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THE CITY PARTIES  
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# Holiday

INSIDE: The absolute best reports and pics from the City's holiday parties. Enjoy!



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A Message From the CEO

# Parties, Valentines, And One Goodbye

by John Hawkins,  
President and CEO, The Club

You have fun, and we cover it... that pretty much sums up one of the busiest times of *Alive!*'s year. And year in, year out, it's also one of our most popular features.

It, of course, is "The City Parties," when our Counselors attend as many of your holiday parties as they can, and recap them in the pages of *Alive!*'s Our Counselors, who are already busy serving the benefit and insurance needs of our Club Members, spend even more time attending your City holiday parties, and covering them all for your reading pleasure. It's hard work, meeting holiday *Alive!*'s deadlines while honoring their end-of-the-year responsibilities. But our Counselors value the time they spend with our Club Members and other City Employees, and they make it happen. It's all about celebrating your lives.

And speaking of the holiday, I want to give a quick shoutout to all the great Club Members and our own staff – **Arlene Herrero, Jackie Causillas, Robert Larios** and **Rachael Brecher** and the **Club Store staff** – for the awesome result with this year's Club Toy Drive. We don't make a big deal out of it every year, but maybe we should. Club Members donated 275 toys this year. In a word, that's incredible. All of you made the holidays a whole lot brighter for needy families this year. And thanks to LACECA, the LAPD, General Services, and **Laura Rangel** for accepting our toys to their programs. (Similarly, congrats to Public Works/Street Lighting for their own toy giveaway.)

Speaking of *Alive!*'s traditions, there's another one that has been building over the years – tracking City Employees as they are deployed out of state, or sometimes out of the country, to help others in a time of need. We've covered the LAFD's Urban Search and Rescue teams, General Services teams, and other units tasked with saving victims or helping damaged areas recover.

This month we bring you a story on a DWP electrical unit deployed to Long Island, N.Y., to empower the locals after Super Storm Sandy devastated the Atlantic seaboard. Congrats to **Walter Rodriguez Jr.** and **Shawn Monahan** of the DWP for bringing some of LA's best firepower to help others outside the City.

We're just starting the New Year, but I want to remind all the Club romantics out there – that might as well be everyone! – that another great *Alive!*'s tradition is just around the corner. I'm talking about Valentine's Day, and "Be My Club Valentine." We invite Club Members to send in a photo and a few lines professing your forever love for your main sweetie. It's a really fun feature, so send 'em in!



John Hawkins and Lupe Medina at Lupe's retirement dinner.

Before I complete my *Alive!*'s duties to enjoy my family Christmas (I'm writing this on Dec. 18), allow me a few lines to say goodbye to one of the main faces of the Club. **Lupe Medina** – longtime Club employee, smiling spirit of the Club Store, and loving organizer of our quarterly *Alive!*'s coloring contests – is retiring in early January. She has meant a lot to the success of the Club, and it wouldn't have been the same without her. I wish you, Lupe, an awesome retirement with the family you love so much. Thank you for your joy and steady good cheer. Come visit often!

This New Year brings new Club benefits – Club discounts at the Discovery Science Center in Orange County and at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. You can be sure there will be more to come. A New Year means a fresh call to serve you, our Club Members, in new and innovative ways. We celebrate your lives every day, and 2013 will be the best of all! Happy New Year, everyone.

JOHN

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With Valentine's Day Specials at the Club Store!

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**Cecilia Talbot,**  
Claims Manager



**Monica Zamudio,**  
Claims Assistant

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### Club Members' Praise

The [Club's claims] service "was very prompt and professional. Monica [Zamudio] was great! It was a pleasure working with her. She answered all my questions and made me feel very comfortable. Because of her, I will remain a member. She is a wonderful person."

— **Timothy Ashley, May 2012**

The Club's claims service is "excellent. Your expression of sympathy on the death of my husband, Glendon Jeffers, was greatly appreciated. Many thanks for all the assistance, information and encouragement you offered."

— **Myrtle Jeffers, April 2012**

The Club's claims service is "outstanding! Monica and Cecilia [Talbot] are exemplary representatives - very efficient, wonderful human beings. They treat you like family. It was the best service I have received from any company. Thank you, City Employee Club of Los Angeles, for outstanding performance and wonderful representatives Monica and Cecilia!"

— **Debby Labat, April 2012**

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— **Eugene Mezger, April 2012**

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These are the faces behind the Club. Our staff is dedicated to helping our members receive the maximum benefit from their membership. If you have questions, concerns or suggestions about your Club, our counselors are ready to help.



