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Club Awards 15 Students as Mukai Scholars

Club Scholarships expand to 15 awards, up from 12 last year.



THE CLUB — The Club is overjoyed to announce the winners of its 2010 Scholarship Contest. This year, the Club renamed

its scholarship program after the late Joannie Mukai, a former Club Board Member who passed away earlier this year.

Scholarship honorees receive \$1,000 toward college expenses. Fifteen students were awarded, three more than last year.

"Joannie [Mukai] would be so please to read the accomplishments of the 15 winners of the Club Scholarship," said John Hawkins, Club CEO. "Picking out the winners each year is both a great joy and a challenge, due to so many worthy candidates. We feel honored to award these awesome students."

For a list of winners and excerpts from their essays, see page 22.

Club Counselors, clockwise from left: Arlene Herrero, Products Manager; Eboné Moses; Brent Urban; Angel Gomez, Member Services Director; and Tiffany Sy.



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[Open Enrollment runs now through the end of October for active City Employees]

Read 'Miss Jake's' Story!

'Miss Jake' Michalowski purchased Long-Term Care insurance, and it's a very good thing she did.

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** A Message From the CEO **

Club Worked Hard For Open Enrollment

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

I don't have to tell you that the Club's focus the next few months is getting everyone to apply for Long-Term Care insurance. Between this month's cover story, the notices on the Website, and the topic that the Club Counselors have been talking about the past few months, I'm sure you've gotten the message!

But the real message is found in the story of "Miss Jake" **Michelowski**, a cancer survivor who purchased Long-Term Care insurance through the Club. If you ever wonder what the purpose of insurance is, just read her story, and you'll know.



The Club Counselors have worked hard to bring you this Open Enrollment opportunity.

The Club has worked hard to get you this special benefit – an Open Enrollment. That means that evidence of insurability is not required. These opportunities don't come along every year. In fact, we haven't had one since 1999. We wanted to set another one up and give you this opportunity. Keeping your needs first is what the Club is all about.

While we're on the subject of Club service, I want to congratulate the Club's Sports Dude, **Robert Larios**, for the successful completion of the first season of Club basketball. (And thanks to **David Gadelha**, **Connie Carbajal** and the entire staff at Expo Center, Rec and Parks, for their professionalism and hard work to make this first season a success.) With our first successful season of softball a happy memory (and the second season already started), and the first season of Club basketball another winner, we're expanding the sports we're offering to you, our Club Members. But we'll get into that a little more next year. Awesome job, everyone!

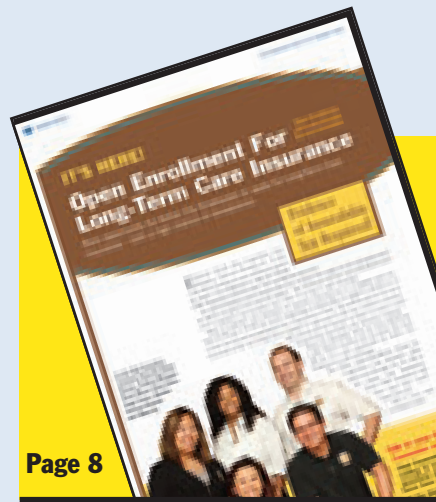
For the past few months, I've also wanted to give a quick shoutout to **Sgt. Belinda Nettles** at the Airport Police. So now I will! Belinda is a true professional who works hard to send us good information each month on the happenings over there at the Airport Police. This month, she sent us a couple more, on the Special Olympics Torch Run, and four new officers. We appreciate your work, Belinda.

And as this is the end of the summer, we mark the traditional naming of the Club's Joannie Mukai Scholarship winners. As you might remember, we renamed the scholarship program after longtime Club Board Member **Joannie Mukai**, Harbor, who cared a lot about personal betterment. Joannie died earlier this year. In any event, we here at the Club go through stacks and stacks of applications, and without a doubt honoring the best is one of the most rewarding things I do every year. As long as there's a Club, I hope we can continue to reward the excellence, hope and promise that exist in the greater Club family.

Well, since it's August, that means I'm late for getting outside with my family! I trust that you, too, have plans to take a step back and a deep breath, and remember that it's all about our families – our immediate families, our friends, and our Club family. That's why we work, and that's why the Club is here to serve you. Enjoy your lives, everyone. And see you in September.

JOHN

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Applying for Long-Term Care Insurance really is in your best interest, and there may never be a better time to apply for it than the upcoming Open Enrollment.

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Cecilia Talbot,
Claims Manager

You probably won't get to meet Club Claims Manager Cecilia Talbot very often... until you really need her. That's when her service shines. So, to assure you that you are in good hands, from time to time *Alive!* will reprint letters commending the service given by Cecilia and her excellent staff.

— Ed.

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— Linda Meeks, January 2010

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was helpful and kind. All questions were answered, and my benefits were all settled within a month. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. May God bless each and every one of the staff. Thanks for the book *[The Fall of Freddie the Leaf]*. I have hope."

— Ruth Espy, November 2009

"I have been so impressed with the concerns all of you have shown during this difficult time, and I'm forever grateful because in

these times when so few people seem to be interested in their 'fellow man,' so to speak. It is so wonderful to receive such great and important information as well as cards of blessings and concerns from people whom I personally do not know but people who care. Thank all of you so very much. It was so apropos. It was well done."

— Eula Calvert, January 2010

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Long-term care claims paid this year: **\$188,266.69**

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LETTERS To the Editor

Tell us what you think! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

LETTER OF THE MONTH

What's Being Done for 'People We See' in Shadow of City Hall?

I just want to thank you for taking the time out to interview the people we see in the downtown area. I'm just curious, has the mayor taken notice of your interviews? It seems like most of the people you interview are within an earshot of City Hall. In fact I usually see City Hall in the background. Maybe you can share with us readers what the mayor's plan is to help the homeless? Thanks so much.

– Mike Walters, Public Works

Hi Mike: Thanks so much for writing in on this important subject. You are not the first to comment on these powerful stories and wonder what is being done. I sent an email to the mayor's office July 22, on this subject; as soon as I receive a response, I'll let you know!

– John Hawkins, Club CEO



Thanks to Airport Police for Trying to Keep Shuttles Safe

Hats off to the Airport Police in their work with the sting operation regarding the airport transportation providers. I can't tell you how many times I've taken an airport shuttle in mortal fear of my life. Sometimes they do 80 mph-plus on the freeway while the doors are rattling and brakes are squeaking. Keep up the inspections, Airport Police – and thank you!

– Milo Sanchez – DWP

Griffith Is Full of Stars With Dr. Ed Krupp at the Helm

Well, I gotta say that Dr. Krupp is now officially "Master of the Universe" in my book! In your last issue, you featured him alongside Mrs. [Michelle] Obama while she was touring the Observatory. I'm sure she was wowed with his enthusiasm and knowledge of everything spatial. The City couldn't have had a better representative at the Observatory than Dr. Krupp. I'm once again proud to be a City Employee!

– Yolanda Smith, LAPD

It's All in the Details for LAPD's Fingerprints Unit, the Real CSI

Hey Club! That was a nice story about the LAPD Latent Print Unit. I don't think we had any idea of the science and detail that is necessary with these kinds of prints. This is the real CSI for sure! Fingerprints are amazing and so are the people in LAPD that do this for humanity!

– George Irving, Rec and Parks

It Took the Club to Get the Ball Rolling ... Back to the '80s

It looks like the Club is really getting things

moving with sports for City Employees. It feels like the old days in the 1980s when we had basketball, baseball, bowling and softball in the City. Fun times! I would encourage more City Employees to participate as it adds to the fond memories of being part of the City of Los Angeles.

– Noemi Jones, retired

Hi Noemi, thanks for the note. You're right; there are all sorts of good things happening with the Club Sports Dept., as headed by the Club's Sports Dude. First the Club launched softball last year (it returned this summer). Then there was the Club's basketball league this spring. And now, Running With the Club is starting up. With the Club's organization and the City's great Rec and Parks facilities, there's simply no reason to not get active and have some fun at the same time. Get involved! See the Club's sports page in this issue. — Ed.

Retirees Leaving the City Don't Have to Leave the Club Family

Wow! There seems to be so many people retiring from the City! Just look at page 26 and page 27 of last month's newspaper! I hope they enjoyed their time in the City, and I wish them much success and happiness in their future endeavors. I guess this means the Best Years section of *Alive!* is going to be bigger with news? Perhaps the golf tournament RLACEI puts together every year will have to be a two-day event! I wouldn't be complaining.

– Steve Johnson, LAPD

*Hi Steve, thanks for writing. That retiree section could be growing, that's for sure! Over the last few months at *Alive!*, we've been listing as many retirees as we can fit. We've been catching up with the backlog; this month, the list becomes a little more manageable. Although next month we could see the return of the mega-lists, until we can list all the great people who have worked hard for the City, retired, and deserve our recognition. — Ed.*

QUESTION of the Month

– Collected by Rachael Brecher, Club Store Assistant Manager

Rachael at the Club Store asks Club Members fun questions when they visit to purchase tickets or great Club apparel and gifts. So, stop by and join in the fun!



What is your favorite summer getaway?

 <p>"Going to an amusement park with my family." – Rolando Apen, DWP, 2 years of City service</p>	 <p>"Las Vegas." – Donald Burnett, DWP, 25 years of City service</p>
 <p>"Cancun." – Adriene Rico, DWP, 15 years of City service</p>	 <p>"Camping." – Robert Caudillo, Public Works, 32 years of City service</p>
 <p>"Vegas." – Elenora Browne, Retired, 28 years of City service</p>	 <p>"The cabin at Mammoth Lake." – Lupe Medina, Club staff, 13 years of City service</p>
 <p>"Yosemite." – Francisco Fiallos, Rec and Parks, 4 years of City service</p>	 <p>"Vegas." – Robert Parra, Public Works, 10 years of City service</p>
 <p>"Vegas." – Robert Buenrostro, Public Works, 16 years of City service</p>	 <p>"The movies." – Janice Norwood-Waller, Transportation, 11 years of City service</p>

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<p>Aug 20 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Norma Angullo</p>	

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AIRPORTS

4 New Airport Police Officers

Airport Police swears in four new officers.

Story by Sgt. Belinda Nettles, Airport Police, Club Member; Photo by Officer Shawn Smith

Four new police officers joined the ranks of the Los Angeles Airport Police following their June 18 graduation from the Los Angeles Police Academy.

Los Angeles Airport Police Chief George R. Centeno performed the swearing in of graduates Charles Yoon, Rafaela Vasquez, Chad White and Jose Viramontes. Officer Yoon was selected class president by his academy peers, an honor recog-

nizing his leadership and assertiveness that is observed within the first four or five weeks of being in the academy. He delivered the class speech before academy classmates, family and friends.

Assistant Chief Brian A. Walker and Capt. LaPonda Fitchpatrick represented the Airport Police Command Staff, and Stephen Martin, Chief Operating Officer, Airports, was also present.

The new officers will next undergo a six-month field training program specific to airport law enforcement. They will be assigned a Field Training Officer before being assigned to the Patrol Services Section.



From left: Airport Police Chief George R. Centeno; Airport Police Officers Rafaela Vasquez, Jose Viramontes, Charles Yoon (Class President) and Chad White; and Airports Chief Operations Officer Stephen Martin.



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Everyone should have Long-Term Care Insurance. And now through Oct. 31, the Club will be hosting an open enrollment period for Active City Employees to sign up! (Active DWP Employees will have their open enrollment next year.)

An open-enrollment period means that most of those who apply for this affordable product will be accepted. Don't miss the chance – the Club hasn't had an Open-Enrollment period for Long-Term Care insurance since 1999. So be sure to take advantage!

What is Long-Term Care insurance? It's insurance that pays you or an eligible loved one, from \$1,000 up to \$5,000 per month, depending on which plan you apply for, should you or a loved one become incapacitated over a long period of time. The policies pay you for up to four years (if the one covered is in a facility) or eight years (if the one covered is at home).

The policies pay the insured, so there's no need to send receipts back and forth to the insurance company.

Rates are affordable. There are some restrictions to who will be accepted into the plans. But most will be. It's a rare opportunity for Active City Employees to take advantage.

The Club's Open-Enrollment Period for Long-Term Care insurance takes place now through Oct. 31. This is for Active City Employees; Active DWP Employees will have their open enrollment next year.

Talk to your Club Counselor today!

BELOW: Club Counselors, clockwise from left: Arlene Herrero, Products Manager; Eboné Moses; Brent Urban; Angel Gomez, Member Services Director; and Tiffany Sy.



Talk to your Club Counselor today!

Club Counselors are waiting to answer your questions about Long-Term Care Insurance.

Call the Club at (800) 464-0452

FOR YOU
— AND —
YOUR FAMILY

FREE SEMINARS:

Learn All About Long-Term Care Insurance

Find out about why Open Enrollment is such a good idea and why the upcoming open enrollment is a great opportunity.

Long-Term Care Insurance Seminars

WHEN: Friday, Aug. 6
Friday, Aug. 20

WHERE: Kyoto Grand Hotel (downtown)
120 South Los Angeles St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

TIMES: 9 and 11 a.m.; and 1 and 3 p.m.

- Reservations are required due to space; all active City Employees are welcome to attend.
- LTC Insurance applications can be completed at the seminars. Counselors will be on hand to assist you. The seminars will go step-by-step through the application process and calculation of rates.

See you at the Long-Term Care insurance seminars!

For more information on these free seminars, contact the Long-Term Care hotline, (213) 225-1796 or (800) 464-0452



Five reasons to sign up for Long-Term Care Insurance:

- 1 To maintain your independence so you won't have to rely on family members.
- 2 To protect your assets against the high costs of long-term care; to preserve your children's inheritance.
- 3 To make long-term care services affordable, such as home health care and custodial care.
- 4 To provide yourself with more options than just nursing home care, and to pay for nursing home care if it's needed.
- 5 To preserve your standard of living.

A TRUE STORY:

'If You Get Sick, What Will You Have?'

Cancer patient 'Miss Jake' Michalowski purchased Long-Term Care insurance, and it's a very good thing she did.

It's sometimes said that insurance is for a rainy day. That rainy day came in a storm for 'Miss Jake' Michalowski in 2007, when she was diagnosed with cancer.

Her Long-Term Care insurance from the Club made a huge difference, helping her lead a manageable life until she can get back to work, thereby averting a financial crisis of major proportions.

"I bought all the Club insurance I could," she said recently. She is on medical leave from her position as Sr. Legal Clerk I, City Attorney's Office. "Buying them all was a very smart thing to do. And when I got a promotion [with the City], I upped all my insurance.

"I was a single woman at 51 at the time. I realized I had to get my life in order. I just knew that I had to cover myself."

After 'Miss Jake' was diagnosed, the Club's Claims Manager, Cecilia Talbot, and the late Howard Pompel, a Club Counselor, helped her enormously, she says.

"Howard and Cecilia were very concerned about me. They were extremely gracious. They explained every issue and payment in detail and were lovely to deal with. Cecilia is an angel – she took over and explained things over and over until I understood."

'Miss Jake' Michalowski, Club Member, says, "Get all the insurance you can."

Her words of advice are clear – take advantage of the Club's Open Enrollment for Long-Term Care.

"To my coworkers and friends, these are my words to you: Regular insurance only covers you for two years. Take the extra money you have in your pocket, the money you'd spend on the movies, and invest in all the insurance you can.

"I realize these are stressful times. There are furloughs. Long-Term Care will pay me for eight years, for my home healthcare. If you get ill, what will you have?

"So I have cancer. I have to stay positive. That's how I look at life. Take it one day at a time. I'm glad I have the insurance. It was a sweet cookie. That's all I can say.

"I don't ask for donations; I have the insurance that I took out. But I would like a prayer from everyone for my next surgery in November. That's all I ask."



CLUB SPORTS



News from Sports Leagues sponsored by the City Employees Club of Los Angeles • August 2010

TWO HOOPS CHAMPS!

The Club's great first basketball season ends with two champions – DOT Outlaws and LAX Ballers. Fall season shaping up.

Tier 1 Playoffs Scores

July 8, 2010

Ones & Zeros–WON Forfeit vs. Hoopers–LOST Forfeit
 DOT Outlaws–53 vs. Traffic Jam–42
 DOT Outlaws–58 vs. Ones & Zeros–48

**2010 Champions:
DOT Outlaws**



2nd Place: Ones & Zeros



Story by Club Staff; Photos by Tom Hawkins, Club Photographer

Congratulations to the DOT Outlaws! They are the Club's first Basketball League Champions. They won their games against a very talented team in Traffic Jam and then beat the steady and cool Ones & Zeros team, 58-48, in the league championship game. Congratulations go to the second-place team in Ones & Zeros and the LAX Ballers for winning Tier Two of the league championship games.

The games took place at Rec and Parks' excellent Expo Center.

It was an action-packed season, and teams are already excited for season two to begin. We are looking to begin this fall. The Club Sports office is accepting team registrations. For more information, contact the Sports Dude at (213) 620-0388 or sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com

The Sports Dude wishes all the teams well and practice for season two because the competition is going to get even tougher!

Here's a list of the team managers:

- Rec & Park Hoopers: Mychal Lynch, Rec and Parks
- Ones & Zeros: Jimmy Tse, ITA
- DOT Outlaws: Ron Haywood, Transportation
- Traffic Jam: Edward Yu, Transportation
- Rice & Beans: Wilson Wans
- LAX Ballers: George Pierce, Airports
- BLS Blue Dragons: Ben Lozano, Public Works/Street Lighting.

Special thanks go to David Gadelha, Connie Carbajal and the entire staff at Expo Center.

