olympic Division and Central Division. In 2013 Pete was selected by the Director of Office of Operations to be the Officer in Charge of Central Area's Safer Cities. In 2014 Pete was promoted to Lieutenant II and assigned to Communications Division. In 2015 Pete was selected to the position of Assistant Commanding Officer, Communications

Division. Pete has been credited for his interpersonal and management abilities in improving the morale and atmosphere of the largest command within the City. On Jan. 12, Pete was promoted to Captain and assigned to Van Nuys Division.

Pete is a highly accomplished member of the LAPD, offering more than 25 years of leadership experience in the roles ranging from complex administrative and operational experience. Pete has demonstrated that his experience expands beyond managing and leading sworn personnel to managing and leading our Cities civilian personnel and developing strong partnerships with the department's communities.

During his tenure, he has received numerous Department and City Awards, including; Above and Beyond, City Angel Award, Police Medal, Medal of Valor, State of California's Award of Merit, Van Nuys Division's Humanitarian Award, three Police Meritorious Unit Citations, and Reserve Medal. He was also inducted into the Police Officers Hall of Fame, and was the recipient of three Supervisor Awards and Pacific Area's Officer of the Year Award.

Pete has completed several professional development courses: TEEX School, International Counter-Terrorism, Tactical Dispatch Concept School, POST Command Officers and Development School, Post Management School, and received management, supervisory, advance, intermediate, and basic POST certificates.

**Congratulations,
Captain!**

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