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# Letters to the Editor

Tell us what you think! [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

## LETTERS OF THE MONTH

### Hal's Personality Shines Through In His Treks Around the Globe



Hey *Alive!* team, can you pass a message to Hal, of "Adventures with Hal." Please tell him that I really enjoy his monthly travel articles. When I read them I feel like I am right there alongside him even though in reality I'm sitting in my comfy Lazyboy recliner. Whether he's petting an African elephant or drinking a glass of *chianti* in Italy, I can practically hear his voice as he's telling Evelyn to be careful with the three-week-old lion cub she was coddling (last month's paper). So I hope he'll get this message and he will know that he has a fan. In fact,

I'm sure he has thousands of fans cheering him on as each month passes. So, thank you, *Alive!*, for bringing his wit and humor to the pages of the best newspaper in the City. *Au revoir!*

– Thomas Lechliniski, Retired

### Margarita's Nephew Is A Real Stand-Up Guy

Member Margarita Guevara wrote to *Alive!* to thank us, and share a photo of her nephew. The Club Store staff had given him a used Cars display, and he was delighted.



Thanks for writing, Margarita, and sending the fun photo! You're welcome. – Ed.

### Earth Met Sky When City Employees Moved Endeavour

I had no idea that the space shuttle *Endeavour* was so large! What a historic day in Los Angeles when the space ship landed at LAX, and then one of the most significant moments in the history of the City of Los Angeles happened when several departments from the City teamed up to move the spacecraft from LAX to the Science Center near USC. Amazing job, and I tip my hat to you all. Thank you to *Alive!* for documenting this grand effort.

– Margie Jones, Retired

### The Club Saves You Money Even When You're Parked

I used WallyPark when visiting the in-laws for Thanksgiving, and I was pleasantly surprised at the discount I got – 30 percent! That is better than the Auto Club! Loving the Club even more.

– Gwen Jackson, LAFD

### She Just Called to Say Thanks For Great Auto Insurance Deal

Hello, this is **Martha Simeone**, and I just wanted to let you know that I signed up for your Club-sponsored auto insurance with United Agencies. I am going to save more than \$600 a year, so thank you, thank you, thank you. Merry Christmas.

– Received via voicemail

### Thanks Club, for Working While City Has Holiday Fun

I wish to thank all the Club staff who took photos for the holiday parties this month. Can't wait to see them in this issue!

We as employees look forward to seeing these pictures of colleagues and friends every year. But I know how hard it is on your reporters to work these events when there are so many of them. My warmest gratitude and appreciation for doing what you do.

– Hank Mendfield, General Services

### Alive! Brings Best of the City For an Enjoyable Retirement

Hi there. My name is William and I am 87 years old. I worked for the City of Los Angeles for 35 years. Those years were quite possibly the best years of my life. Well, I was writing to you to let you know that I am so glad you switched newspapers to *Alive!* *Alive!* is the best thing that has happened to me during my retirement. I get to live and breathe the active City work force. I look forward to *Alive!* every month and so does my wife. While I used to toss that old paper into the trash, now I actually keep *Alive!* and re-read it over and over. Again, thank you so much. You made a retiree of the City very, very happy.

– William Smithers, Retired, Street Services

FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS ANSWER THE

# Question OF THE MONTH

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

Asking the DWP's Bishop and Lone Pine Yard crews at their quarterly safety meeting:  
**What did you splurge on during the holidays?**



"Christmas decorations."  
– Trish Drake, Sr. Clerk Typist, 22 years of City service



"Hunting and fishing gear."  
– Phillippe Pena, Apprentice Lineman, 2 years of City service



"Work hours."  
– Russ Fischer, Power Station Operator, 32 years of City service



"A new car."  
– Ezra Tsosie, EDM, 6 years of City service



"A new RV."  
– Allen Harrison, Lineman, 21 years of City service



"A divorce."  
– Jim Stevens, Lineman, 3 years of City service



"Family time."  
– Jim Cowgill, Patrolman, 29 years of City service



"A kitchen remodel."  
– Michael Conely, EDM, 34 years of City service



"My son's lineman school."  
– Eddie Muniz, Building Repairman, 13 years of City service



"I don't have a dime for a down payment on a hot dog."  
– John Ramirez, ECH, 21 years of City service

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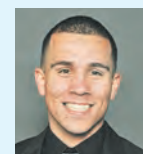
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Note: The Club Store will be closed Jan. 21 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

DWP

# Saved From Sandy

**DWP crews deploy to the East Coast to help in the massive recovery effort after Super Storm Sandy.**

*Photos courtesy Walter Rodriguez, Power System Safety Crew, DWP*

In the aftermath of Super Storm Sandy, which devastated New Jersey and New York, crews from the DWP helped get parts of the east coast back up and running again.

Three-dozen trucks and 60 workers from the DWP boarded giant U.S. Air Force C-17s and C-5A cargo planes. The crews assisted the Long Island Power Authority with power restoration in the suburbs east of New York City, it was reported.

The DWP crews left Nov. 4. The City Council approved the emergency move Oct. 31.

Line crews, tree trimmers and fleet support workers were airlifted east, along with bucket trucks, digger derricks, and other support vehicles.

The DWP crews received much praise from the residents. "On day 13, we saw a few trucks from your area," read one email comment. "I approached them about the downed wire [in our back yard]. They stopped what they were doing and went to observe the downed wire. They agreed it was dangerous. They capped it and less than a half-hour later, it was fully repaired. Thank you, Shawn Monahan and crew."