Tier 2 Playoffs Scores

July 8, 2010

Blue Dragons–30 vs. LAX Ballers–58
 Hydropower–46 vs. Rice & Beans–27
 Hydropower–42 vs. LAX Ballers–44

**2010 Champions:
LAX Ballers**



Club Basketball League

FINAL REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	TOTAL POINTS
Rec & Park Hoopers	8	2	16
Traffic Jam	7	3	14
DOT Outlaws	5	1	10
Ones & Zeros	6	4	12
LAX Ballers	4	6	8
Rice & Beans	3	7	6
Hydropower	3	7	6
BLS Blue Dragons	1	9	2

Playoffs Scores

June 24, 2010

HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM
Traffic Jam–62	DOT Outlaws–77	Hydropower–43	Blue Dragons–54
Blue Dragons–46	Rice & Beans–54	Traffic Jam–54	Ones & Zeros–51
Hydropower–91	LAX Ballers–78	DOT Outlaws–56	Rice & Beans–30
Hoopers–98	Ones & Zeros–72	Hoopers–52	LAX Ballers–46

July 1, 2010

Having the fans come out for the Club basketball games was great!



CLUB SPORTS



MORE SPORTS COMING YOUR WAY!

The Club's Sports Dept. is expanding ... and that's great news for City Employees and Club Members.

Here's what's coming up. Interested? Contact the Club's Sports Dude at (213) 620-0388 or sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com. Information is also available at the Club's Website (www.cityemployeesclub.com, under the Sports pulldown).

Call today!



SOFTBALL

Softball. Games have just started and will run through November. This league is currently closed.

VOLLEYBALL



Volleyball for men and women, to begin this fall. Sign up today!



RUNNING

A Club Running Group. The Club's Sports Dept. is putting together a Club Running Group. Contact the Club Sports Dept. and meet up with other Club Members who are runners.

CYCLING



A Club Cycling Group. The Club's Sports Dept. is putting together a Club Cycling Group. Contact the Club Sports Dept. and meet up with other Club Members who are cyclers (bicycles).



CLUB HEADQUARTERS



E-Tickets: Your Ticket to Convenience

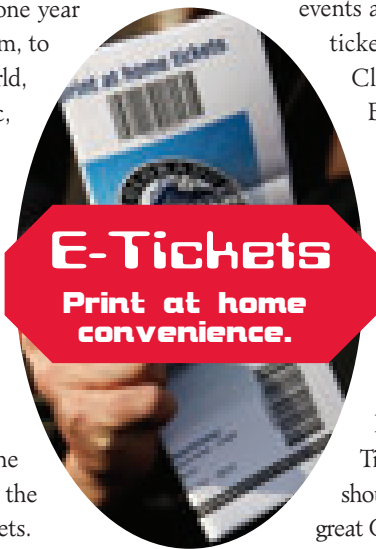
Club Store and Service center now delivers tickets to your email. Take advantage!

As part of its dedication to great service to City Employees, the Club one year ago introduced an E-ticket system, to deliver your Disneyland, SeaWorld, Aquarium of the Pacific, Legoland, Universal, San Diego Zoo and Wild Animal Park tickets right to your email box.

The test succeeded!

More tickets are delivered via email now, and outnumber those picked up physically at the Club Store, and those sent by U.S. Mail.

And there's no postage fee. The E-ticket system adds nothing to the Club's already low prices on tickets.



"We're working on bringing other events and attractions to the E-ticket system," said the Club's Ticket Gal, Rachael Brecher.

The Club is the only City association to offer the E-Ticket service to City Employees. You can't get this service anywhere else.

"People love our E-ticket system," the Ticket Gal said. "Everyone should take advantage of this great Club service."

Here's how to take advantage of the Club's E-ticket system:

- Order your tickets with the great Club discount as you normally would – by using the Club Store's Website; by calling the Club's Ticket Hotline; or by fax.
- Your Club ID number is required.
- For now, tickets to Disneyland, SeaWorld, Aquarium of the Pacific, Legoland, Universal, San Diego Zoo and Wild Animal Park are eligible for the Club's E-ticket system. More attractions are expected to be added soon.
- Orders will be processed by the Club between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (excepting holidays).
- The Club will send your tickets to the email address of your choice.
- You print your tickets any time and from any computer you choose. Bring those tickets with you, and you're done.
- Did your tickets get destroyed, or did you forget them someplace? You can reprint them from the same email.

Late
Nights

★
 Summer 2010
 at the Aquarium of the Pacific

\$5.00
**Admission after 5:00 p.m.
with your bounce-back coupon.**



Join us for a special evening at the Aquarium of the Pacific. When you purchase a consignment or eTicket by Sunday, August 29, you will receive a \$5.00 late night admission coupon. The entire Aquarium, except Lorikeet Forest, will be open until 10:00 p.m. Meet 11,000 animals from the world's largest ocean. Stop by our store, Pacific Collections, and find a vast selection of marine-related gifts and souvenirs. Please visit our website under News & Events for additional dates in August.

Sunday, July 25 Monday, July 26 Tuesday, July 27 Wednesday, July 28 Friday, July 30 Sunday, August 1 Monday, August 2 Tuesday, August 3 Wednesday, August 4 Thursday, August 5	Friday, August 6 Sunday, August 8 Monday, August 9 Tuesday, August 10 Wednesday, August 11 Thursday, August 12 Friday, August 13 Saturday, August 14 Sunday, August 15 Monday, August 16	Sunday, August 22 Monday, August 23 Tuesday, August 24 Wednesday, August 25 Thursday, August 26 Sunday, August 29
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LAPD

It's Wyse to Retire

Principal Clerk I Sandra Wyse retires after 36 years of City service.



Sandra Wyse, Retiree, Club Member.



From left: Lt. Ed Palmer presents the resolution to Sandra Wyse, Retiree.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager

Family, coworkers and friends gathered June 11 for a retirement dinner for Sandra Wyse, Principal Clerk I, LAPD, and Club Member. The dinner was held at the Holiday Inn Gardena.

Here's a resolution prepared for her retirement:

"Whereas, Principal Clerk Police I Sandra Wyse has completed 36.5 years of honorable and dedicated service for the City of Los Angeles, culminating Feb. 13, 2010;

"Whereas, Principal Clerk Police I Sandra Wyse began her esteemed career with the City on April 9, 1973, as a Clerk Typist and was promoted to Sr. Clerk Typist and lastly to Principal Clerk Police I;

"Whereas, Principal Clerk Police I Sandra Wyse performed the duties of the Records and Identification Division timekeeper for approximately 385 employees before becoming automated with 100 percent accuracy for ten years;

"Whereas, Principal Clerk Police I Sandra Wyse has demonstrated exceptional competency and dedication in keeping with the highest standards of the City of Los Angeles while assigned all 36.5 years to the Los Angeles Police Department;

"Whereas, Principal Clerk Police I Sandra Wyse has been described by her employees and peers and evaluated by her superiors as an outstanding supervisor and employee, respectively, and is known for her pleasant personality, extensive knowledge of the operations of the Law Enforcement Network Telecommunications (LENT) section, Training Division, and management abilities. She is also noted for her articulate written and verbal expression and her immaculate professional appearance;

"Whereas, Principal Clerk Police I Sandra Wyse has trained Department personnel and supervised the LENT unit, which has encompassed training more than 3,600 recruits for their POST Learning Domain 36 and thousands of Civilian and Sworn employees on the NECS system, which assists personnel in gaining Criminal Offender record information, running rap sheets, acquiring booking information and verifying Department of Motor Vehicle information. She initiated the first PowerPoint presentation, which greatly enhanced training for LENT subject matter;

"Whereas, Principal Clerk Police I Sandra Wyse, since 1984, has executed duties on and off the job, beyond the call of duty as noted in the many commendations received throughout her career with the Los Angeles Police Department;

"Whereas, Principal Clerk Police I Sandra Wyse, as a member of the California Clets User Group (CCUG) since 1999, has consistently attended seminar and training meetings to remain informed of all updated and new system technologies to ensure current information is presented to recruits and Department personnel;

"Now, therefore be it resolved that the City Council highly commends Principal Clerk Police I Sandra Wyse for 36.5 years of outstanding service and a record of attainment that have exemplified the highest tradition of the City of Los Angeles; and

"Be it further resolved that the City Council, on behalf of the people of this State, extends to Principal Clerk Police I Sandra Wyse best wishes for a long, happy, and rewarding retirement."

Congratulations from the Club, Sandra! Have a great retirement.

Special thanks to Artillar Watts, Club Member, for assisting us in the production of this article.



Standing, from left: Dion and Sean, sons of Sandra Wyse. Seated, from left: Mary Porter, mother, and Sandra Wyse, Retired Principal Clerk, Club Member.



From left: Sandra Wyse, Retiree, Club Member, with her sister, Jo Ann Alexander.



Carolyn Rover-Jackson, Systems Analyst II, Club Member, with her husband, Maurice Jiles.



Standing, from left: Chris Smith, Retired, Sr. Supervisor; and Vickie Abdullah-Hasan, Retired, Principal Clerk Police III, and her husband, John. Seated: Lydia Matlock, Sr. Clerk Typist; Janette Logan, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member; and Betty Pitts, Retired PCP II.



From left: Jo Ann Knox, cousin; and Sandra Wyse, Retiree, Club Member.



From left: Officer Rhonda Baychue, Club Member; Sandra Wyse, Retiree, Club Member; Michael Ellington, PDO, Club Member; and Jenai Lyles, Management Aide, Club Member.



From left: Melissa Bennett and Shirley Johnson, guests; Michael Ellington, PDO, Club Member; and Stephanie Legs, guest.



Sandra Wyse, Retiree, Club Member, with her husband, Kenneth.



From left: Rev. James Perkins; Sandra Wyse, Retiree, Club Member; and Evelyn Perkins.



From left: Hillard King, Retired RCTO, Public Works/Sanitation, and his wife, Evelyn.



From left: Carol Stamps, MA2, Club Member; Clairia Frierson, guest; and Renita Young, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member.



From left: Joyce Li, cousin; and Sandra Wyse, Retiree, Club Member.



From left: Khalia Li, cousin; Sandra Wyse, Retiree, Club Member; and Khamila Li, cousin.



From left: Artillar Watts, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member; and Michael Ellington, PDO, Club Member.

LAPD

2 PSRs Retire

Police Service Reps retire with 70 combined years of service.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager

A joint retirement dinner was held June 5 for Rosalind Carroll, Club Member, and Theresa Meadows. Both retired as Police Service Reps II, with 35 years of City service (each).

The party was held at Reef in Long Beach.

The Club wishes them both a great retirement!



Rosalind Carroll, PSR II, 35 years of City service, Club Member.



Theresa Meadows, PSR II, 35 years of City service.



From right: Theresa Meadows, PSR II; her son, Roman Peebles Jr.; and Rosalind Joiner, guest.



Standing: Rosalind Carroll, Retiree, Club Member. Seated, from left: Thomas Carroll, brother; and Vernell Carroll, sister-in-law.



The family of Theresa Meadows, standing, from left: son, Roman Peebles Jr.; daughter, Synovia Trim, and son-in-law, Selwyn Trim; granddaughter, Desiree Trim; and daughter, Autumn Peebles. Seated, from left: husband, Roman Peebles, and Theresa Meadows, PSR II, Retiree.



From left: Beth Hicks, Sr. PSR II, and her daughter, Maya Stewart; and Valerie Covington, PSR II, Club Member.



From left: Rebecca Nesler, guest; Sgt. Laurel Friedlander, Olympic; P2 Karina Sanchez, Employee Assistance Unit; Cassie DeLuca, CHP; and Mark Boyle, CHP.



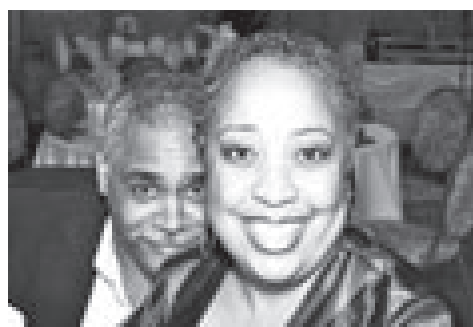
From left: Laura Cruz, PSR III; Toni McDonald, PSR III, Club Member; Marsha Myers, PSR III, Club Member; and Zena Webb, guest.



From left: Creighton Dawson, P2, Newton; and Iris Dawson, PSR II, Club Member.



From left: Deborah Patterson, PSR II, Club Member; and Torrie Perkins, PSR III, Club Member.



From left: Ulric Pattillo, PSR III, Club Member; and Tracy Beverly, Sr. PSR I, Club Member.



From left: Jackie London, guest; Sandra Wyse, Retired, Principal Clerk, Club Member; and Lydia Matlock, Sr. CT.



From left: Sgt. Steve Adams, Retired, OWB; and Randi Miller, PSR II.



From left: Laura Cruz, PSR III, Club Member; Berta Ugas, Sr. PSR I, Club Member; and Marsha Myers, PSR III, Club Member.



Standing: Mary Ross, PSR 2, Club Member; and Mervin Ross, guest. Seated, from left: Alice Jackson, Retired Sgt., Airport Police; Patricia Spencer, guest; and Shirley Westbrook, Retired SDO, Club Member.



From left: Shaton Brown, Sr. PSR, Club Member; Marlene Swancy, Sr. PSR, Club Member; and Pat White, Retired Sr. PSR II, Club Member.



From left: Marlene Swancy, Sr. PSR, Club Member; Rosalind Carroll, PSR II, Club Member; and Rosalind Joiner, friend.



From left: Stephanie Gilder-Moutra, Retired, PSR II, Club Member; Tia Teixeira, PSR II; and Alisha McGlothen, PSR II.

For Retired Club Members



The Best Years



By Mary Beetz,
RLACEI Publicity Chair

City Retiree Associations:

DWP Retirees Association



Dolores Foley, President
Phone: (626) 445-7376
E-mail: vinmar@altrionet.com

Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association

James R. Wilke, President
Phone: (323) 283-4441
Fax: (626) 285-1461
E-mail: larfpa@pacbell.net or
9521 Las Tunas Dr. #4,
Temple City, CA 91780

Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



Ed Harding, RLACEI President
www.rlacei.com
Contact him: (800) 678-4145 Ext. 703
or via E-mail:
postmaster@rlacei.com

Change of Address?

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

Have News About Yourself?

Contact Phil Skarin, 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910, or call (800) 678-4145 Ext. 709.

Upcoming Events:

Aug. 12: Annual Picnic, Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park, Los Angeles. Noon.

Oct. 7: Annual corporation meeting and elections, Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles. 1 p.m.

Dec. 9: Holiday party, Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park, Los Angeles. Noon.

Call (800) 678-4145 x701 for reservations.

RLACEI:

Some Updates on National Healthcare, County Pensions

President, Ed Harding reports:



Ed Harding

"We had a meeting with three of LACERS representatives regarding the joint (LACERS-RLACEI) meetings scheduled for our October General Meeting. LACERS will pay for a Continental breakfast and have its Open Enrollment meeting. After their meeting, RLACEI will serve a great lunch, consisting of three different kinds of sandwiches and the works. After lunch we will have a short meeting, followed by many door prizes.

"Roslyn Carter- Philips, Director of the All City Employee Benefits Services Association (ACEBSA), met with our Directors regarding the cost of the El Pueblo Publication that we pay them for, and are mailed to our retired members. Roslyn stated that the cost of printing and cost of mailing El Pueblo to our retirees has more than tripled over the past ten years. Therefore, we are forced to raise our dues from \$1 to \$2 per

month to help pay for this increase in costs. Also, we have been working with LACERS and ACEBSA to see that all of our members receive this very informative El Pueblo publication.

"Michael Karsch has resigned his duties as Treasurer. Hal Danowitz, our Secretary, will take over as Treasurer-Secretary for RLACEI.

"See you at our Picnic in August."

State Action: Michael Karsch reports:



Michael Karsch

Pension Changes: "The County of Sacramento attempted and lost in an effort to eliminate health insurance benefits of its retirees. Now the county is recommending lowering the health subsidy for most county retirees by about 40 percent. Originally the health subsidy for retirees was \$244 a month; that was lowered last year to \$144. Now it is proposed to be \$80.64 for retirees who retired before June 1, 2007, with 25 years of service or longer.

"Around the state, other local agencies are changing their pension plans. Los Gatos is making non-sworn employees begin paying part of the cost of the pension by a 7 percent to 8 percent pay-check contribution to the pension system. The City of Oakland wants its police officers to pay 9 percent of their salary towards their CalPERS pension. Two state employee unions (the Union of American Physicians and the International Union of Operating

Engineers) have agreed with the governor to negotiate a doubling of their pension contribution from 5 percent to 10 percent of their salary; the next step is a union vote and approval by the State Legislature. Another six state unions have agreed to concessions, including the Correctional Peace Officers Association.

"Across the nation, state workers' unions are negotiating changes in their systems, such as increasing the monthly contributions by active employees to their pensions, putting off the retirement age, and lowering the cost of living increases for current employees and retirees. Many plans have set up reduced pension plans for new hires, but this change has little immediate benefit to the budget shortfalls most government agencies are facing.

"In neighboring Orange County, the O.C. Employees Association editorialized in early June that their association has

partnered successfully over the last few years with the County to save hundreds of millions of dollars in employee-related pay, benefit and pension costs. Employee wages are now set by using a private-sector model for pay scales, meaning that Orange County employees' pay does not exceed private sector counterparts. Under retiree medical costs, they have created a separate health-insurance pool for retirees, caps on cost of living increases for medical insurance, and a reduction in benefits to the employee who becomes eligible for Medicare. The OCEA also negotiated (in 2004) pension benefit reform that had the employee paying the entire cost of the improved plan. In 2009 the union and the county offered its new employees a choice of a hybrid retirement plan that reduces the benefit pay but is combined with a defined contribution plan."