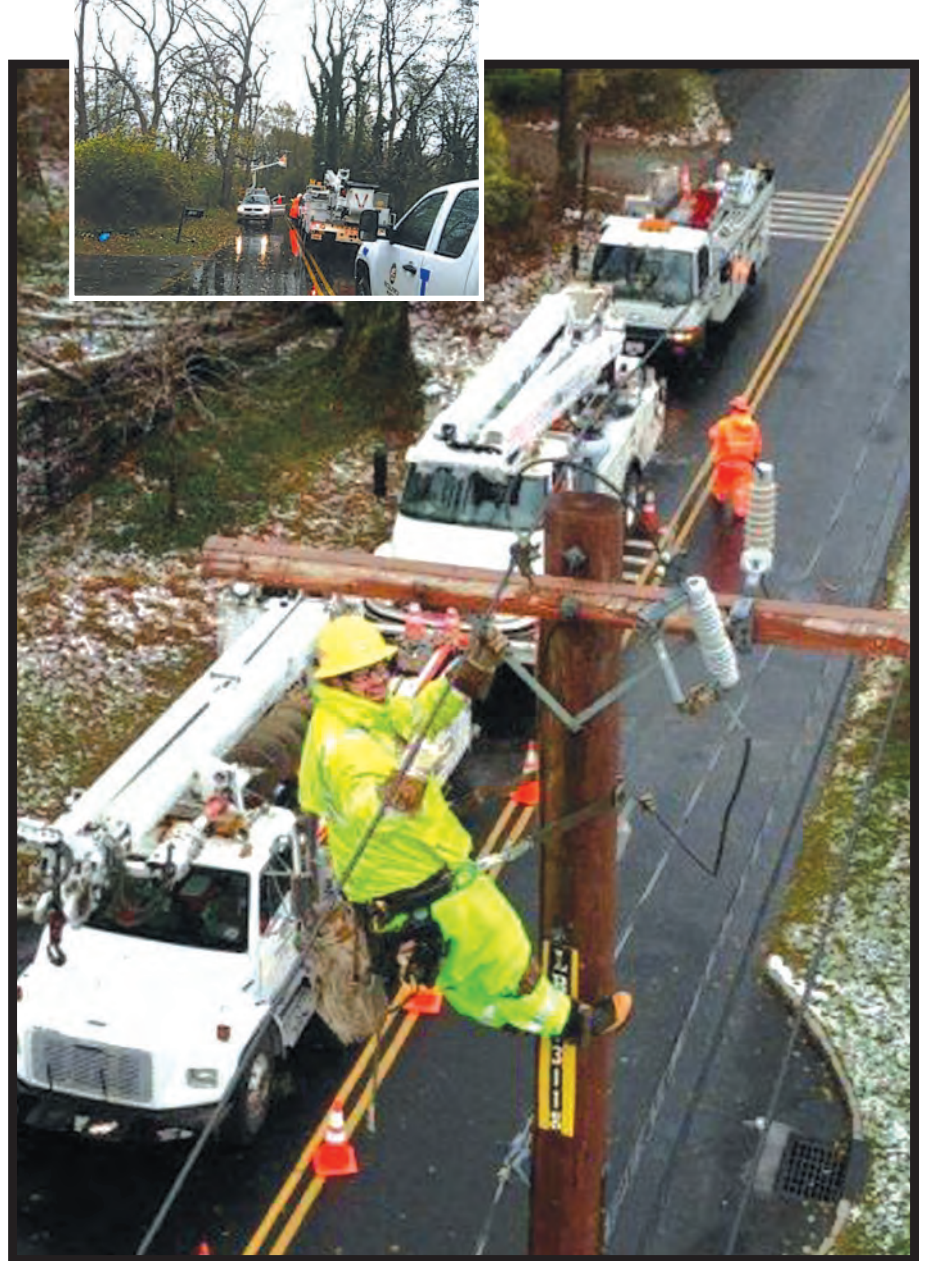
Wrote another: "Thank you, Mr. Monahan, for all your crew did here on Long Island. I certainly want you to know how much my family and I'm sure this neighborhood appreciate all you did for us. You and your crew will never be forgotten here."

Good going, DWP!

## The DWP crews on Long Island, N.Y.



## The crew's temporary quarters.



## Aboard the cargo plane.



## After a job well done.



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# GENERAL SERVICES MVPs: MOST VALUED PERFORMERS

*General Services hands out its Most Valued Performance Awards. Lots of Club Members are honored.*



From left: Tony Royster, General Manager; Nazario Saucedo, Director of the Bureau of Street Services; Ray Solomon, Club Member; Richard Villacorta, Club Member; and Deborah Ramos, Assistant General Manager.



Assistant General Manager Val Melhoff kicks off the General Services MVP Award ceremony in the Public Works Boardroom.