RLACEI Website

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

Contact LACERS

The Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System is at 360 E. Second Street, second floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012. 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.

The Best Years



Hal and Evelyn with Mary, the party planner.



By Hal Danowitz, Secretary, RLACEI

Retiree Hotlines

Who to call? Call the Helpline to reach the officers of RLACEI. For information on problems, activities, meetings or membership, call the helpline. Each officer's extension is listed below.

City Employees Retirement System: (213) 473-7200

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

• R.S.V.P.	Ext. 701
• Edward Harding	Ext. 703
• Phil Skarin	Ext. 709
• Michael Karsch	Ext. 704
• Jerry Bardwell	Ext. 706
• Harold Danowitz	Ext. 707
• Jack Mathews	Ext. 712
• Helen Salgado (membership)	Ext. 713
• Americo Garza	Ext. 710
• Tom Stemnock	Ext. 708
• Mary Beetz	Ext. 711
• Neil Ricci	Ext. 714

DWP Retirement Plan Office: (213) 367-1722

RLACEI:

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Vows, Then Sailing Into the Sunset

■ Hal and Evelyn renew their vows as their entourage completes their mammoth cruise.

Evelyn and I took a 35-day trip with our cousins, Myrna and Don. The trip included a self-guided week in Italy and then a 28-day cruise with ports in Italy, Croatia, Greece, Spain, Morocco and Portugal before an ocean crossing to Fort Lauderdale, Fla. For this final installment, we pick up our travels at sea, aboard our Holland-America (HAL) ship the *Oosterdam*.

Evelyn: *This morning, Hal had his first Pilates session and enjoyed it.*

The sea was rough that morning, with seven- to 12-foot swells, and the ship was rocking pretty strongly. We attended the bridge lesson in the morning, and there was a special lunch for Mariner members (passengers who have sailed on Holland-America more than once), of which about everyone was on this ship. We sat with a nice couple from Louisville, Ky. Almost everyone we talked to during the cruise was well traveled. We all decided to eat dinner in the Lido and then take in the show. The show was Mickey O'Conner, who was a juggler. I don't think he was that big of a hit with the old folks. He was more of a glorified clown. We then stopped by the Lido for ice cream.

You can see that the sea days were dominated by food. "What are you doing after breakfast, or where should we meet for lunch, or whose turn is it to make a reservation for dinner?" It's not really quite that much. With the ability to exercise, Evelyn has been skipping breakfast and indulging in a soy latte.

Evelyn: *This drives Hal nuts because it's from the coffee stand on the 10th deck and isn't free.*

At 4:30 a.m., the fire alarm sounded, and the captain announced that there was a fire on the second deck galley and they were responding. They evacuated anyone on the second and third decks. There were no cabins on 2, so I wasn't sure whom they evacuated except for staff working in that area during the "event." About 15 minutes later, there was another announcement from the bridge telling us that the fire was out and all was well. My only concern was that all the food would burn up and we would starve to death on the ocean. It turned out to be a small fire that started in a deep fryer. I wondered what they were deep frying at 4:45 in the morning. Bacon seemed to be the

answer for what was in the fryer.

We were able to go back to sleep after the fire and woke about 7 a.m. Both Evelyn and I made it to the gym.

After I ate breakfast, I made my way to the Internet café and starting going through the pictures to pick some out to post on the blog. Evelyn attended a private cooking class -- but I'll let her tell you about that.

Evelyn: *I think I have mentioned Chef Brian Archibald from Phoenix. He hosted a private class for 12, where we prepared and ate a wonderful lunch featuring Spanish hams. Serrano, Iberian and others were featured. The Iberian is the most prized, with the hogs being fed only acorns. It is considered the "Kobe" of hams. It was a three-course lunch with white sangria and was wonderful and fun. I returned with a gift of gourmet salts. Now all I have to do is to convince Hal that not all salts are the same!*

After lunch we played bridge with Don and Myrna.

That evening, Evelyn and I renewed our vows. Our 20th wedding anniversary was

were with us. When we got to the piano bar, we found that we were the only couple doing the renewal. The ship's party planner, Mary, pinned a white rose on Evelyn and a red rose on me. There was champagne and a cake, flowers and a gentleman playing a guitar and a sign at the entrance, saying, "Closed for vow renewal." Oh and a photographer.

The captain arrived a few minutes later and we were introduced, and we talked for a few minutes. He conducted the ceremony as for a wedding, and we repeated our renewal vows. We had a champagne toast. Now get this: Here we were, the four of us; the party planner; lots of staff pouring champagne; the ship's photographer; and the captain in this bar. I thought the captain would excuse himself and leave after the ceremony, but instead he sat with us for almost 45 minutes, telling us about the ship, himself and answering our many questions. It was really unexpected and a highlight of the trip. We had a dinner reservation in the Italian dining room, and they had the cake sent up for our dessert.



The ship's exercise room.

Oct. 22, and as we were planning the trip, we thought it would be fun to have a renewal of our vows. It just so happened that the ship offered a package (\$129) where the captain conducted a vow-renewal ceremony during the cruise. It was scheduled for 7:15 p.m. in the piano bar. We were allowed to invite guests (\$12.50 each), and Myrna and Don

Evelyn: *Hal has taken time and effort to describe the physical details (the costs, etc.) of the renewal of vows. I have to say it was a beautiful and moving event. The captain was charming, and it was a memorable event. I only wish the rest of our family could have been with us. Oh well, more cake for us.*

After dinner, we joined many of the pas-



sengers in the Queen's Lounge to listen and dance to 1950s and '60s music.

The next morning, the seas had calmed down and it was partly cloudy. After the gym, I tried to lie out on the aft deck and read, but it was very windy, and I lasted only an hour. After lunch, Evelyn and I played party bridge with a very nice couple from Atlanta. Don and Myrna were doing the same, which they enjoyed much better than the first session.

After our evening cocktails, we saw the 7 p.m. show, which featured a group doing a takeoff on Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. It was the best show of the cruise, and we looked forward to seeing them in a second show in a few days. We skipped dessert in the dining room and had our ice cream in the Lido.

As you might notice, the sea days lent themselves to a daily schedule that repeats itself -- up in the morning and right to the gym. I'm not sure how much good it was doing, but every calorie burned is a dead soldier. It was going to be on bread (maybe without the bread!) and water when we got home until Thanksgiving, just to get back on track.

That morning, we became aware that our cruise was coming to an end -- we did laundry for the last time. After breakfast, I attended a presentation on future cruises (I was already planning the next one) to see what they were offering.

The guest chef, Brian Archibald, held another cooking demo that day, with dishes featuring lamb and octopus, both with a Spanish flair. Both dishes looked wonderful, and we all tasted the lamb and white bean offering. Lunch and bridge were next, and later was to be dinner and the evening's entertainment. As you might know, we have a house in Las Vegas, so the casino held little appeal. Myrna had donated \$10 to a poker machine so far and, based on previous experience, the blackjack players who usually sit to your right know just about as much about playing blackjack as about nuclear fission. So I figured I would pass on the tables.

The weather was again beautiful; it was almost 80 that day, with the most beautiful sapphire blue seas. As with yesterday in the mid afternoon, it seemed to cloud over (it actually

rained the day before) and then cleared. We were equidistant, about 1,500 miles away, from the United States and Europe.

When you really think about it, we were no greater than a cork in the vast sea. A very nice and comfortable cork, but a cork nonetheless.

That evening, we had our cocktails and then ate dinner in the Lido. Overall, I think the Lido food was just as good as the dining room. We decided to have dessert after the show, which featured Jamie Allan, a very good close-up magician and one of the better shows on the cruise. The show ended around 10 p.m., and we headed up to the Lido for our ice cream, only to find that that night was the "dessert extravaganza" -- between 10 and 10:30 p.m. was reserved for photos, and we had to wait until 10:30 p.m. to eat. We were told that 25 different cakes (four of each) were prepared, as were 3,000 individual pastries, an ice cream bar, lots of fruit and many fruits, vegetables and ice-carved rings. Don couldn't understand why



Hal and Evelyn on the beach.



Don and Myrna at our vow renewal.

so many people were taking photographs and wasn't happy until it was finally time to eat.

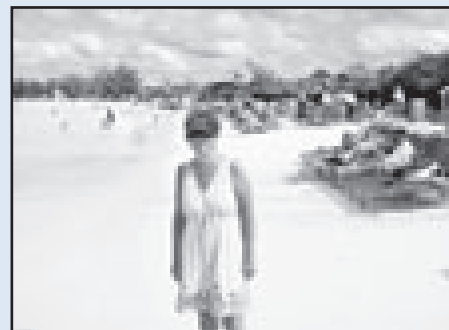
The next morning (Oct. 30), the skies were cloudy, and there was a little rain. That day was again the "Run for the Cure," and again Evelyn ran the 5K. This event has been run on every cruise of every Holland America Line ship, and the events have contributed more than \$1 mil-

lion to the Susan G. Komen Foundation for research for a cure for breast cancer, according to event organizers. Evelyn dedicated the two events (one on each half of our cruise) to close and beloved friends fighting this awful disease.

That afternoon, we played bridge with an unmarried senior couple, and it was a lot of fun. We told them about our renewal of vows, think-



Hal and Evelyn with the captain.



Evelyn on the beach at the Cay.

ing they were probably married 50 years. We were surprised to learn that, after both lost their respective spouses, they were introduced and have been living together for the past seven years. They were really cute and argued over bridge just like they had been together for the past 50.

That night was formal, and we had dinner in the Pinnacle Grill (Evelyn and I had two free dinners because of our vow renewal) after we saw the 7 p.m. show of the Unexpected Boys (the Frankie Valli cover group). We didn't finish dinner until almost 10:30 p.m. We moved the clock back one hour and were now on Eastern Daylight Time. Tomorrow was Halloween, when we were to gain our last hour.

Halloween morning, the seas were rough and the wind was blowing at gale force. The ship bobbed around, but not too badly.

I attended the disembarkation talk that day to see what the procedures were. I booked airport transfers (Fort Lauderdale) for \$17 each.

The next day featured our stop at Half Moon Cay in the Bahamas, and we had a chance to lie on the beach. I rented snorkel equipment and a float.

Both of us were up early with another time change, and we were then on Eastern Standard Time. The ship anchored in the bay at Half Moon Cay at 8 a.m. After breakfast, we took the tender to shore. We rented snorkeling equipment, a float and a clamshell shade cover for the lounges. The Cay was owned by Holland America and had a sandy beach, and the water was clear as crystal and almost as warm as a bath. I swam to the snorkel area and saw some fish; it wasn't as good as Hawaii, but was okay. It was a great way to end the cruise.

We stayed out about three hours and then had a barbecue lunch before heading back to the ship. The entire barbecue was ferried from the ship to the bay, quite a logistical feat, especially when it was for 1,000 of your best friends. It was great to spend some time at such a beautiful location, with white sands, gentle breezes, blue skies, a tropical setting and nowhere to rush to. It was great to just read a book on the beach after six days at sea. I could understand how you long for the land or, as Myrna said, "Even a bird." It certainly made me question how I might respond to a really lengthy period at sea.

We spent the rest of the afternoon packing, which was not as much fun as packing for the trip. We were to leave the ship in Fort Lauderdale the next morning and would be back in Los Angeles by late afternoon.

The ship docked the next morning in Fort Lauderdale. The procedure was to pack your bags the evening before and put them outside your stateroom by 1 a.m. Anything you keep you must carry with you. You have to be careful that you don't pack all your clothes, and you must keep your travel document with you. We left the ship at about 8:30 a.m. and took the transfers to the Fort Lauderdale Airport. We got to the airport about three hours before our flight. We flew on America Airlines and made one stop in Dallas before arriving home at 4:30 p.m., exactly 35 days after we left.

The trip was wonderful, with many great memories. I was sure that, when I attacked the organizing of the more than 2,500 photos we took, it would bring back more wonderful memories. I had to admit that I missed home and family and friends. Keeping connected via email and Skype helps, but, like Dorothy says, "There's no place like home."



LACERS Update

■ By Mary Beetz



By Mary Beetz,
RLACEI
Publicity Chair

LACERS Update: "The Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 were signed into law in March. Initial review of the new health care legislation suggested that all health plans would have to comply with certain provisions in 2011. However, recent regulations state that retiree-only plans, such as those offered by LACERS, do not have to comply with the following provisions:

- Covering adult children up to age 26 on one's health plan
- No more lifetime dollar limits on health plan coverage
- No more co-payments or co-insurance for certain preventive services

"This is the most current information available to LACERS. As such, LACERS members should disregard all previous LACERS communications and advisories, as they are now outdated and being updated. The federal Department of Health and Human Services continues to update information and regulations related to the various provisions of the

legislation. LACERS will continue to monitor all updates and will share them with you as we learn more.

"Final guidance of the applicable provisions for the 2011 plan year will be outlined in greater detail in the upcoming Open Enrollment packet, due to be mailed to retirees in early October."

LACERS Website: "As the administrator of your pension system, LACERS is the source of all your pension benefits related information. To that end, LACERS has recently updated and launched its new Website to assist all LACERS' Members, both active and retired City Employees, in obtaining accurate, current, consistent and topical pension-related information. By regularly visiting www.LACERS.org and subscribing to receive its E-Bulletins (such as the Retiree and Wellness E-Newsletters), you will be kept up to date on your retirement benefits. Simply enter your name, email address, and check your member status in the eBulletin Subscription section of the LACERS home page (www.LACERS.org). If you do not have access to a computer, mail your request for E-Bulletins to LACERS, 320 E. Second St.,

Second Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012."

Care Management: "If you are at risk or have a chronic health condition, you may be contacted by your LACERS medical plan carrier (Anthem Blue Cross, Kaiser, SCAN, or Secure Horizons) and be invited to participate in their care management and disease management programs. Many of these programs have been recognized by national organizations for excellence and effectiveness. If you are contacted by your health plan, we encourage you to participate in their disease management program because doing so increases your chances of managing your condition successfully and staying healthy. As a result, you can enhance the quality of your retirement years and lower your overall health plan costs."

Golf Tournament Results: "It's official. The scores are in for the 32nd RLACEI Golf Tournament. Here are the trophy and prize winners:

■ **Member-Men:**

Low Gross: Ray Allen (76).

Low Net: Dennis Vanderhook (55).

Second Low Net: Dominic Rescneto (55)

■ **Member-Ladies:**

Low Net: Cathy Bushey (68).

All Ladies Low Gross: Faye Gottlieb (112)

■ **Guest-Men:**

Low Gross: George Chapman (78).

Low Net: Gerald Carrido (46).

■ **All Golfers:**

Low Gross Front 9: Jeff Jantz (38).

Low Gross Back 9: (Ken Ward, Greg Telles and Ray Allen (38).

■ **Closest to the Pin (three golf balls each):**

7th hole: Dan Koenig (hole in one)

8th hole: Greg Telles

11th hole: Ray Allen

13th hole: John Sepulveda

15th hole: Ed Gales

■ **Longest Drive 2nd hole (three golf balls each):**

Men: Steve Uranga. Ladies: Faye Gottlieb

■ **High Gross, Men (three golf balls):**

Neil Ricci

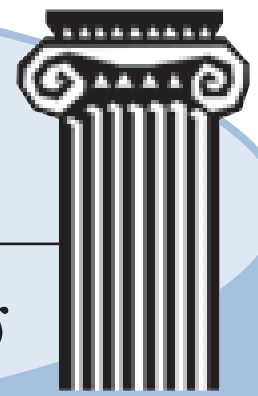
■ **High Gross, Ladies (three golf Bballs):**

Gloria Vargas

REC AND PARKS

THE BANNING MUSEUM

Happenings



A previous Concert in the Park.

Benefit Concert in the Park

- August 19, 2010
- Concert in the Park
- Phineas Banning Historic Home
- Wilmington, California

On Aug. 19, the Banning Museum welcomes The Hutchins Consort, an acoustic octet, to perform on the historic front porch of the museum. The event commemorates the birthday of Phineas Banning, who played a key role in developing the world-renowned Port of Los Angeles. The concert, including dinner, wine, reserved seating and VIP gated parking, costs \$75.

Concert only: Bring your own dinner, blanket or chair and enjoy a picnic inside the gates on the front lawn of the historic Banning Museum for \$25. Gates open at 6 p.m.

For more information, call (310) 548-2005 or visit www.hutchinsconsort.org and www.theBanningMuseum.org.

Banning's Birthday Exhibit

Through Sept. 12, the Banning Museum is marking the 180th anniversary of Phineas Banning's birth. Its summer exhibition, "A Birthday Regale," is set in 1880, the year Phineas Banning turned 50. The exhibit features a patriotic themed birthday dinner. Period clothing for the late 19th century is on display. Featured are four elegant women's dresses, all silk, in excellent condition -- two from the 1860s, one from the 1870s and one from the 1880s.

Tours run Tuesdays through Thursdays, at 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m., with an additional tour Saturdays and Sundays at 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children under 12. The museum is at 401 East M Street, Wilmington, CA 90744. For more information, call (310) 548-7777 or go to www.thebanningmuseum.org.



A Banning volunteer gives a lecture to students.



Part of the exhibition celebrating the birthday of Phineas Banning.



Volunteers provide a number of important services at the Banning Museum.

Volunteers Needed

The Banning Museum seeks volunteers for a variety of programming opportunities and will host two "Get to Know Us" receptions for prospective volunteers. The "Get to Know Us" receptions will take place at 11 a.m. Sept. 17 and 18, in the Museum's Library in the Barn at 401 East "M" Street, Wilmington, CA 90744. Interested parties need to make reservations for one of the dates above, not for all dates. Please contact the Museum at (310) 548-7777 to RSVP.

Volunteers at the Banning Museum attend a training class to gain the background necessary to offer public tours and special group tours of the

house, Stagecoach Barn and grounds. Once the training class is completed, the volunteers are able to participate in a full range of Museum programs including conservation and maintenance of antiques, participating in decorative arts exhibitions, special events, Museum Shop assistance, lecture and discussion committees, Living History Program and the School Program. The Museum's School Program is designed to introduce fourth-grade students to local cultural and historical heritage and require additional training to familiarize volunteers to the program details.

AIRPORTS

Runways and Fairways

LAX hosts its 45th annual charity All-Airport Golf Tournament.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager;
Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Director

On June 11, Airports/LAX hosted its 45th annual All-Airport Golf Tournament. The event was held at the Westridge Golf Club in La Habra.

Nearly \$3,000 was raised for the Bob Hope USO at LAX.

The Club donated golf balls and City Seal watches for the raffle.

The Club thanks Tonya Jarvis for her assistance.



At the LAX golf tournament.



At the LAX golf tournament.



From left: Tyrant Chisholm, Club Member; Tonya Jarvis; Scott Peterson; and Raul Rodriguez, Club Member.



LAX Police Officers, from left: Rodney Markovich, Cliff Perrier and Alan Vargas.



From left: Brian Ostler, City Attorney; Richard Mah, City Attorney, Retired; and John Werlich, City Attorney, Retired, Club Member.



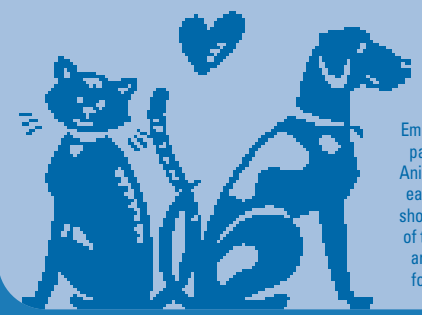
From left: Ethel Pattison; Mario Lafaurie; Lew Winslow; and Capt. Leon Nixon, Port Police, Club Member.



At the LAX golf tournament.

the pet club

Your friend is waiting for you!



The City Employees Club partners with Animal Services each month to showcase some of the pets that are available for adoption.

This Month's Pets For Adoption:

foxy

Foxy is a two-year-old tan and white German shepherd mix. She will make a great family dog or hiking companion -- she is up for anything! She loves kids and dogs. Please help her find a new home!

ID# A1071822: East Valley Animal Care Center.



kramer

Kramer is a 10-month-old black and white unaltered Staffordshire terrier. He is a very mellow, well-behaved dog. Kramer has learned to sit and stay, and loves to play ball. He is great with dogs and loves people.

ID# A1116953: East Valley Animal Care Center.



cici

CiCi is a two-year-old white with black spots female domestic shorthair cat. She is very friendly and likes other cats. She is also very affectionate and playful. Bring her home this summer!

ID# A1116810: East Valley Animal Care Center.



wilson

Wilson is a one-year-old tricolor male rat terrier/Pomeranian mix. Wilson is a very smart dog that loves to play and is very attentive. He is great with other dogs, is very social and welcomes new people.

ID# A1128268: East Valley Animal Care Center.



jackie

Jackie is a five-month-old white female wirehair terrier. Jackie is such a doll! She loves to play and is great with new people, kids and other dogs. She has a lot of energy and is ready to go!

ID# 1128265: East Valley Animal Care Center.



Meet your new hope coordinator!



This month's featured animals are from the East Valley Animal Care Center, 14409 Vanowen St., Van Nuys 91405. **Veronica S. Perry** is the New Hope/Bottle Baby Coordinator. She can be contacted at (818) 756-9323.

Don't miss the Summer Discount Adoption Days, Aug. 24 - 29 at all six LA Animal Services Animal Care Centers and mobile adoption locations! For more info, please visit us at www.laanimalservices.com

Something to  Think About

"All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence."

— Martin Luther King Jr.

A reminder from L.A. City's Quality and Productivity Commission:
Always do your best!

History Comes Alive!

Tales From the City Archives



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

'Just the Facts'

L.A. Noir author John Buntin describes the strangely intertwined careers of two of Los Angeles's most fabled figures, LAPD Chief William Parker and mobster Mickey Cohen.

The 20th century in the City of Los Angeles, the 1930s through 1960s, experienced one of the most monumental crime and corruption eras of any city in this country. The cast of characters read like a criminal report out of New York, Chicago or New Jersey, and in some instances could be a great fantasy mystery using the same temperament and eccentricities as the original cast.

I would like to introduce you to a fantastic new book, *L.A. Noir: The Struggle for the Soul of America's Most Seductive City*, by John Buntin, a staff writer at *Governing* magazine, in Washington, D.C., where he covers crime and urban affairs. This tome is one of the most comprehensive books I have ever read, and it focuses only on Los Angeles. By the time you read this, you should be able to find the book for sale at the Club Store soon.

The main cast of characters in the book are Mickey Cohen; Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel; Police Chief William H. Parker; Mayor Frank Shaw and his brother, Joe, the LAPD; stool pigeons; and the mob.

— Hynda Rudd



John Buntin. Photo by David Kidd.



L.A. Noir: The Struggle for the Soul of America's Most Seductive City by John Buntin.

Story by John Buntin. Photos courtesy the Security Pacific Collection, Los Angeles Public Library photo archive.

"Wherein lies the fascination of the Angel City? Why has it become the Mecca of tourists the world over? Is it because it is the best-advertised city in the United States? Is it that it offers illimitable opportunities for making money and eating fruit? Hardly that. After all the pamphlets of the real estate agents, the boosters' clubs, the Board of Trade and the Chamber of Commerce have been read, something remains unspoken—something that uncannily grips the stranger."—Willard Huntington Wright, "Los Angeles: The Chemically Pure, 1913"

Seven years ago, I came to Los Angeles to write a profile of then-Police Chief Bill Bratton. I'd lived in Los Angeles previously and loved it, but I'd also been puzzled by it. In Washington, D.C., and Boston, where I'd lived previously, it had been easy to find people who could tell you everything about everything about their native cities. Los Angeles was different. Even the people who governed it seemed unsure what the City was becoming. People also seemed uncertain about where it had come from. For a City that had inspired writers and directors from Raymond Chandler and Billy Wilder to Roman Polanski and James Ellroy, LA's history seemed surprisingly uncharted. That was particularly true of the Los Angeles Police Department.

No police force has been more revered and reviled than the LAPD. As I prepared for my profile of Chief Bratton, I read everything I could about the history of the department. But what I found puzzled me. I discovered that the force depicted as the epitome of efficiency in the television show *Dragnet* was the same force depicted by in the novel and subsequent film, *L.A. Confidential*, at the same moment in time, December 1952. That year seemed to be a magic moment in the history of the LAPD. The police department that preceded it was a force renowned for its spectacular corruption.



Former LAPD Chief William Parker.

The one that followed it was known for its efficiency but also for a troublingly adversarial relationship with LA's minority communities. What, I wondered, had changed? The attempt to answer that question would occupy the next five years of my life. But first it led me to two extraordinary Angelenos. The first was William Henry Parker, the police chief who created the *Dragnet*-era LAPD. The second was Parker's rival for power, Los Angeles's most notorious gangster, the mobster Mickey Cohen. For more than 40 years, from Prohibition through the Watts riots, politicians, gangsters, businessmen and policemen engaged in an often-violent contest for control of the City. Their struggle shaped the history of Los Angeles, the future of policing, and the course of American politics.

In 1920, Los Angeles surpassed San Francisco as California's largest city. It was a moment of triumph for *Los Angeles Times* publisher Harry Chandler, who had arrived four decades earlier when the City of Angels was a dusty, water-starved pueblo of 10,000 souls. Chandler and his associates worked tirelessly to build a metropolis, relentlessly promoting the fledgling City and ruthlessly securing the water needed to support it. Yet 1920 was also the year that witnessed the emergence of a major threat



Mickey Cohen (second from left) sits with his alleged gang in 1948.

to their authority. The threat came from Prohibition. For years, Harry Chandler and the so-called business barons had supplied local politicians with the advertising, the publicity, and the money they needed to reach the city's new residents. In exchange, they gained power over the city government. But with the imposition of Prohibition, a new force appeared with the money and the desire to purchase L.A.'s politicians – the criminal underworld. To suppress it, the business community turned to the Los Angeles Police Department. The underworld also looked to the L.A.P.D. – for protection.

In 1922, Bill Parker and Mickey Cohen entered this drama as bit players in the struggle for control of Los Angeles. In 1937, Parker emerged as a protégé of Los Angeles's top policeman while Mickey became the enforcer for L.A.'s top gangster. In 1950, they became direct rivals, each dedicated to the other's destruction. Two more different characters would be hard to imagine.

Parker arrived in Los Angeles in 1922 from Deadwood, S.D., a proud, ambitious 17 year old, one of the tens of thousands of migrants moving west to Southern California in what the writer Carey McWilliams described as "the largest internal migration in the history of the American people." He hoped to follow in the footsteps of his grandfather, a pioneering prospector on the Western frontier, and make a career for himself in the law. But instead of opportunity, Parker found in Los Angeles' temptation. Instead of becoming a prominent attorney, he became a cop, a patrolman in the Los Angeles Police Department. Coldly cere-

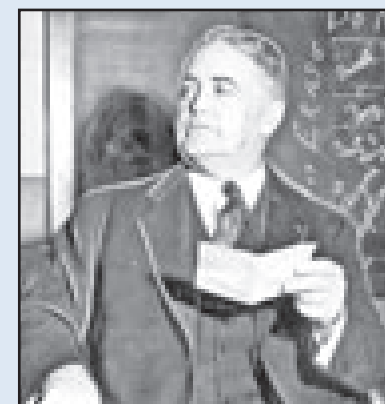
bral (*Star Trek* creator Gene Roddenberry, a one-time LAPD officer and Parker speechwriter, based the character Mr. Spock on his old boss), intolerant of fools, and famously incorruptible (in a department that was famously corrupt), Parker persevered. Gradually he rose. Between 1934 and 1937, he masterminded a campaign to free the Police Department from the control of gangsters and politicians, only to see his efforts undone by a blast of dynamite and a sensational scandal. Then, in 1950, another scandal (this one involving 114 Hollywood "pleasure girls") made Parker Chief of the Los Angeles Police Department, a position he would hold for 16 controversial years.

In contrast, Mickey Cohen wasn't troubled by self-examination until much later in life (when he would grapple with the question of going "straight.") Born Meyer Harris Cohen in 1913 in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn, Mickey arrived in Los Angeles with his mother and sister at the age of three. By the age of six, he was hustling newspapers on the streets of Boyle Heights. At the age of nine, he began his career in armed robbery with an attempt to "heist" a movie theater in downtown L.A. using a baseball bat. His talent with his fists took the diminutive brawler to New York City to train as a featherweight boxer. His skill with a .38 took him into the rackets, first in Cleveland, then in Al Capone's Chicago. In 1937, Mickey returned to Los Angeles to serve as gangster Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel's right-hand man. It was a job that put him on a collision course with Bill Parker.

Next time: How their struggle played out.



Bugsy Siegel (right side) with Frank Carbo on trial in 1942.



Mayor Frank Shaw defends his brother, Joe, on the stand, in 1938.

AIRPORTS

Au Revoir, Audrey

Audrey Atkins retires from Airports after more than 35 years of City service.



Audrey Atkins, newly retired (right), with her mom, Annie.



Audrey Atkins, newly retired (center), with nephew, Desmond Atkins; niece, Andrea Atkins; sister-in-law, Frances Atkins; and niece, Zemina Atkins.



Audrey Atkins, newly retired (center), with her sister-in-law, Almad Holland, and brother-in-law, Leo Holland.

Story and photos by Eboné Moses, Club Counselor

On May 15, Audrey Atkins was honored at a retirement dinner. Many co-workers, friends, and family attended an evening filled with a wonderful dinner and dancing. The event took place at the Culver City Radisson Hotel.

Congratulations to Audrey for her more than 35 years of City service! The Club wishes her well on her retirement!

Special thanks go to Linda Brown for her assistance.



From left: Sandra Bijou, Club Member, Human Resources Analyst, 19 years of City service; Audrey Atkins, newly retired; April Wright, Club Member, Personnel Analyst II, 8 years of service; and Dennis Westbrook, Administration Support, 3 years of service.



From left: Linda Lanier, Club Member, Retired; Susan Huntley, Club Member, Chief Management Analyst, 30 years of City service; Audrey Atkins, Club Member, newly retired; Barbara Frederick, Club Member, retired; and Roberta Beyard, Club Member, Sr. Personnel Analyst, 30 years of City service.



From left: Audrey Atkins, newly retired, with Sharon Webb, cousin; David Webb, cousin-in-law; and Lillie Jefferson, aunt.



Top, from left: Ken Igwebuike, Management Analyst II, 18 years of City service; Audrey Atkins, Club Member, newly retired after more than 35 years of service; Thecular Igwebuike, Ken's wife; Adriene Mushy, Sr. Project Analyst II; and Veretta Everheart, Club Member, Sr. Management Analyst II, 22 years of City service. Bottom: Felipia Bron, Sr. Management Analyst I; Ann Marie Jones, Retired; and Susan Ozawa, Sr. Labor Relations Specialist, 22 years of City service.



Carol Stamps, Club Member, Management Analyst II, 18 years of City service, with Michael Crittenden, guest.
Helen Daniels, Retired.



From left: Peggy Miller, Club Member, Retired; Femon Miller, DWP, Sr. Clerk Typist; and Sandy Launius, Club Member, Community Relations Management Assistant, 10 years of City service.



From left: Linda Lanier, Club Member, Retired; Ken Igwebuike, Management Analyst II, 18 years of City service; and Susan Huntley, Club Member, Chief Management Analyst, 30 years of service.

CASTING CALL!!!
for Public Works Employees!

Reality TV producers are creating a pilot for a television series featuring PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT employees as heroes who keep the city running!

- If you think you have an interesting job or story to tell about your Public Works gig, we would love to hear about it in person!
- All you have to do is attend one of our casting calls at any of the dates & locations listed below.
- Come dressed in your work clothes and be ready to tell us why you belong in our series.
- Casting call sessions take around 5 - 15 minutes.
- No appointment needed. First come, first called!

CASTING CALL DATES & LOCATIONS

August 10, 2010 Tuesday	August 11, 2010 Wednesday	August 12, 2010 Thursday	August 19, 2010 Thursday
9:00 am – 3:00 p.m.	9:00 am – 3:00 p.m.	9:00 am – 3:00 p.m.	9:00 am – 3:00 p.m.
East Valley District Yard 11050 Pendleton Street Sun Valley 91352	Hyperion Treatment Plant Harry Pregerson Bldg; Conference Rm, 1st Floor 12000 Vista Del Mar Playa Del Rey 90293	Public Works Building Sub-Basement: Conference Room 4 1149 S. Broadway Los Angeles 90015	Public Works Building Sub-Basement: Conference Room 4 1149 S. Broadway Los Angeles 90015

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Show the world who really runs Los Angeles

THE CLUB



Congratulations!

Club Honors 15

The Club's Joannie Mukai Scholarship Program for 2010

The Club is pleased to announce the winners of the Club's annual Scholarship Program for 2010. The Club's Scholarship program was named for the late Joannie Mukai, the former Club Board Member who passed away earlier this year.

Because of the quality of the respondents, the Club awarded 15 students this year, up from 12 last year.

Here are the recipients of the 15 scholarships:

- Sabrina Amaro, daughter of Sergio Amaro, DWP;
- Raven Burrell, daughter of Adrian Buchanan, Building and Safety;
- Thomas Chang, a City employee, Transportation;
- Vincent Frias, son of Angel Frias, Police Officer;
- Aryel Gilmer, daughter of Tonja Bellard Payne, Public Works;

Here are brief profiles of the awardees:

SABRINA AMARO

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



Sabrina attends Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H. At Dartmouth, her goal is to pursue a math degree with a minor in biology. She intends a medical career.

At Dartmouth, she participates in Habitat for Humanity; the Dartmouth Big Brother Big Sister program; the Multi-Faith Council; and the women's Ultimate Frisbee team.

"My dreams for the future are to become a doctor, but not just any ole' doctor," she wrote. "I want to work in a Third World country where my knowledge and expertise will be needed the most. I want to travel where diseases exist that Americans only hear about, and do something about it. I don't just want to help people, I want to save lives. I know my dream is a lofty one, but when I have a goal, nothing can stop me."

Sabrina is the daughter of Sergio Amaro, DWP.

RAVEN BURRELL

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



Raven attends the University of California, Irvine.

At UCI, she's involved in the schools iRise Program, a stay-over program hosted by the Black Student Union. She participates in the West African Dance Group, where she is a performer and choreographer.

"College life has not only made me independent, but I have learned to use my social skills, my moral values, and my goals to lead me to my future aspirations. As I strive to become a physician of obstetrics, orthopedics or pulmonology, I will continue to use the leadership that I gained from being captain on my dance team in my senior year of high school and use the support of my mother."

Raven is the daughter of Adrian Buchanan, Building and Safety.

THOMAS CHANG

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



Thomas is a full-time Supervising Transportation Planner, Transportation. He has 21 years of City service.

He is also a full-time doctoral student in organizational leadership at the University of La Verne. He has many volunteer and service credits.

"Leadership is indeed a fascinating arena to study and to explore. In my view, the City today is facing the leadership crisis. Our leaders need to be adequately trained to solve complex problems and make tough decisions. As we see that the City workforce is negatively impacted daily by factors such as the budget shortage, early retirement, furloughs, pay disparities, dissonance with unions, and layoffs ... maintaining the morale for City workers becomes a critically essential task for the leaders at each level in the organization. We need our leaders to be authentic and effective so that they can set priorities, address complex issue and set things into the right perspective.