*Story and by Gedina Bergstrom, Club Counselor; and Richard Wuerth and Eric Robles, Club Members.; Photos by Gedina Bergstrom, Ramon Galvez, Edyth Alquiros and Irwin Jazmines*

On Nov. 15, General Services handed out its Most Valued Performance Awards, which are some of the highest awards the department gives.

The event took place in the Public Works Board Room downtown.

According to the General Services Website, the MVP (Most Valued Performance) awards are given to General Services employees whom the General Manager finds has performed well above the call of duty. Nominations can be sent by anyone, any time.

The criterion for this award is that the employee has completed or continues to perform an extraordinary work-related accomplishment. Recipients receive a framed plaque and a trophy or cup. The General Manager presents the award to the recipients at a gathering of managers, family and coworkers, and the employee's name is added to a wood scroll in the lobby of City Hall South.

The event began at 2 p.m., with an introduction by Valerie Melloff, Assistant General Manager, General Services. General Manager Tony Royster followed, handing out the MVP awards.

***On these pages is a listing of the MVP awards.  
The text is from General Services.***



People are excited about the presentations after many years of hard work.



An empty Public Works Board Room awaits the celebration.

## Individual Winners

### Sgt. Larry Guillen *Office of Public Safety*

"Sgt. Guillen displays a good attitude by complementing employees for good work completed. His good attitude has been contagious around the office, contributing to a pleasing work environment. He is willing to help others and has assisted night watch with Occupy LA enforcement. His team's contributions are to be commended for bringing quality service to the citizens of LA. He is a very professional sergeant and performs his duties beyond what's expected. He is always willing to help anybody and goes out of his way to answer questions and explain how things are done. He spreads positive energy through his wonderful smile. He has proven himself as a person you can look up to and trust."

*Sgt. Guillen was nominated by 13 of his co-workers.*



Sgt. Larry Guillen, Office of Public Safety, was honored. Pictured are (from left): Capt. Richard Musquiz; Sgt. Larry Guillen; and Tony M. Royster, General Manager.



Sgt. Larry Guillen, honoree, and his family with Tony Royster, General Manager.

### Barry Saizon *Street Services Supervisor II, Construction Forces Division*

"Exemplified the Spirit of General Services"

"Mr. Saizon is the second-level supervisor overseeing multi-craft construction on three active projects totaling more than \$5 million at LAX. His performance of duties is directly responsible for creating 40 hiring hall jobs in the Division. Mr. Saizon continues to demonstrate an attention to public and employee safety that is extraordinary. He truly expends an extra effort on assignments; takes on more responsibility than typically is asked of an employee in this classification; exhibits outstanding leadership to maximize performance and productivity; and consistently demonstrates initiative on all aspects of this very difficult and demanding assignment."

*Barry was nominated by Nick Pendorf, Division Manager, Construction Forces Division, Club Member.*



Barry Saizon (second from left) received the "Exemplified the Spirit of General Services" award. Pictured are (from left): Tony Royster, General Manager; Barry Saizon; Nick Pendorf, Construction Division Head, Club Member; and David A. Paschal, Asst. General Manager.

### Brad Duvall *Sr. Storekeeper, Supplier and Customer Relations Division*

"Throughout his career, Brad has always gone over and above what is required of his position. On paper his duties include troubleshooting and resolving inventory related problems, creating and tracking inventory codes for approximately 44,000 items stocked in approximately 60 warehouses through the City, and so much more. What is not stated in his duties is the City's Supply Management System, which he taught himself. He now oversees critical processes and has taught himself more than 40,000 data tables."

*Brad was nominated by Deborah Ramos, Asst. General Manager.*



Brad Duvall (left) won an individual award. Pictured are (from left): Brad Duvall, Sr. Storekeeper; Deborah Ramos, Asst. General Manager; and John Trevgoda, Division Head, Supplier and Customer Relations Div.

### Ying "Ken" Mak *Mail Services Division*

"With each time-restrictive project, Mr. Mak has stepped up to the plate. In all operational areas, Mr. Mak demonstrates an above average productivity level, completes tasks accurately, maintains mail integrity, and packages in a professional manner. Whether working independently or in a team setting, Mr. Mak has never failed to meet deadlines! In addition, Mr. Mak continually extends his expertise to others for improved methods in their mail preparation -- his outcome is 'working smarter, not harder' and guaranteed postage reductions. He is an invaluable asset."

*Ken was nominated by Jeanette Arnold, Managing Analyst.*



Ying "Ken" Mak, Mail Services Div., won an individual award. Pictured are (from left): Jeanette Arnold, Managing Analyst; Melody McCormick, Facilities Services Division; Tony Royster, General Manager; Ying "Ken" Mak, Mail Services Div.; Val V. Melloff, Assistant General Manager; and Aram Salmasi, Mail Services Director.