"In light of that [need], I plan to volunteer to become a lecturer for City employees on team building, group dynamics and working cohesively."

VINCENT FRIAS

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



Vincent attends UCLA.

At UCLA, he's part of the Floor Government.

"I can still remember those days [as a child] when I couldn't lift my arms," he wrote. "I used to get angry because this [Sprengel's Deformity] was progressing inside me. I believe, however, that from every bad experience must emerge some good, and my experience is no exception. My strength and moral stability were pushed, but I refused to break down. Through this dark, challenging time of my life, I emerged a more confident, grateful young man."

He's the son of Angel Frias, Animal Services.

ARYEL GILMER

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



Aryel attends Azusa Pacific University in Azusa. She hopes to continue her studies after college in communication disorders and sciences.

She has a long list of honors, including numerous academic achievements, and she plays bass. She has volunteer experience serving Thanksgiving dinner to those in need; giving out candy on Halloween at a Harvest Festival; working at a booth at a Fourth of July Festival; setting up Easter egg hunts; and working in the children's ministry at her church. She has also risen above a number of serious health-related issues.

"My first year of college ... was one of the biggest adjustments I had to make that has significantly affected my life," she wrote. "I had an

amazing first year through all the tough assignments, long work hours and stressful finals. It's given me even more desire to achieve better each semester because I have a recipe of goals that I want to accomplish and dreams to fulfill, and giving up is not one of the ingredients."

She's the daughter of Tonja Bellard Payne, Public Works.

BENILDA GUICO

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



Benilda graduated from Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic High School in Montebello and plans to attend Mt. San Antonio College in the fall.

She was an emergency room volunteer at Greater El Monte Hospital, and a choir member at St. Denis Catholic Church. At Cantwell, she was involved in music, theatre and the photography club.

"My experience in the [El Monte] emergency room was really important to me because of the exposure to the medical field and the contribution of my time and efforts to the community," she wrote. "Thinking about my future, I know that I could help out a lot of people just like how my grandpa did when he was alive."

"From here on, focus and hard work will be the keys to making my dreams come true in honor of my beloved grandfather and for the service of caring for the children. In all that I do, I give glory and thanks to God."

She's the daughter of Cynthia Cruz, City Attorney's Office.

ANDREWANA MATHEWS

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



Andrewana attends El Camino Community College.

She has volunteered at the L.A. Regional Food Bank, the Santa Monica Beach Cleanup, the San Pedro Beach Cleanup, and We Connect/L.A. Works.

"Volunteering demonstrates personal characteristics such as: leadership, personal self-awareness, responsibility and interdependence, she wrote. "I developed these characteristics during high school. I also learned important life skills such as organizing events, public speaking, researching, brainstorming, working with a team, and much more. I value education and all the skills I've gained along my life journey, and I want to continue in the right path to become successful and a positive role model for the younger generation."

She's the daughter of Constance Moore, Airports.

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awards \$1,000 to 15 members of the Club family.

- Benilda Guico, daughter of Cynthia Cruz, City Attorney's Office;
- Andrewana Mathews, daughter of Constance Moore, Airports;
- Laura Miller, daughter of Frank Miller, Public Works;
- Shannon Polee, daughter of Alan Polee, Rec and Parks;
- Danielle Smith, daughter of Bonita Calloway-Smith, DWP;
- Michael Smith, son of Cheryl Craig, Transportation;

- Lindsay Vega, daughter of Pierre Vega, Building and Safety;
- Andrenique Wilson, daughter of Andrea Wilson, Public Works;
- Andrea Yip, daughter of Daisy Cheung, DWP; and
- Katrina Yugovich-Wood, daughter of Miriam Cruz, Harbor.

Congratulations to the awardees, and the Club wishes the best success to all those who applied.

Laura Miller

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



Laura attends Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.

She has held a series of leadership positions, including the editor of the Triple Helix at Cornell, and an art gallery director, both at Cornell; and she was in the art club and sang in the honor choir in high school. She was a course assistant for pre-freshman chemistry at Cornell.

"I am now a chemistry major at Cornell, and I plan to seize every opportunity to keep the fine arts in my hectic pre-medical curriculum while broadening my cultural horizons.

"Once I am able to practice [medicine], I plan to spend a couple of years with Doctors Without Borders, providing medical care to those with the most urgent need for it. I know that developing one's well-roundedness is essential for becoming a good medical practitioner, and I will use all aspects of my education to make a difference in many lives."

She's the daughter of Frank Miller, Public Works.

Shannon Polee

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



Shannon just graduated from Westchester High School, and plans to attend the University of California, San Diego, in the fall.

Through Co-Op LA, she performed in a number of volunteer capacities, including for fundraisers, student assistance and toy and clothing drives.

"My skill of writing has blessed me with a pass on the AP English test, has enabled me to be selected to speak at my elementary, middle school and high school graduations, and has played a role in my acceptance at U.C. San Diego," she wrote. "I hope to start a non-profit organization for impoverished children and first generation college students to help stress the importance of education, and make sure they not only attend a university, but graduate from one, too."

She's the daughter of Alan Polee, Rec and Parks.

Danielle Smith

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



Danielle attends Sonoma State University, majoring in environmental studies and French.

At Sonoma State, she is a community services adviser and as a peer leader for its Educational Opportunity Program. She is a member of several campus groups related to the environment, leadership and social causes. In high school, she started her own environmental club.

"I am a declared major in both French and environmental studies and have tailored my academic endeavors to better meet the requirements for those who wish to volunteer through the Peace Corps in Western Africa.

"I would not be where I am with my parents' love and support. I hope to receive this scholarship so that I can continue making an impact on the lives of those in need. This is my lifelong goal. This is my passion."

She's the daughter of Bonita Calloway-Smith, DWP.

Michael Smith

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



Michael graduated early from Monrovia High School and now attends Pasadena City College. He plans to attend California State University, San Bernardino, in the fall.

He has been a Monrovia youth commissioner for three years and was associated with the NAACP. In high school, he was involved in the Black Student Union, and played basketball for two years.

"I am a hard-working individual who hopes to have a meaningful future and give back to the community as well as be able to support my future family. I have learned that the things we want in life do not come easy, and I am willing to accept any opportunities that are offered to me to support my family. I believe in me and my future, and I hope that you will believe in me, also."

He's the son of Cheryl Craig, Transportation.

Lindsay Vega

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



Lindsay graduated from Glendora High School. She plans to attend California State University, Fullerton, in the fall.

She played basketball at Glendora for four years and tutored young basketball

players; she volunteered at the Japanese Community Center, and she was involved in the U.S. Forestry Service for a year.

"I always had known that I wanted a job that would help those around me," she wrote. "The methods that I saw [my nephew's] teachers use during his [speech] therapy classes, and the one that I found most helpful, was the parents interacting with their child during the session. I knew that if I became a speech therapist, I could help the children who were behind on communicating with others, and especially parents."

She's the daughter of Pierre Vega, Building and Safety.

Andrenique Wilson

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



Andrenique just graduated from the King/Drew Magnet School and plans to attend Xavier University of Louisiana in the fall.

She has volunteered her time at City@Peace of Los Angeles; the Ebony Guild Sister to Sister; FYE For Your Environment; and People to People/Study Aboard. In high school, she was on the student honor roll and was a member of the drill team.

"In March, some of my colleagues and I went to Venice Beach and passed out brochures about the awareness of gang violence," she reported. "The project was a great success. [More than 187] people pledged not to become a gang member and to try to keep youths away from gangs, in any possible way. This is my greatest achievement.

"Opening my own [ob-gyn] clinic in the inner city will help pregnant women and malnourished infants get proper care without having to travel far.

"Dr. Wilson.' That sounds nice and inspiring. I feel that if I can help bring a life into the world, then why not help make positive changes for the better of society and those who are living in the inner-city community like myself."

She's the daughter of Andrea Wilson, Public Works.

Andrea Yip

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



Andrea just graduated from Walnut High School. She plans to attend the University of California, Los Angeles, in the fall.

Andrea volunteered at the Walnut Chinese Language Center and at Samaritan's Purse. In high school, she was a member of the Tech Club and the MORE Club.

"Not only will obtaining a college degree open doors to the engineering career that I am

aiming towards, it will also demonstrate that I am conscientious about my future and confirm my ability to focus and work hard," she wrote.

"My motivation to graduate from college and become a civil engineer comes from a significant event in my life, a conversation between my grandmother and I during lunch one day. She started discussing her life in Vietnam, where a woman's dream was to marry someone well-off so that she would be taken care of. Although she married a wealthy man, tragedy struck when her husband died at an early age, leaving her lost and alone. My grandmother's story has made me realize that women have suffered an unfortunate history, where their only expectation was being a wife and mother. My grandmother's situation has demonstrated the importance of self-reliance. With all the career opportunities that women have today, I am determined to take advantage of the education that my grandmother did not have so I can accomplish great things in life."

She's the daughter of Daisy Cheung, DWP.

Katrina Yugovich-Wood

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



Katrina just graduated from the Port of Los Angeles High School. She plans on attending the University of California, at either the Irvine or Riverside campus, this fall.

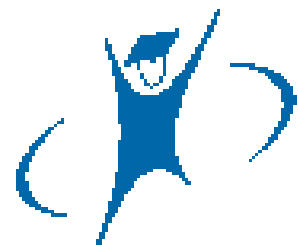
Katrina volunteered at Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center; at the Coalition Youth Center; and at the Mary Star of the Sea Parish and Christian Care Program.

In high school, she played volleyball and tennis, and was part of the dance club; she was also in the school choir and performed community service.

"My desire to care for the sick led me to pursue a career in medicine," she wrote. "In the future, my ultimate goal is to contribute my expertise to the healthcare industry.

"I remain an achiever amidst life's challenges. I have not allowed any baggage to obstruct my plans for the future. I hope all my efforts will shine and my contributions will make a difference to our community."

She's the daughter of Miriam Cruz, Harbor.



PUBLIC WORKS

Marianne Moseys On

Marianne Gomez, Club Member, retires from Contract Administration.



Marianne Gomez, newly retired, Club Member.



Marianne Gomez, newly retired, Club Member, with her sisters.

Story and photos by Eboné Moses, Club Counselor

A reception was held March 10 to celebrate the retirement of Marianne Gomez, Payroll Supervisor I, Public Works/ Contract Administration.

The luncheon was held at Acapulco restaurant in Hollywood.

The Club wishes her lots of great times; enjoying her early retirement. Congratulations, Marianne!

Thanks go to Larry Williams, Katherine O'Connell and Stella Mendoza and Paola Valencia for their assistance in producing this article.



Marianne Gomez, Payroll Supervisor, with Greg Merideth, Sr. Systems Analyst II.



Marianne Gomez, newly retired, Club Member, with her husband, son and daughter.



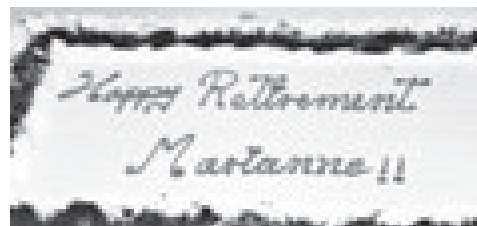
From left: Bernard Gilpin, former Director, Public Works/Contract Administration; Mike Piatt, Construction Inspector; Fred Alcantar, former Chief Construction Inspector, Retired, Club Member; Marianne Gomez, newly retired, Club Member; two guests; Dennis Ryan, Principal Construction Inspector, Club Member; and Tom Cazares, former Principal Construction Inspector, Retired, Club Member.



Current and former employees of Public Works/Contract Administration, front row, from left: Claudia Rojas; Liz Torrez; Corrine Torrez; and Sharon Reddit, Club Member. Back row: Manny Perez, Management Analyst II; Greg Merideth, Sr. Systems Analyst II; David Aveson, Systems Analyst II; Lorianne Rodriguez, former Systems Aide, Public Works/Contract Administration; Marianne Gomez; and Stella Mendoza, Clerk Typist, Club Member.



From left: Tony Rios, Construction Inspector; guest; and Jesse Mitchell, Construction Inspector.



The cake.



Frank Rinaldi, Principal Construction Inspector, and Duke Blair, Construction Inspector.



From left: A guest; Ricardo Carrasco, Sr. Clerk Typist; and Marianne Gomez, newly retired Club Member.



From left: Lori Rodriguez and Sharon Reddit.



Marianne Gomez with her family.



From left: Betsy Corralez; Darrel Young, Construction Inspector; Sharon Reddit, Club Member; Lisa Adams, Sr. Clerk, Club Member; and Marianne Gomez, newly Retired, Club Member.



Fred Alcantar, former Chief Construction Inspector, Public Works/Contract Administration, Retired, Club Member.



From left: Jacqueline Basuel, Management Assistant; Katherine O'Connell, Sr. Management Analyst I, Club Member; Adrian Barrera, Construction Inspector, Club Member; Marianne Gomez, newly retired Payroll Supervisor I, Club Member; and Greg Merideth, Sr Systems Analyst II.



From left: Kimmie Mitchell, Clerk Typist, Club Member; Hector Gonzalez, Sr. Clerk Typist; Marianne Gomez, newly retired; Larry Reynoso, Management Analyst II, Club Member; Melizza Estur, Clerk Typist; and Roger Chay, Clerk Typist.



From left: Paola Valencia, Management Assistant, Club Member; Melva Baker, Accounting Clerk, Club Member; Marianne Gomez, newly retired; and Claudia Rojas, former staff member, Public Works/Contract Administration.



From left: Bernard Gilpin, former Director, Bureau of Contact Administration; Marianne Gomez; and Charley Mims Chief Construction Inspector.



From left: Gerrardo Lopez, Principal Construction Inspector Airports; Fred Alcantar, Retired, Chief Construction Inspector; three guests; Marianne Gomez, newly retired, Club Member; Tony Rios, Construction Inspector; Jesse Mitchell, Construction Inspector; and Ricardo Carrasco, Sr. Clerk Typist.



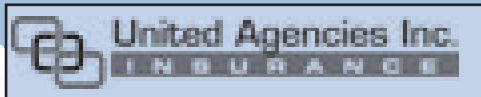
From left: Toni Rios, Construction Inspector; Marianne Gomez, newly retired; and guest.

REST INSURED



BY JEFF GELINEAU

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



Insurance While Away at College

It's that time of year when some parents make that tearful drive to drop their child off for another year at college.

There are insurance implications of having a child away at school. Here are two major things to keep in mind.

1. Auto Insurance

First, let me make a pitch for your child not having a car while away at school. Often circumstances require that they have transportation with them, but if you can work it out where they stay on campus and use public transportation, you will greatly reduce your exposure. As you know, the greatest danger to young adults is auto accidents. Experimenting with high speeds, alcohol and general inattentiveness can cause serious accidents. Not having a car for their use is the best way to protect your children from harm and reduce your liability exposure.

If they do take a car with them, contact your agent so they can notify the insurance company of their new address. This often will actually save you money, as Southern California is one of the most expensive parts of the country; other areas can have significantly lower rates.

If your child owns the car him- or herself and is not insured under the family's insurance policy, but has his or her own auto insurance policy, then they really should rewrite the policy to reflect their new address. (Regardless of where your legal residence is, insurance companies want to base your policy on where you spend the majority of your time, so going away to school means you live somewhere else.)

Note: If your child shares a room or apartment with others, some policies exclude the roommates from coverage. Your child should never lend their car to anyone else without first checking to make sure that their policy extends coverage to their roommates.

If your child is not taking a car, can you delete your child from your auto insurance while they are away at school? Although you can do this, we highly recommend against it!

If your child is not covered by your auto insurance policy, then they do not have any coverage at all – even when they

are driving another car! This is really not wise and can result in some serious problems. Let's say they are at a party, and they are being good, and not drinking. Because they are responsible, other kids ask them to be the designated driver. They take the keys from someone and drive them all home, but if they get in an accident, and the owner of the car didn't pay their insurance, then they are uncovered. Or, if they come home for a visit and use one of the family's cars, they are not covered.

It really is best for us to simply rate your child as living more than 100 miles from home. This will reduce their premium slightly, and it means that they can stay covered for anything that might come up. If you do choose to remove them from coverage, be sure to let us know any time that they are coming home, so we can add them on while they are at home. (If their visit is less than 10 days, it costs only \$10 a day!)

2. Homeowners Insurance

If your child is normally a resident of your household and they are a full-time student, most homeowners policies extend 10 percent of your contents coverage limits for your home to an "additional location." This applies to a dorm room, an apartment, a rented room or even a hotel room. Your deductible applies while away, but it means that they do have coverage for all of their "stuff."

Remember that most homeowners policies have limitations on the computer coverage. Contact your agent to discuss raising your computer sub-limit.

Liability is always covered for your child wherever they are, so if they are covered by your homeowners policy, then they are protected by your liability (and even your umbrella liability, if you have one).

If your child is not a full-time student, or doesn't normally live in your house, it's easy to get them their own renter's policy. Renter's policies are very affordable (\$200 to \$300 a year), and provide substantial coverage.

Feel free to call our agency with questions about auto insurance, or if you would like to get a quote for your home policy through us.

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

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AIRPORTS

Carrying the Torch for Special Olympics

Airport Police Officers carry the torch for Special Olympics games.

Story by Sgt. Belinda Nettles, Airport Police;
Photos by Officer D. Lewis, Airport Police

On June 11, seven Airport Police officers participated in the 2010 Southern California Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics to promote and raise funds for the Special Olympics. This was Airport Police's eighth year of participation. The southern leg of the run began with a ceremony at the Chula Vista Police Department, headed north to Orange County, then traveled through Riverside and San Bernardino counties before entering Los Angeles County.

Airport Police Sgts. Troy Takaki and Jesus Dominguez, and Officers Richard Blaha, Tanansuk Chow, Timothy Daniels, James Adrian and Jorge Mora received the torch from representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the intersection of Pershing Boulevard and Imperial Highway, then ran 3.5 miles where the torch was passed to Hawthorne Police Department participants at the intersection of La Cienega Boulevard and Imperial Highway. Support for the runners was provided by Airport Police Officers Cindy Colon, Miguel Morante, Eduardo Angel and Sgt. Imer Chavez.

In 1981, Chief Richard LaMunyon of the Wichita (Kansas) Police Department created the Law Enforcement Torch Run as a way to involve his officers in the community by running a torch relay for their local Special Olympics organization. The first Law Enforcement Torch Run involved six officers and raised no money.



Airport Police officers ran on Imperial Highway with the flamed torch in hand; the torch is being held here by Officer Timothy Daniels.



Airport Police Officer Timothy Daniels hands off the torch to Hawthorne Police Department participants.

Nearly 30 years later, the event now includes more than 100 separate runs in more than 35 countries. Last year, more than 85,000 law enforcement officers raised more than \$34 million to support community-based sport programs for people with intellectual disabilities. The torch run has become the largest grassroots fundraising event for Special Olympics. Officers from local, county, state, federal and military agencies carry the "Flame of Hope" throughout Southern California and the three main legs (North, Central and South) met up at Summer Games at California State University, Long Beach June 12.



Airport Police Personnel after they have completed the 3.5-mile run from Pershing Boulevard to La Cienega Boulevard, from left: Sgt. Imer Chavez; Officers Timothy Daniels and Tanansuk Chow, Sgt. Jesus Dominguez; Officers Jorge Mora, Cindy Colon, James Adrian, Miguel Morante and Eduardo Angel; Sgt. Troy Takaki and Officer Richard Blaha.



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ZOO

Time for ZooCamp!

Kids can spend August learning about animals.

The Los Angeles Zoo's Summer ZooCamp is great for kids of all ages. Each day of ZooCamp brings new discoveries as youngsters have a great time going ape over the Zoo's amazing animals.

Through fun, safe, engaging activities, campers will trail blaze through the week. Each camp is led by specially trained, experienced staff. This adventure is one that your child will never forget. ZooCamp runs through Aug. 27.

"ZooCamp provides children with the opportunity to explore and learn about nature while making lasting friendships," says Curator of Education Heather Shields.

ZooCamp is broken down into different,



age-appropriate themes such as *Lights, Camera, Animals!*, *Furrific Felines*, and *Positively Primates*, among others. To learn more about ZooCamp, availability, prices, extended hours and to register, please visit www.lazoo.org/education/zooCamp.

ZooCamp averages a 95 percent fill-rate, which means approximately 840 campers attend ZooCamp each summer.

The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens is located in Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura (134) and Golden State (5) freeways. The Zoo is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. For information, call (323) 644-4200 or visit the L.A. Zoo Website at www.lazoo.org.

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ZOO HOSTS STUDENTS:

The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens welcomed high school students participating in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine (NYLF/MED). On July 22, students from the NYLF/MED visited the Zoo and its veterinary hospital, the Gottlieb Animal Health and Conservation Center, to learn about career opportunities in veterinary medicine and see how the Zoo cares for its animals.

Visiting students met with the L.A. Zoo's Chief Veterinarian, Dr. Curtis Eng, to tour the Zoo's facilities and learn about veterinary medicine in zoos. They attended a short presentation about the Zoo's veterinarian work and received tips on how to get into veterinary school. Students then went on a walking tour of Zoo grounds, which highlighted the animals that the veterinarians have worked with. The day finished with a tour of the health center, and then the students were free to explore the Zoo on their own.

"Having participated in the NYLF/MED program for the last four years, the Zoo feels it is extremely important because it allows us to give back to the community," states Dr. Eng. "While not all the students are bound for a career in veterinary medicine, it is important to show them what zoo veterinarians do and the high quality of medicine we perform here at the Los Angeles Zoo."

Held from July 18 to July 27, the NYLF/MED 10-day program was designed as an in-depth learning experience that introduced outstanding high school students to the world of medicine. Through the program, select high school students learned about what it takes to make it in the expansive field of medicine. Educational requirements, career options, clinical practice, and complex ethical and legal issues facing the medical profession today, were highlighted topics.

PERSHING SQUARE NIGHTS:

Pershing Square, a Rec and Parks downtown outdoor concert and event center at 532 S. Olive St., will offer free entertainment four days a week (Wednesday – Saturday) through Aug. 21.

The highlight of Downtown Stage is Saturday night concerts with a lineup that includes *Fishbone* and *The Janks* (8/7), *Betty and Dada* (8/14) and *Bo Deans* and *Sean Wiggins & Lone Goat* (8/21).

Wednesday's BETA Records shows will feature *A.P. Woodworth* and *The Makepeace Brothers* (8/4), *Jamie Meyer* and *Miranda Lee Richards* (8/11), and *Aaron McLain* and *Jessie Payo* (8/18).

Thursday night will be *Spaceland Under the Stars* with performances from some of L.A.'s best cutting edge alternative music artists.

The Friday Night Flicks film series will have *Sunset Boulevard* (8/6), *Miracle Mile* (8/13), and *Escape From L.A.* (8/20).

All concerts will be from 8 to 10 p.m., while movies will begin at dusk. The concert lawn will open at 7:30 p.m., and guests are welcome to bring a picnic (or get something from onsite vendors), lawn chairs, and blankets, but smoking and alcohol are not permitted. For more information about any of the artists and links to their website go to www.laparks.org/pershingsquare or call (213) 847-4970.

Newsbriefs

PUBLIC WORKS SUMMER INTERNS:

The eighth annual City of Los Angeles Board of Public Works High School Internship Program (PWHIP) kicked off July 6, placing 63 Los Angeles-area high school students in paid internships for six weeks through mid-August, announced Public Works Board President Cynthia M. Ruiz. "In the 2010 edition of the program, students will receive hands-on training from 23 Southern California firms as they explore in-demand wastewater engineering and construction management careers," she said.

"We are extremely pleased with the Public Works High School Internship Program," said Public Works Commissioner and PWHIP Coordinator Andrea Alarcon. "Through this program, partnering firms offer internships that integrate classroom learning with work-based experience as students are exposed to various career options."

According to a National Science Foundation estimate, the United States will have a shortage of 70,000 engineers this year. "While contributing significantly to the development of our youths, the program has created a diverse pipeline of future architects and engineers," Alarcon added. "As we make a difference in the lives of students and their families,

we are shaping the future of our industry as well."

The Board of Public Works and MWH, a global wet infrastructure sector and environmental engineering leader, partnered to create the internship program in 2003 and expose high school juniors and graduating seniors to career options in architecture, engineering, construction management and environmental engineering. Since that time, the PWHIP has reached more than 340 students from 50 Los Angeles area schools.

Paid internships include job training, educational workshops, field trips and exposure to the professional work environment. Interns this year will be placed with public-private partners or City of Los Angeles departments.

More than 420 PWHIP applications were received earlier this year. The group was then narrowed to an interview pool of 174 before the final 63 interns were selected. In addition to submitting an online application and recommendation form, applicants attended job skill workshops to refine their interview techniques and learn more about the formal interview process.

For more information, visit the following web-

site: www.bpw.lacity.org/pwhip or contact City of Los Angeles Board of Public Works Commissioner Andrea Alarcon at (213) 978-0254.

PUBLIC WORKS HQ GOES ZERO WASTE:

The Public Works Building in downtown Los Angeles was to become the first municipal facility in the country to go Zero Waste beginning July 1, announced Bureau of Sanitation Director Enrique C. Zaldivar.

The building, at 1149 S. Broadway, houses some 1,500 employees who work for the City of Los Angeles' Bureaus of Sanitation, Contract Administration, Engineering, Street Lighting and Street Services.

Bureau of Sanitation staff, who provide recycling programs for all City facilities, have implemented numerous programs in the Public Works Building to reduce the amount of trash that would otherwise reach landfills. These include the Blue Bin recycling program, battery collection, the City's material exchange program called CitiMAX, Clean Your Files Month, Bring

Your Bag Wednesdays, Electronic Waste Recycling, Toner and Inkjet Recycling, Pen Recycling, as well as donation opportunities to reuse and recycle old running shoes, greeting cards, and eyeglasses.

Sanitation staff also worked with the Public Works Building custodial staff to implement a program to further encourage zero waste: any trash cans in offices and cubicles would not be emptied if a significant amount of recyclables were found in them. Instead, custodial staff would leave notices for employees whose cubicle trash cans contained recyclables items.

The City of Los Angeles currently recycles 65 percent of the City's solid waste, the highest among the 10 most populated cities in the United States. The City of Los Angeles has a diversion goal of 70 percent by 2013. Los Angeles' efforts to reduce landfill reliance also helps combat global warming as landfills are the second largest source of methane, a potent greenhouse gas, in California.

The City initiated the Solid Waste Integrated Resources Plan (SWIRP) in spring 2007 to develop a 20-year plan to achieve zero waste in Los Angeles as called for by RENEW LA. The SWIRP plan will provide a road map to increase landfill diversion of the City's municipal solid waste through source reduction, recycling, composting, as well as energy and other resource recovery through the use of alternative technologies.



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{ *Who are the people you see every day?* }

No. 30 in a series.



People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.

Meet Thomas Mozzone.



AGE: "I'm 55."

BIRTHPLACE: "Prince Georges County, Md."

MARITAL STATUS: "I was married for about 10 years in the '80s, but that fell through."

FAMILY: "None that I know of. I was orphaned when I was pretty young. From what I understand, my dad went to prison and my mom gave me and whatever kids there may have been up for adoption. I was sent to the St. Joseph's Catholic Orphanage in downtown Atlanta. I pretty much grew up on the streets of Atlanta. By the time I was 18, I cleaned up my act and went to college."

WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES? "I came to L.A. ten years ago after spending a year in Key Largo, Fla. I was part owner of a restaurant there but was swindled out of my investment. When I arrived in L.A., I had nothing and struggled to find a job."

EDUCATION: "I received a B.A. in information systems from Georgia State University. I was a computer geek."

STRONGEST CHILDHOOD MEMORY: "I remember the day JFK was assassinated. I remember running down the street, saying, "The Government got killed, and then I looked in the sky and saw God. It was weird."

RELIGION: "I'm very religious...I believe in God and am a Christian."

DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS? "I have tons of friends."

WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "In a tent behind the new police parking structure."

WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB YOU HAD? "I was the doorman for a ritzy clothing store called Comme de Garcon down on Fourth Street. I was making \$8 an hour."

FAVORITE SPORT: "Baseball."

FAVORITE MOVIE: "2001: A Space Odyssey, Easy Rider and Cool Hand Luke."

FAVORITE ACTRESS: "Julia Roberts."

FAVORITE MUSIC: "Stevie Ray Vaughn."

FAVORITE CANDY: "I don't eat candy, but if I did it would be a Snickers bar."

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "I love *The Twilight Zone*."

WHAT'S THE LAST BOOK YOU READ? "*Master of the Game* by Sidney Sheldon."

ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Keep positive, don't dwell on the past."

IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? "A comfortable place to live."

IF YOU HAD \$1 MILLION, WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH IT? "I'd give a lot of it away to people who have helped me out while down here on the streets."

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE IRAQ WAR? "I think there are ulterior motives."

FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY: "I love the view you get from the Downtown YMCA."

IF YOU WERE THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES, WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO HELP THE HOMELESS? "Renovate some of these old buildings to provide shelter for the homeless."

LAST THING EATEN: "Cup o' Noodles about two days ago."

WHO OR WHAT ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST HELP TO YOU? The LA Burrito Project. Once a week they come down on their bikes and deliver burritos to the homeless. [To find out more about the Burrito project go to: www.myspace.com/burritoproject/videos In the first video, Thomas Mozzone is briefly interviewed. Check it out and leave a note that you discovered them through *Alive!* It's an awesome program that is making a difference with very little resources.]

The Club gave Thomas shaving cream, a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, two pairs of socks, shampoo, hand wipes, \$20 and some bottled water.

The interview took place July 21 at Third and Main Streets downtown

Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Director



{ In this monthly feature, Club CEO John Hawkins and Director of Member Services 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.

PUBLIC WORKS

Goodbye From Several Depts.

Lydia Gonzalez retires from Public Works after 37 years of City service.



Lydia Gonzalez with husband, Mario.



Lydia Gonzalez with her mom, her sisters and her brother.

Family, friends and co-workers from across City departments bid farewell to Lydia L. Gonzalez, Sr. Management Analyst I, Public Works/Engineering, upon her retirement of more than 37 years of City service. Lydia's retirement celebration was held last fall at Taix restaurant. The host was Carl Nelson, Sr. Civil Engineer, and the speakers included Lydia's supervisors, Phil Richardson and Michael Brown, Principal Civil Engineers; and Steven Chen, Sr. Civil Engineer. Also speaking at her retirement were her husband, Mario, and daughters, Sonia and Christina. Diana Williams of the Board of Public Works dedicated and sang two songs. Carl de la Fuente, Civil Engineering Assistant III, presented a plaque to Lydia.

Lydia started her career with the City in January 1972. Since that time she has held numerous positions in various Departments. Lydia's work in the City included supervising the payroll function and implementing payroll scanning in Public Works/Sanitation and supervision of the purchasing function and implementation of SMS Supply Management System in Public Works/Engineering. In her career, she also processed motion picture permits and established work standards for electrical testers in DWP/Power, and at the DWP she also reviewed and analyzed customer billings in the Customer Relations Office of Commercial/Customer Services as well as working in the Budget Section of Commercial/Customer Services. Lydia also participated in establishing a strategic plan for Public Works when she worked in the Board of Public Works. In addition to working in Public Works and the DWP, Lydia also worked as an adjutant to a Police Captain in LAPD's Scientific Investigation Division and supervised accounting personnel in Planning, and early on in her career she worked in the Mayor's Office of Small Business Assistance, conducting quarterly seminars for outreach to small businesses.



From left: Beverly Kam, LAPD, Sr. Personnel Analyst III; Denise Veksler, Secretary, LAPD; and Mary Carraso, Commercial Service Rep, DWP.



From left: Mary Jo McCord, Executive Secretary III, Public Works/Street Lighting; Toni Mendez, Executive Secretary III, retired; with new retiree Lydia Gonzalez.

In her final position, held since 2001 in the Street and Stormwater Design Division of Public Works/Engineering, Lydia was responsible for establishing and administering consultant contracts for engineering professional services. Lydia also was responsible for state highway relinquishments, wherein Caltrans turns over state highways to the City of Los Angeles, which required her to write Board Reports, Council motions and legislation. Thanks to Lydia's efforts in the handling of the Santa Monica Boulevard and also the Highland Avenue relinquishments, the Bureau of Engineering was able to design and construct the following projects using "CITY" engineering standards - the Santa Monica Boulevard Transit Parkway Street Design Project and the Franklin/Highland Avenue Street Widening project as well as acquiring some funding from Caltrans/State for these projects.

Lydia wishes to thank all who were able to attend her retirement luncheon and for the well wishes from those who were unable to attend due to conflicts in schedule. Lydia is thankful for her career with the City and will cherish her memories of everyone she encountered in the City family. Lydia plans to spend more time with her husband, who is a teacher and who also will be retiring soon, and spending time with her daughters, who are attending college. She plans on exercising regularly and spending more time on her hobbies and traveling.



Master of Ceremonies Carl Nelson, Civil Engineer, presents Lydia with her gift.



From left: Alma de Garcia, Utility Administrator, DWP; Anita Ortega, Utility Administrator, DWP; and Toni Mendez, Executive Secretary III, retired.



Shane Etemad, Civil Engineering Associate, Public Works/Engineering; and Edeliza Fang, Senior Management Analyst I, Public Works/Sanitation.



From left: Lydia Gonzalez with Mei Ong, Management Analyst II, Public Works/Sanitation, retired.



Friends from various departments.



From left: Carl de la Fuente, Civil Engineering Associate III; Steven Chen, Sr. Civil Engineer; Michael Brown, Principal Civil Engineer; and Lydia Gonzalez.



From left: Carl Nelson, Civil Engineer; Steven Chen, Sr. Civil Engineer; Michael Brown, Principal Civil Engineer; and Phil Richardson, Principal Civil Engineer.



Friends from various departments.



Lydia Gonzalez with her husband, Mario, and her daughters, Sonia and Christina.



From left: Tori Black, Utility Administrator, DWP; Elaina Smith, Legal Secretary, City Attorney's Office; Olga Houston; Monique Parker, Sr. Management Analyst I, Public Works/Engineering; Patricia Zavala, Sr. Clerk Typist, Public Works/Engineering; Rosalia Rojo, Sanitary Engineer, Public Works/Sanitation; and Araceli Wells, Management Aide, LAPD.

Life's Important Moments

Share your moments!

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

Welcome New Members!