## Team Winners

### Supply Services Division *Reverse Auction Team*

Kenneth Desowitz, Director of Supply Services; Melissa Yusilon, Acting Supply Services Manager; Michael Maliniak, Supply Services Manager, Club Member; Connie Espinoza, Procurement Analyst; Linh Hua, Procurement Analyst; Camille Carapetian, Acting Procurement Analyst, Club Member; Sandy Ke, Procurement Analyst; Tanesha Smith, Procurement Supervisor, Club Member; Claudia Landrum, Procurement Analyst; and Kitty Pai, Procurement Analyst.

“Over the past year, the Procurement Staff participated in a pilot program to implement a reverse auction setting into our traditional competitive bidding process. This team took the initiative to select procurements that were ideal candidates for a reverse auction process. These reverse auction requests for quotations that were prepared managed and processed by the above mentioned individuals were successfully solicited and awarded, yielding an annual savings of more than \$3.5 million, and a one-time savings of more than \$1 million for the City.”

*The team was nominated by Deborah Ramos, Asst. General Manager*



The Supply Services Division/Reverse Auction Team was honored. The team includes: Kenneth Desowitz, Director of Supply Services; Melissa Yusilon, Acting Supply Services Manager; Michael Maliniak, Supply Services Manager, Club Member; Connie Espinoza, Procurement Analyst; Linh Hua, Procurement Analyst; Camille Carapetian, Acting Procurement Analyst, Club Member; Sandy Ke, Procurement Analyst; Tanesha Smith, Procurement Supervisor, Club Member; Claudia Landrum, Procurement Analyst; and Kitty Pai, Procurement Analyst.

### Custodial Services Division *Central Police Station Custodial Team*

Carlos Lopez, Sr. Custodian II; Taiwan Swearegene, Custodian; and Federico Pena, Custodian, Club Member.

“Central Police Station is one of the largest police stations, with a condensed employee population and an area population of approximately 40,000 people and covers 4.5 square miles. This team took on a building that was degraded from continuous service reductions, plagued by the area in which it is located and went above and beyond the basic tasks. They took their duties to heart and demonstrably changed the cleaning standards and overall look and condition of the station. During these tough economic times, when workload has increased and staffing as decreased, this wonderful team has exemplified the concept of teamwork and adversity. Because of the hard work from each individual, the station is a cleaner environment for the public and all city staff, and a welcomed site when coming into work.”

*The team was nominated by Loretta M. Quenon, Custodial Division Head.*



The Custodial Services Division: Central Police Station Custodial Team, from left: Loretta Quenon, Custodial Services Division Head; Carlos Lopez, Sr. Custodian II; Taiwan Swearegene, Custodian; and Federico Pena, Custodian, Club Member.

### Fleet Services Division *Seventh Street Body Shop Team*

Robert Nieto, General Automotive Supervisor; Earnest Keith Hall, Sr. Automotive Supervisor, Club Member; Hector Meza, Auto Body Builder and Repairer, Club Member; Thomas Ruiz, Auto Body Builder and Repairer, Club Member; and Steve Prasch, Auto Body Builder and Repairer, Club Member.

“The Fleet Services Seventh Street Body Shop team has exhibited excellent performance and leadership in the establishing an MOA and completing collision repairs for Los Angeles World Airports. Since the beginning of the MOA, the team has completed repairs on LAWA emergency and support equipment assigned to both LAX and Ontario Airports. They have completed this work on time or ahead of schedule while simultaneously continuing to meet the needs of their pre-existing customers. The team has also completed repairs on some units in less time than the industry average. The quality of the work completed has met or exceeded dealership performance standards. For these reasons, these employees should be recognized for their excellence.”

*The team was nominated by Richard Coulson, Division Head, Club Member.*



Fleet Services Division/Seventh Street Body Shop Team was honored. They are (from left): Robert Nieto, General Automotive Supervisor; Earnest Keith Hall, Sr. Automotive Supervisor, Club Member; Hector Meza, Auto Body Builder and Repairer, Club Member; Thomas Ruiz, Auto Body Builder and Repairer, Club Member; Steve Prasch, Auto Body Builder and Repairer, Club Member; and Richard Coulson, Division Head, Club Member.

## Special Recognition Winners

### Jeffrey McKimson

*Sr. Clerk Typist, Fuel Services Division*

“Jeffrey McKimson has worked for the Petroleum Products Unit (PPU) of the General Services Fuel Services and Environmental Compliance Division since Nov. 4, 2002, first as a Clerk Typist and was promoted to lead the unit as a Sr. Clerk Typist. Mr. McKimson can be counted on to get the job done. He has played a vital role in the successful consolidation of the Fire and Police department fuel accounts into the PPU. That move made his responsibility almost double as 63 Fire Stations and 21 Police Stations were added to PPU sites for supplying fuel and petroleum-related products. His willingness to assist co-workers and share with them how to streamline the work processes in accomplishing assignments efficiently without compromising quality an accuracy have made him a very valuable member of the unit.”

*Jeffrey was nominated by Carlos Benedicto and Rene Villa-Agustin.*



Jeffrey McKimson, Sr. Clerk Typist, Fuel Services Division, was honored. Pictured are (from left): Angela D. Sherick-Bright, Assistant General Manager, Club Member; Jeffrey McKimson; and Rene Villa-Agustin.

### Personnel Services Division Team

Also winning awards was the Personnel Services Division Team: Theresa Pina, Clerk Typist, Club Member; Lupe Marquez, Sr. Clerk Typist; Betty Urena, Clerk Typist; and Janice Baumgarten, Personnel Records Supervisor.



The Personnel Services Division Team, from left: Theresa Pina, Clerk Typist, Club Member; Lupe Marquez, Sr. Clerk Typist; Betty Urena, Clerk Typist; and Janice Baumgarten, Personnel Records Supervisor.

### Street Services



Street Services Awards: Deborah J. Ramos, Asst. General Manager and Nazario Saucedo, Director of the Bureau of Street Services, presenters; Angela D. Sherick-Bright, Asst. General Manager, Club Member; Richard Coulson, Club Member.

### General Services

In addition, the Board of Public Works also honored General Services employees for their job performance. Accepting the Public Works awards were Melody McCormick, Facilities Services Division, Club Member; Loretta Quenon, Custodial Services Division, Club Member; Kelly Cooper, Maintenance Division; and Nick Pendorf, Construction Forces Division, Club Member.



Board of Public Works Special Awards, from left: Andrea Alarcon, President of the Board of Public Works, presenter; Melody McCormick, Facilities Services Division, Club Member; and Tony Royster, General Manager.



Board of Public Works Special Awards, from left: Andrea Alarcon, President of the Board of Public Works, presenter; Nick Pendorf, Construction Forces Division, Club Member; and Tony Royster, General Manager.



Board of Public Works Special Awards, from left: Andrea Alarcon, President of the Board of Public Works, presenter; Loretta Quenon, Custodial Services Division, Club Member; and Tony Royster, General Manager.



Board of Public Works Special Awards, from left: Tony Royster, General Manager; Kelly Cooper, Maintenance Division; and Andrea Alarcon, President of the Board of Public Works, presenter.



From left: Bill Prigge; Officer Sal Jaramillo, 31 years of City service; and Officer Steve Estrada, 32 years.



From left: The Club's Robert Larios, Vice President of Operations; Chief Charles Beck; Leo Samaniego, Sr. Management Analyst, 24 years of City service, Club Member; and Daniel Wang, Club guest.



From left: Mark Clack; Mike Gauba; Officer III Al Gonzales, 17 years of City service; and Neal McDonough, actor.



From left: Bernardo Baraya, Jose Madrina, Mike Deitch, and Officer Fred Yamamoto, 25 years of City service.



From left: Chip Beck; Dan Quick; Thomas Howell, actor and film director; and Officer Randy Fontyn, 26 years of City service.



From left: Brad Lander; Marcellus Wiley, athlete; Det. Vince Carreon, 24 years of City service; and Tommy Wong, Mechanic for Motor Transport, 14 years.



From left: Mark Courtney, Trent Poole, Kevin Williams, and Adam Baldwin, actor.



From left: Howard Rose; Harold Sulman; Larry Vallon; and Officer Laurence Meyerowitz, 7 years of City service.



From left: Tony Demaio; Micky Dolenz, actor, musician and director; Det. III Doris Andrews, Retired; Vanessa Marcil, actress; and Sgt. Thomas Holzer, 26 years of City service.



From left: Jamie Carroll; Joe Connolly; Willie Gault, former professional athlete; and Lt. Ron Spicer, 24 years of City service.



From left: Officer III Joe Sanchez, 12 years of City service; Leo Samaniego, Sr. MA, 24 years; Det. II Jason De La Cova, 13 years; and Brett Tilly.



From left: Det. Rick Jackson, 33 years of City service; Joe Grande, radio host and actor; Bob Sherwin; and Officer Carlos Barrios, 19 years of City service.



From left: Chris Benway; Raymond Cruz, actor; Sgt. Jon Aufdenberg, 18 years of City service; and Sgt. Richard Levy, 25 years.

LAPD

# Teeing Up

## Police Dept. holds annual celebrity golf tournament for charity.

Story by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor; Photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager

The 41st annual LAPD Family Fun Day and Celebrity Golf Tournament was held at the Rancho Park Golf Course Oct. 13. This year, the event was hosted by none other than legendary LA Dodgers broadcaster, Vin Scully! Many other celebrities came out to show their support and help raise money for the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation.



From left: Officer III Roz Curry, 18 years of City service, Club Member; Vin Scully, LA Dodgers broadcaster; and Nina Curry, daughter of Roz.

The event kicked off with Chief Charlie Beck and Vin Scully welcoming the crowd. A SWAT helicopter then landed on golf course, and two SWAT officers emerged, making their way towards Chief Beck to give him a golf ball for the first tee for the tournament.