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

Airports

Erika Barber
Sean Belnavis
Carmen Dejonge
Helen Hamilton
Maricela Ponce
Jim Vasquez

Animal Services

Eric Gardner

Building and Safety

Shabnam Shahriari

City Attorney

Kimberly Hunter

City Clerk

Shannon Hoppes

Controller's Office

Kum Yoon

LAFD

Bryan Medina

General Services

Jamaal Avilez
Antonio Carrillo
Donald Knyppstra
Edith Martinez
Michael Tanenbaum

Harbor

Kelsey Amalfitano
Miriam Cruz
Robert Dunbar
Hector Elizondo
Lawrence Fuzee
Robert Gates
Ronald McCollum
Jeannemarie Schwab

Housing

Hattie Walker

Convention Center

Froilan Gamez

LAPD

Gena Brooks
Margaret Carmine
Sylvia Casas
Brittany Diep
Edelwina Francisco
Deborah Gonzales
Marlene Grundy
Michael Martinez
Jesus Plascencia
Fortino Reynoso
Pedro Rodriguez
Gina Roxas
George Shaka
Lee Silva
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Patrick Cross

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Jasmine Dowlatshahi
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Philip LaRouche
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John Willingham
Jonathan Zamora

Transportation

Luna Baker
Regina Callies

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Jennifer Camacho
Philip Carter
Carlos Chaidez
Joseph Doss
Ian Greer
Donna Pierce
Lisa Ross
Antonio Vasquez
Susan Wells

Retired

Lupe Duran
Dee Halenar
Mario Mejia
Willie Roberson
Joseph Writer

Other

Alfred Fowler
Carlos Gamboa
Juan Hernandez
Steven Kozdrey
Jackie Lehmer
Augustine Leyva
Alfred Lopez
Tony Lucio
Cirilo Mejia
Robert Melvin
Nancy Mendez
Tomas Nevarez Jr.
William Northington
Jose Perez
Nato Preciado
Sammy Recendez
Oscar Rivas
Jennifer Shackelford
Ken Soo Hoo
Gerald Viera
Marty Wedlow
George Zippel

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

Dettman, Brian Keith, Rec and Parks, 4
Jacobs, Deloris, City Council, 3
Kortrakul, Chai, DWP, 20
Margolis, Ilene, Rec and Parks, 25
Marroquin, David, Airports, 7
Nelson, Rodney, Rec and Parks, 2
Samaniego, Ruben, Airports, 13
Talley, Gary, DWP, 24
Trinidad, Lucia, Transportation, 2

Retired

Allen, Lester, DWP, 33
Babb, Michael, DWP, 24
Balingit, Ronald, DWP, 25
Bell, Claude, Transportation, 18
Bogie, Jean, Library, 17
Bohana, James, DWP, 27
Born, Stanley, DWP, 15
Burrell, Elmer, DWP, 21
Caldwell, Mitchell, Public Works, 33
Carnes, Clyde, Harbor, 14
Chan, Eddie, DWP, 20
Crawley, Oler, Public Works, 18
Crespo, James, DWP, 23
Daniel, Libero, Public Works, 31
Figge, Charles, DWP, 33
Garrigue, Roger, Public Works, 26
Gomez, John, DWP, 35
Gonzalez, Leona, DWP, 35
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Kavanaugh, James, DWP, 27
Lewis, Charles, Public Works, 28
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Skorheim, Mable, Controller, 16
Summer, Raymond, Executive Div., 26
Swanson, Robert, DWP, 26
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Wilson, Hicks, DWP, 22
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Peace of Mind

Retiree Life Insurance: Higher Maximum Benefit

In the recent months, you may have noticed a few changes if you are retired and have a retiree life insurance policy with the City Employees Club. We listened to your concerns, collected all of your requests and we have delivered!

The revised group term life insurance retiree plan took effect April 1 and now allows you an increased maximum benefit! You may apply for up to \$85,000 in benefit coverage (you must be able to pass underwriting). (If you are 70 years old and over, you can now apply for \$15,000 as your maximum benefit.)

In addition some rates have been lowered, while some have increased slightly. The Club last adjusted these rates 13 years ago. If you are between 61 to 69 years old, you may have noticed that your rates decreased. If you are 70 and above, there has been a slight increase. The rates were compiled from

various factors, the most prominent of which is to keep up with inflation in today's competitive market. I strongly believe we are the most competitive with the highest quality group retiree plan for City Employees!

If you are retired, you shouldn't have to miss out on all the goodies the City offers to active employees! For the fourth consecutive year, retirees qualify for the annual refund check, just like City Employees who are still in their working years. So look in the mail in December for your life insurance refund check if you have this insurance. We also continue to offer you the convenience of automatic pension deductions and portability!

Keep in mind that if you plan to retire, your life insurance with the Club stays with you! Simply contact our office at your earliest convenience so that we may process your request.

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The Club's Peace of Mind Expert



Long-Term Care Seminars

Save the date -- Our Long-Term Care Open Enrollment runs this month through Oct. 31 for active working City Employees. (Open Enrollment for DWP employees will occur next May.) The Club is holding seminars at the Kyoto Grand Hotel, 120 S. Los Angeles St. downtown. (Formerly New Otani Hotel and Garden).

Seminar dates are Aug. 6 and 20, at 9 and 11 a.m., and 1 and 3 p.m. You can complete your application and figure out your rates at the seminars. To RSVP, call (213) 225-1796. Space is limited. See you there!

Contact me at info@cityemployeesclub.com



Graduations

Alive! is delighted to publish graduation photos of Club members and their children. Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



James A. Gatlin II graduated from Cal State University, Long Beach, with a Bachelor of arts degree in history. He was awarded a certificate of completion in urban studies. His plan is to pursue a government career in urban planning. He's the son of the late James A. Gatlin, Building and Safety, and Shirley Gatlin, Club Member.



Jahselyn Williams graduated from Dorsey High School in June 18. She plans to attend Cal State University, Northridge, this fall, majoring in chemistry with an emphasis on forensic science. The proud grandparents are Maretha Williams Adams, LAPD, and Bruce Adams, General Services.



Carissa Marie Coukos graduated from St. John the Baptist De La Salle and will be attending Alemany High School in the fall and plans to be on the freshman cheer squad. Carissa is the daughter of Cheryl Garcia, PSR II LAPD Valley Communications.



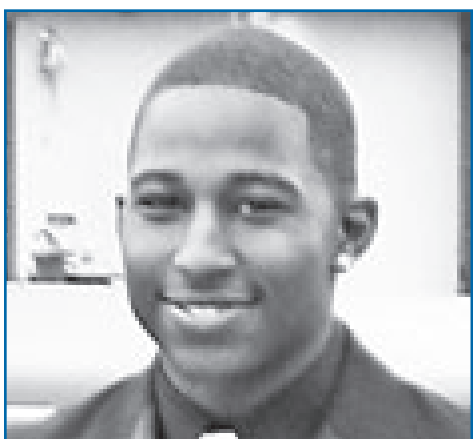
Joshua Kevin Beltran graduated from Hawthorne Mathematics and Science Academy and plans on attending Cal State University, Los Angeles, for forensic science. He's the son of Jose Beltran, Airports.



Samantha Nicole Price graduated Biola University in May with a Bachelor of arts degree in psychology. Samantha is daughter of Sgt. Christopher Price, Senior Traffic Supervisor, West Valley Parking Enforcement, Transportation. "We are so proud of you, Samantha!"



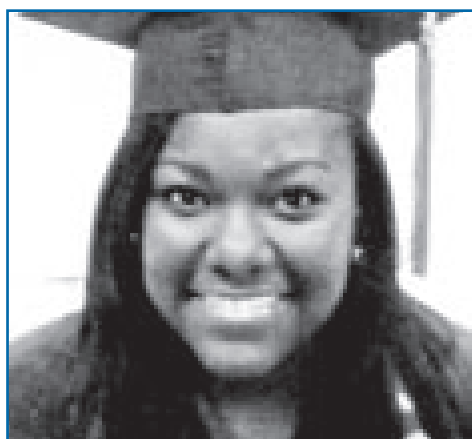
Cheyla Jakai Bell graduated from Westchester High School in June 17. She plans to attend Cal State University, Dominguez Hills, in the fall, majoring in communications. She's the daughter of Cherlyn J. Harrison, DWP.



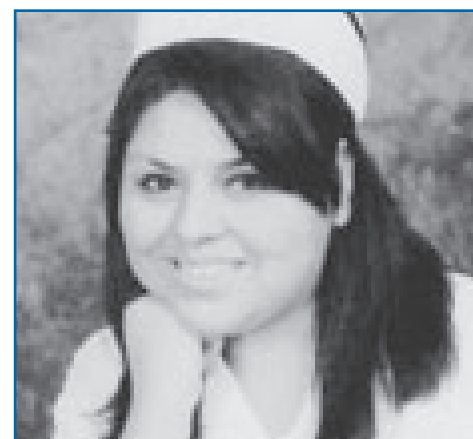
Erik Taylor Jr. graduated from George Washington High School and plans to attend Trade Tech Los Angeles in the fall, majoring in culinary arts. Erik is the grandson of Marilyn (Retiree) and Rick Hill, Airports.



Au Reonne Taylor graduated from Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies and plans to attend Cal State, Northridge, in the fall. She's the granddaughter of Marilyn (Retiree) and Rick Hill, Airports.



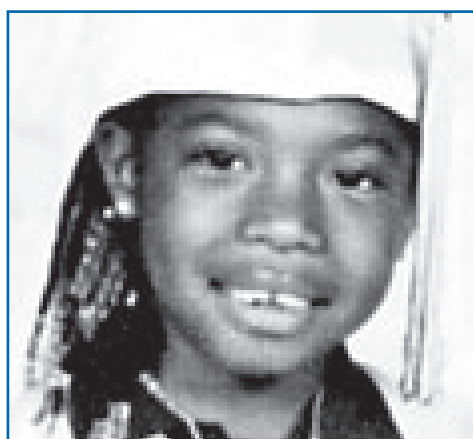
Jateria Brooks graduated from Texas Southern University with a degree in radio, television and film, and a minor in journalism. Jateria is the daughter of Trina Clark, Personnel.



Nina J. Aguilar graduated from the registered nursing program at Rio Hondo College, Whittier. She is the daughter of Victor Aguilar, Rec and Parks.



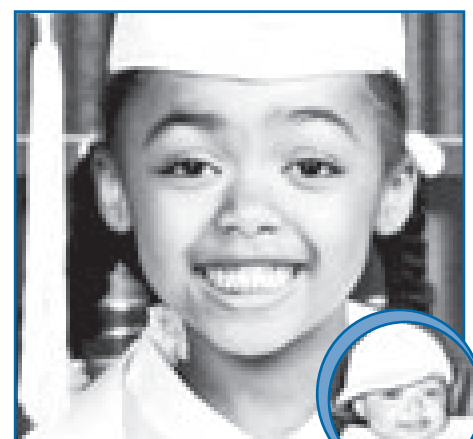
Amanda Nicole Price graduated from sixth grade from Ocotillo Elementary with a 4.0 GPA. Amanda is the daughter of Christopher Price, Senior Traffic Supervisor, West Valley Parking Enforcement, Transportation.



Marah Sparks graduated from kindergarten at View Park Charter Elementary School. Her future plans are to be a teacher. Marah's proud parents are Wesslyn Hamilton, City Attorney's Office, and Edward Sparks.



Jake Hibma graduated from fifth grade at Serrania Elementary School, Woodland Hills. He received the Gold President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence. Jake's dad is Dan Hibma, LAFD.



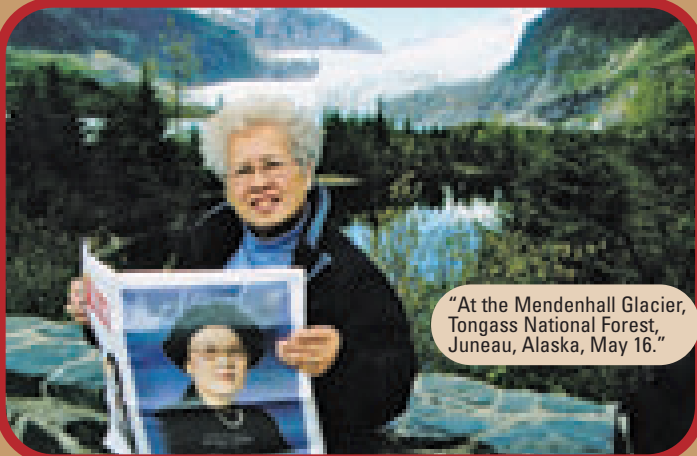
Aumoria Ny'elle Mitchell graduated from kindergarten at Garr Academy Charter School in June. She will attend first grade in the fall and remain at Garr Academy. She stated that when she grows up, she would like to become an engineer. She is the daughter of Kimberly (Kimmie) Mitchell, Public Works/Contract Administration, and the granddaughter of retired City Employees Stephen and Audrey King, Retired City Employees.



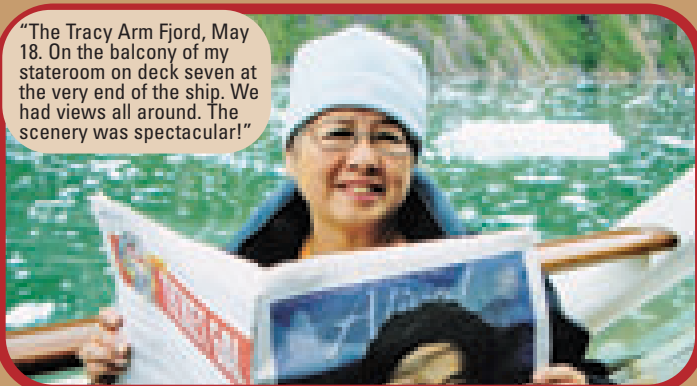
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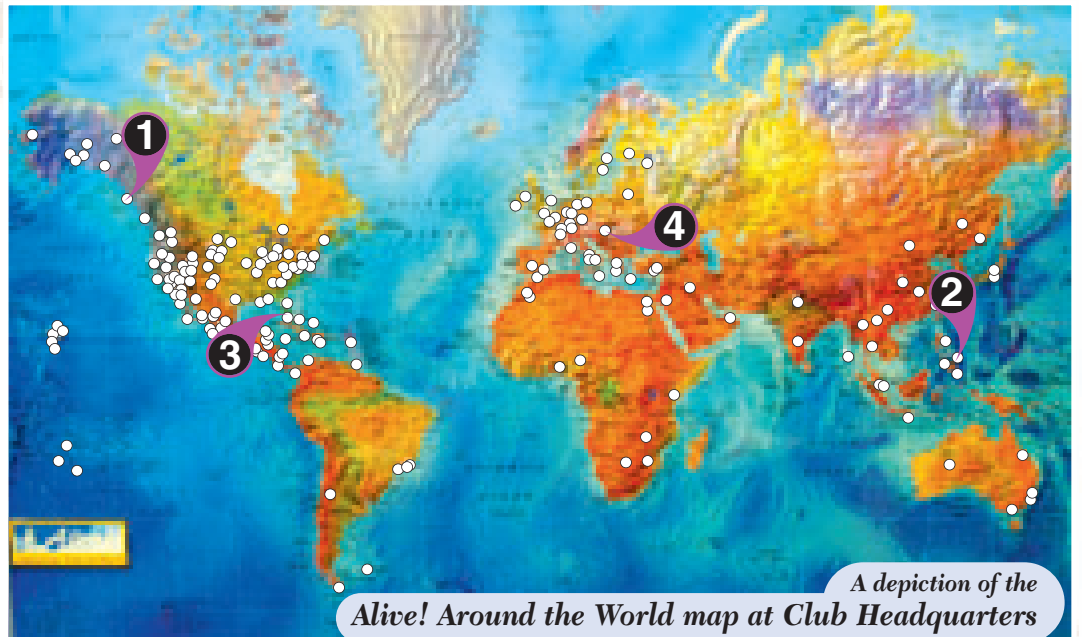
"At the Mendenhall Glacier, Tongass National Forest, Juneau, Alaska, May 16."



"The Tracy Arm Fjord, May 18. On the balcony of my stateroom on deck seven at the very end of the ship. We had views all around. The scenery was spectacular!"

"Hello Club Friends! On May 14, my husband and I cruised to Alaska aboard Royal Caribbean's *Rhapsody of the Seas* and saw some spectacular scenery."

- Diana Medina, Retired, Public Works/Accounting



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

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The Philippines



Here's a picture of Club Member **Ninofranco Jr., Retired, Harbor**, spending his annual golf vacation in the Philippines.

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Florida



From left: Saranta Robroo and Maria Koo.

"All aboard for our snorkeling trip down in Key West!"

- Saranta Robroo, Club Member

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Hungary



"Recently I had the pleasure to revisit my beloved homeland, Hungary. I greatly enjoyed my stay with family and friends. This is in front of the Gyor City Hall in northwest Hungary. The last picture is 'with' the Ticket Gal. She 'came' to Hungary, too!"

- Robbie Horvath, Public Works/Sanitation



Angel's

*Be Alive!*Angel Gomez,
Director of
Member
Services

Murphy Ranch Park



We all enjoyed the trail. Happy trails to you all.

Hello again everybody! This month we visit Murphy Ranch Park in Whittier. The park is small but has lots of trails with various degrees of difficulty.

The trails are wide and easy to follow, and the people are very friendly. People were hiking, jogging and walking their dogs; all these activities are available at this park. There is also a nice shady picnic area in the front of the park.

We started at the parking lot and walked all the way to the top. During our hike we came in contact with lots of trees, birds and lizards.

Please make a note; there are rattlesnake and mountain lion warnings! I did not see any wildlife, and the area is pretty open (just stay on the trail).

I have to tell you I felt very safe and never nervous at any time.

Whittier is dedicated to preserving its natural hills and is proud to have more than 20 percent of its 14.8 square miles available to its residents as permanent open space. Altogether, Whittier provides more than 400 acres of land for recreational use.

The park has several picnic tables and lots of really big trees along each trail.

The trails are pretty easy, but after about half an hour, you start to feel the burn. My boys loved to run along the path and have mini races.