From left: Victor Barte; Dave Makowski; Jake Pavelka, actor; John Winder, Mechanic for Motor Transport, 8 years of City service, Club Member.

More than 130 golfers participated in the tournament. Even the Club's very own Vice President of Operations, Robert Larios, joined in on the fun and played as part of the Club's own sponsored team.

At the end of the day, a catered barbecue dinner was provided for the players, sponsors, and special guests under a beautiful tent on the golf course. After the dinner, there was a raffle and auction for various prizes and the winning teams for the tournament were announced.

### Tournament results:

- **First Place Team:** Dominick Menton, Dennis Mitchell, Kenny Landreaux, and Det. K. Schmidt.
- **Second Place Team:** Jerry West, Paula Trickey, James Ewing, and David Levine.
- **Third Place Team:** Joe Baxter, Rob Morrow, Det. Terry Fathauer, and Mike Philbrick.

What a successful fundraiser!

John McMahon, President of Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation.



From left: Officer III Gerardo Bautista, 5 years of City service; and Officer III Steve Hong, 5 years.



From left: Dave Gomez, Sr. Photographer, 16 years of City service, Club Member; and Vin Scully, LA Dodgers broadcaster.



From left: Lourdes Varas, PSR II, Communications, 23 years of City service, Club Member; and Det. Vince Carreon, Detective, 24 years.



From left: Mary Lodolo, Family Support Group; and Angie Roman, Executive Administrative Assistant, 37 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Thurman Calloway, Grounds and Maintenance, 28 years of City service; Fred Gallowes; and Michael Cudlitz, actor.



From left: Chris Weir; Brandon Molale, Actor; Cheech Marin, Actor and Comedian; Willie Carter, Police Officer, 31 and a half years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Steve Anderson; Eric Martsolf, actor; Sgt. Andy Rea, Retired, 30 years of City service; and Marianus Von Korff.



From left: Cmdr. Jerry Szymanski, Retired, 37 years of City service; Emilio Rivera, actor; Lt. Robert Fox, Retired, 29 years of City service; and Officer Tyler Fox, 10 years.

LAPD

# With Celebs



From left: Andy Boston; Doug Whitney; Vic the Brick, radio host; Danny Masterson, actor; and Officer John Dunlop, 17 years of City service.



From left: Officer Frank Camello, 21 years of City service; and Officer Larry Sam, 9 years.



From left: Daniel Wang; the Club's Robert Larios, Vice President of Operations; AJ McClean, musician; and Officer Bruce Borihnanh, 14 years of City service.



Bob's Big Boy sponsored team, from left: Athena Bradburn; Galen Gering, actor; Lt. Al Jackson, 28 years; and Officer Jonathan Gan, 2 years.



From left: Rob Esparza; Det. Kent Oderinlo, Club Member; Quinton Aaron, actor; and Cory Bogdanoff.



From left: Luc Robataille, retired hockey player; Marv Dauer; Lou McClary; and Bruce McNall.



From left: Tim McBride; Joe Mantegna, actor; Dep. Chief Pat Gannon, Retired; and Officer Michael Gannon, 7 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Officer II Abraham Rivera, 5 years of City service; and Officer II Robert Medina, 5 years.



From left: Mike Bostic, Retired Assistant Chief; Andy Jansen; Wesley Jonathan, actor; and Dan De Sollar.



From left: Steve Hansen, Eddie Fierro, Damien Gutierrez, and Officer Trevor Schultz, 1 year of City service.



From left: Steve Smith; Jack Wagner, actor; David Gomez, Sr. Photographer, 16 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer Arturo Gonzalez, 9 years of City service.



From left: Joe Baxter; Rob Morrow, actor; Det. Terry Fathauer, 24 years of City service; and Mike Philbrick.



The Live Nation sponsored team, from left: Brad Wavra, Ryan McElrath, Kevin Holzer, and Mark Norman.



From left: Jim Curry; Ron Masak, actor; Michael O'Neill, actor; and Det. I David Purcell, 17 years of City service.



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- Aug. 6:** RLACEI picnic, Grace E. Simons Lodge.
- Sept. 19:** RLACEI corporation meeting and elections, Friendship Auditorium.
- Dec. 5:** RLACEI holiday party, Friendship Auditorium.

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## Riordan Plan Dies, but Pension Reform in Play

2010 Club Excellence Award Recipient



Ed Harding

By Ed Harding,  
**RLACEI President**

The holiday party was a big success. Lita Payne gave the oath to our newly elected Directors. Thank you, Lita.

The Friendship Hall was almost full to capacity. It was a pleasure to see many familiar faces and some new ones. They were enjoying themselves as they were visiting and listening to the holiday music while eating a delicious sizable dish, which consisted of barbecue chicken, barbecue ribs and beans, fruit salad, garlic toast, and ending with our famous carrot cake, all prepared by Chris and Pitts. No more sandwiches to be served at

our events.

Alex Rabrenovich, Chief Benefits Administrator, LACERS, spoke on upcoming changes in Retiree medical plans and current pension status. Thank you, Alex, for this information and for satisfying our members with their concerned questions.