After a long work day (and short hike), it would be a treat to get home and have your children go straight to bed! (Don't forget to have them wash their faces and hands and brush their teeth!)

This park trail was really relaxing. I plan to go back a few times a month for the nice views and of course the exercise.

On a clear day you can see Downtown Los Angeles from the top of the trail. Bring your camera; there are excellent views!

Since I started going on these hikes and outdoor adventures, my boys have really shown an appreciation for the outdoors. I will always have these wonderful memories and photos to go back and revisit the moments we all shared.

I have also started giving them instruction on how to take photos and what to look for. By the time they are teenagers, I figure I will have a team of photographers!

Summer is flying by, so take your families out and explore our wonderful parks, beaches and mountains. Your family will always remember all the trips you took and the beautiful places you visited.

Please send me any hiking adventures you recommend so I can hike them and share them with our Club family. I would love to see your pictures!

So send them to me at agomez@cityemployeesclub.com.

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

Whittier, California

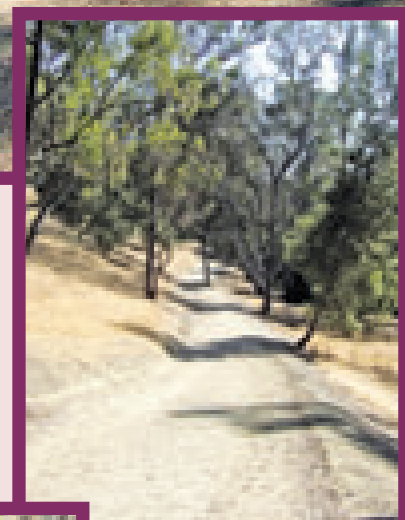


Park Sign.

A view of the trail ahead. I was excited to get started.



There is lots of shade and lots of trees along the path.



A wide open trail path.

Murphy Ranch Park



Angel Jr. and Aden standing on one of the ridges that overlooks the homes in the background.



Aden and Angel Jr. catch a small lizard as soon as we started the trail.



Dakota and I take a short break.



Dakota, Angel Jr. and I in front of the trail sign.



Angel Jr., Aden, Dakota and I take a short break for a photo.



Picnic tables and handicap-only parking spot.

Murphy Ranch Park

HIGHLIGHTS: Wilderness area, 48 acres, riding and hiking trails and picnic tables (and a horse trough). No restroom facilities.

LOCATION: 16200 Las Cumbres, Whittier, CA 90603. The park is at Youngwood and Las Cumbres Drives.

PARKING: There's a small parking area in front of the park. Free!

Whittier parks are open generally between sunrise and 10 p.m. The Parks Department can be reached at (562) 464-3375.

HARBOR

Cars and Stripes

Harbor hosts annual car show.

Information courtesy Harbor

The San Pedro Waterfront was the place to be July 2 for the Port's second annual *Cars and Stripes Forever!* event. The Harbor Dept. thanks the car and motorcycle show participants, as well as all of the guests who participated throughout the evening. Whether you rode the Red Car, danced to the live music, watched and listened to the new songs at the Fanfare Fountain, made cards for our troops, toured the Port's mobile educational exhibit or just wandered around people watching, it was a terrific way to bring our diverse community together.



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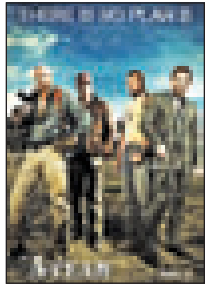
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MOVIE REVIEWS



The A-Team

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

The *A-Team* stars Liam Neeson, Bradley Cooper and Jessica Biel and is from the 1980s TV series. *The A-Team* is a special ops team that has very special talents to get things done. In this movie,

the guys are framed to take the fall for a crime that another team did; they get dishonorably discharged with prison time. Using their special talents, they set out to clear their names and find the real perpetrator.

This movie was better than what I thought it would be, quite entertaining-not too stupid to watch.

— Gwen Lew, DWP

The A-Team

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

The movie was a combination of suspense and humor, full of action and crazy stunts (some unbelievable but very entertaining) and at the same time very funny. It kept my attention throughout the entire show; there was never a dull moment. The actors were funny, serious and unbeatable. For sure one of the summer's great ones.

— Pat Saucier, Retired



Toy Story 3

Rated G

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Pixar and Disney have created another timeless classic! Whatever format in which you see this movie (IMAX 3-D or 2-D), you'll definitely be satisfied by a superb story. The movie opens with the

toys becoming uncertain about their future due to Andy growing up and preparing to move away to college. The story moves along flawlessly as the toys finally come to the realization that it's time to let go and move on. The movie fires on all cylinders as it delivers memorable laughs and touching moments toward the end. This is a must-see family movie. My only disappointment is the realization that there may not be a *Toy Story 4*. Thanks for the memories, Woody and Buzz.

— Robert Garcia, Airports

Toy Story 3

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Pixar has produced another sweet and clever movie. Unlike *Toy Story* and *Toy Story 2*, this one is in 3D. Andy is the kid with his beloved toys, Buzz Lightyear, Woody the cowboy, cowgirl Jessie, neurotic dinosaur Rex, know-it-all piggy bank Hamm, and wisecracking Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head. Movies 1 and 2 involved Andy playing with and

enjoying his make-believe world with his toy friends. Andy is no longer a child and heading off to college. When cleaning his room, he wonders what to do with his toys. Should he store them in the attic or toss them in the trash? The toys are understandably freaked out about the prospect of either option. But mostly they are sad to see their friend leave and the good times end. You may feel genuine emotion for these hunks of plastic while viewing this movie.

— Nancy Wills, DWP, retired



Knight and Day

Rated PG-13

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Knight and Day stars Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz and is about a woman (Cameron Diaz) who gets involved with a fugitive spy (Tom Cruise) who takes her on a deadly global adventure. When

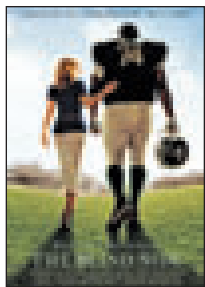
she first meets him, she thinks this could be the guy for her. Little did she know what an adventure she would be on.

This movie was more of action/comedy; the storyline was okay. There definitely was a lot of action.

I thought this was one of Tom Cruise's better movies, and it's entertaining enough for the summer—it's some place to cool off.

— Gwen Lew, DWP

DVD Reviews



The Blind Side (2009)

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

I was prepared to hate this film. I envisioned a predictable, feel-good, rags-to-riches story about a poor black athlete who overcomes insurmountable obstacles to make the

winning play and become a local hero. While all of this played out somewhat like I thought, Sandra Bullock's portrayal of the matriarch is what distinguishes this film from the million other football-worship hero films. She is extremely charismatic and watchable as a take-charge mother who outshops the other housewives, out-coaches the other coaches, and out-threatens the gangsters.

— Erin Knight, Public Works



Goodfellas (1990)

Rated R

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

The new Criterion release of *Goodfellas* is a significant improvement over the prior DVD release. The colors are brighter, the images are more painterly, and the DVD appears to be less

grainy. *Goodfellas* is one of the best gangster films ever made, and I highly recommend seeing the new Criterion release.

— Erin Knight, Public Works



Shutter Island (2009)

Rated R

My Score: 2 (out of 5)

Martin Scorsese has directed a moody-noir thriller set in a hospital for the criminally insane in the early 1950s. Leonardo DiCaprio stars as a U.S. Marshal investigating the

disappearance of a murderer at the hospital. The film wastes a lot of great talent (DiCaprio, Ben Kingsley, Max Von Sydow, Emily Mortimer, and others) on a plot that gets more confusing, with multiple twists coming at break-neck speed, and a moody setting that is depressing and finally just annoying. If you managed to miss seeing this sad and perplexing mess of a movie, count yourself lucky.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks



Inglorious Basterds (2009)

Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

The ensemble cast of this film is its strongest feature. You know when there are too many characters to keep track of when the more outrageous the acting is, the more memorable

the character is. The script, as one would expect, is full of witty monologues, dialogues and violent charm. It finds humor in violence and revenge. The psychological motivations behind the violence are explored with a humorous touch until the violent act becomes just another expectation in every scene. Is it me, or is Tarantino's schtick getting old?

— Erin Knight, Public Works

Theatre Reviews



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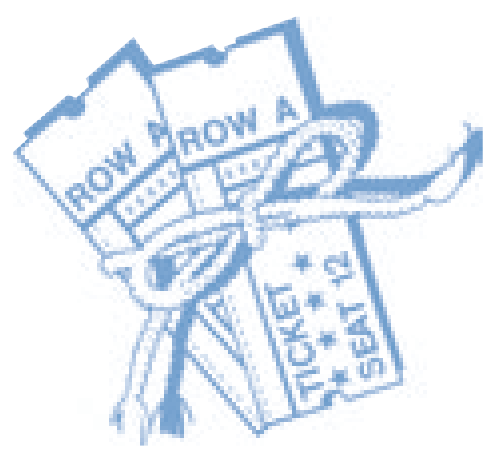
Mark Taper Forum, through Aug. 8

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This is one bloody, gory and funny comedy that is as interesting, witty and satirical as it is dark. Chris Pine stars as the hero of a splinter group of the Irish Republican Army in Northern Ireland (Mad Padraic). He returns home when notified that the one thing he loves almost as much as his cause, his pet cat, is "doing poorly."

This play is not for the sensitive or squeamish; in fact, the couple next to me left following intermission. But everyone else had a bloody good time.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks



Book Reviews



Sizzling Sixteen

Janet Evanovich
Mystery fiction,
309 pages, St. Martin
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Bounty Hunter Stephanie Plum has inherited a lucky bottle from Uncle Pip. Stephanie doesn't know if the bottle brings good or bad luck.

Vinnie Plum, Stephanie's cousin, has been kidnapped by the Mob for a gambling debt, and it is up to Stephanie, Connie (the office manager) and Lula (a file clerk) to raise the money if they want their jobs saved.

Raising the money may be more difficult than the three gals predict, but they decide to raise the money by having a bonds office yard sale. But trying to hide Vinnie until the heat dies down complicates matters.

This is Janet Evanovich's 16th novel about bounty hunter Stephanie Plum and her wacky adventures in capturing suspects.

— Linda Rorex, Personnel



Think Twice

Lisa Scottoline
Mystery fiction,
374 pages, St. Martin
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

In *Think Twice*, Bennie Rosato looks exactly like her identical twin, Alice Connolly, but the darkness in Alice's soul makes them two very different women.

Or at least that's what Bennie believes until she finds herself buried alive at the hands of her twin.

Meanwhile, Alice takes over Bennie's life, impersonating her at work and even seducing her boyfriend to escape the deadly mess she has made of her own life. But Alice underestimates Bennie and the evil she has unleashed in her twin's psyche, as well as Bennie's determination to stay alive long enough to exact revenge.

Bennie must face the twisted truth that she is more like her sister Alice than she could have ever imagined, and by the novel's shocking conclusion, Bennie finds herself engaged in a war with herself she cannot win.

This riveting novel will make you think twice about identity theft.

— Linda Rorex, Personnel



One Second After

William Forstchen
Thriller, 352 pages
Forge Books
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This is the scariest novel I have ever read. I read this book two months ago and it still affects me to this day. The storyline is simple enough:

A nuclear bomb designed for maximum electromagnetic pulse (EMP) exploded above the United States. In an instant, life as we know it ceased to exist. I finished this book in three days, and I find it disturbingly real because the plot is credible and highly plausible that we're only a plug away from a cataclysmic event. I strongly recommend that everyone read this book.

— Marilou Romney, Club Member

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by Chef Robert Larios



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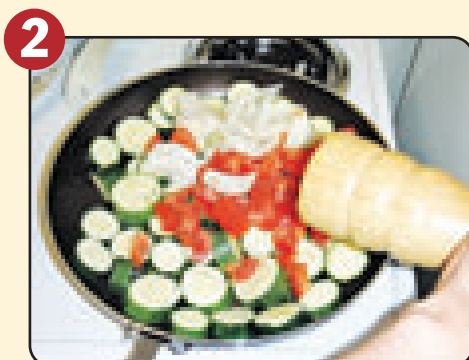
If you would like your recipe published in the next issue of *Alive!*, you may fax your recipes to (213) 620-0398 or e-mail us at talkback@cityemployeesclub.com.

Skillet Zucchini

DIRECTIONS:



1 Find yourself six medium zucchinis. Wash them and pat them dry in preparation for slicing. Once sliced, place them aside.



2 Place a large nonstick skillet on your stovetop on medium heat and add your favorite olive oil. Dice the tomatoes and onions, and add the salt and pepper. Then add water and cover with a lid.



3 Grate the cheddar and Parmesan cheeses in preparation for when the dish is fully cooked.



4 Lightly stir the ingredients in the skillet and let cook for about 10 to 15 minutes while regularly stirring. At about the seven-minute mark, add breadcrumbs and the soy sauce. Keep stirring lightly until the 10-to-15-minute mark.

While the summer months can be hot, there are advantages in the kitchen, as produce is at its best quality. Squash seems to be a local favorite for the consumer and establishments, and it's also a favorite of mine. Zucchini tops the list for me, as it is a versatile summer squash. It has been included in cakes, breads, soups and appetizers, just to name a few iterations. This time, I am making a great recipe that includes sautéed zucchini, tomatoes and onions.



The original dish called for butter and bacon, but I modified it to a less fat-saturated dish. Not that I have a problem with butter or bacon, it's just that sometimes our kitchens across the City have different ingredients – in my case I had extra virgin olive oil instead of butter. And since bacon is not part of the diet of some Club members, I chose to make a recipe without it. Let me say that this is still a highly delicious dish even without bacon. But don't let me stop you -- add butter and bacon if you want! Farmers around the country would surely be pleased.

Skillet Zucchini

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 6 medium, sliced zucchini
- 2 large tomatoes, cut into chunks
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 cup bread crumbs

MAKES 4 SERVINGS

- 1 teaspoon soy sauce
- 1 cup shredded cheddar
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan
- 2 tablespoons dried parsley



Cooking TIDBIT:

You may use butter instead of the extra virgin olive oil. And to add a new dimension in flavor, dice bacon and cook until crispy, then add to the dish.



[A Cook's Dictionary]

Zucchini:

This popular summer squash is shaped like a slightly curved cylinder, a bit smaller at the top than the bottom. A zucchini's skin color can vary from dark to light green, sometimes with yellow markings that give it a mottled or striped look. Zucchini can be cooked by a variety of methods including steaming, grilling, sautéing, deep-frying and baking.

– From the *The New Food Lover's Companion*, Sharon Tyler Herbst, 1995, Barron's Educational Series.



5 Add the cheddar and Parmesan at the end before plating. Plate, throw in a little dried parsley and enjoy!



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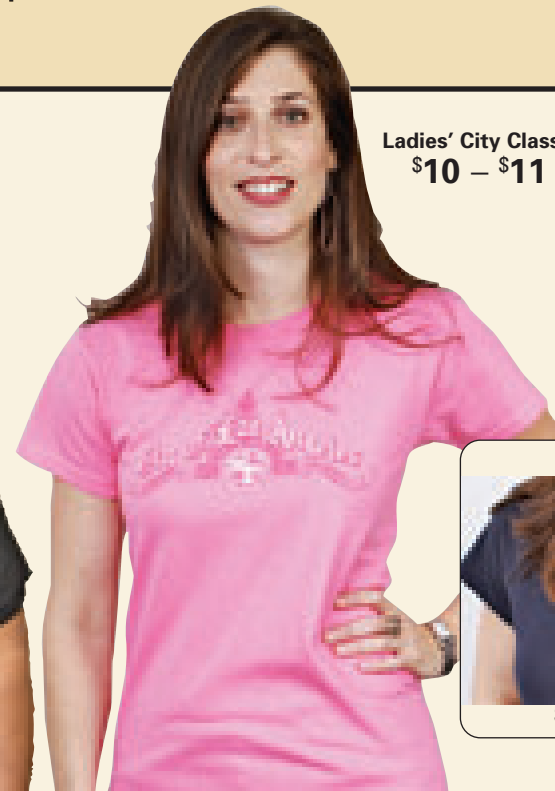
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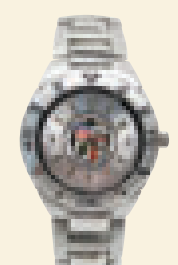
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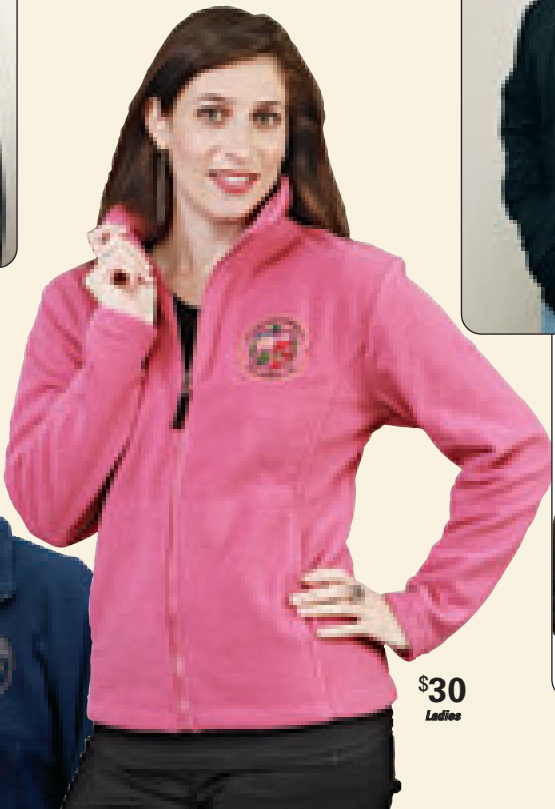
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