I also want to thank John Hawkins, President and CEO of the City Employees Club and *Alive!*, who brought with him 22 door prizes consisting of \$25 and \$50 certificates and See's Candies certificates.

Fifty door prizes were given away at this holiday event.

Robert Larios, Vice President of the City Employees Club, was mingling with our members, asking and answering questions

about *Alive!* and the Club, making our members feel comfortable. He was also taking pictures for this *Alive!* issue. Thank you, Robert.

Special thanks go to Americo Garza, our entertainment chairman, for making this a successful and entertaining holiday event.

Also, Americo: The Executive Board, your Fellow RLACEI Directors and I want to congratulate you on your upcoming marriage to your longtime girlfriend, Shirley, to be held in December. We wish you many years of happiness!

I want to wish all our members and friends a Happy New Year! See you at our general meeting April 11 at the Friendship Hall.

## Voters Back Pension Change



Michael R. Wilkinson

**RLACEI Legal and Policy Issues**  
 by Michael R. Wilkinson

Voters who came to the polls in November's election favored changes to eliminate the current guaranteed lifetime pension for Los Angeles City workers in favor of a 401(k)-type plan that places all the risk of loss on the employees, according to a poll done by researchers from Loyola Marymount University's Center for the Study of Los Angeles.

The plan the voters were asked about is the now defunct ballot measure proposed and then later withdrawn by former Mayor Richard Riordan after it faced withering attacks from labor organizations representing all City employees.

The study suggests that despite the demise of the Riordan initiative, the public may support additional major changes to the current pension law similar to what voters approved in San Jose and San Diego, where they approved measures that strip new employees of the protections of a traditional pension for the 401(k) pension that is not guaranteed to provide a retirement. While the changes were not backed by a majority of those polled, 44 percent backed the Riordan plan compared to 26 percent opposed, with the remainder undecided.

At the same time, the voters polled were leaning against supporting a half-cent sales tax plan that is expected to be on the March ballot. The new sales tax was opposed by 45 percent and favored by 34 percent, with 20 percent undecided.

These studies may not be the last word in how the public views the current budget crisis in Los Angeles, but it does show that they are concerned about City finances and may still be ready to push for additional changes in City pensions rather than to approve additional sales taxes as the only answer.

Anyone who views the recent vote approving the statewide Proposition 30 as a sign that public is ready to solve all of the state and City's budget problems with additional sales taxes should take a second look at the pushback from voters shown here. We are out of the woods on Riordan's latest plan, but he or someone else may come back and again bring voters another plan to end or severely limit traditional pensions for City employees.

## State Pension Problems in CA and IL



Michael Karsch

**RLACEI Pension Law and Policy – Legislative Report**  
 by Michael Karsch

Municipal bond investors across the country view our state and Illinois as "least-loved states" for making investments in this market. Illinois ranks lower than California, but both are in the bottom of the 50 states, except that California pulled ahead further with the approval of Proposition 30 increasing the income and sales taxes. This tax

hike, plus modest reform of the state pension system, showed up Illinois, which has done little to improve its standing. Illinois' deficit is \$1.8 billion, versus California's \$15 billion, but the pension funding ratio is 43.4 percent versus 77.1 percent, respectively. The 30-year yield on Illinois bonds is 3.67 percent, compared to 3.1 percent in California (a higher yield means bigger perceived risk). The *Wall Street Journal* interviewed municipal investors who said that California has a better chance of getting

upgraded while Illinois may see a downgrade; one firm said they were holding on to California bond debt, but avoiding any buying of Illinois' GO bonds.

Earlier in November, the *Chicago Sun Times* reported that Commercial Club of Chicago had recommended that the annual cost of living increases for all state retirees need to be "reeled in" from their automatic level of 3 percent. The Commercial Club report said that all cost of living increases need to be eliminated, that a cap on salaries must be

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Michael Karsch, continued from page 12

imposed upon which pensions can be based, that the retirement age for full pension benefits must be raised to 67, etc. Illinois Governor Pat Quinn (D) and House Minority Leader Tom Cross (R) agreed with much of the Commercial Club's recommendation.

U.S. News reported in early November that the national presidential election brought up many bailouts of economic sectors, includ-

ing the car industry, the housing bubble, the banks, and the green businesses, but failed to get into the potential need to bailout the public pension systems around the country.

California's Legislative Analyst Office reported in late November that California faces a deficit of \$943 million in fiscal year 2012-13 despite approval of the tax increases in Prop. 30. Other negative observa-

tions include the failure of large revenue gains from dissolving the redevelopment agencies (the projection of savings is \$1.8 billion less than assumed), the cap-and-trade revenues are unlikely to materialize (while \$500 million had been expected in the first year, now it looks more like \$100 million), and the unfunded pension benefits of more than \$150 million.

## New Year Means New Challenges, Opportunities



Mary Beetz

By Mary Beetz, RLACEI Publicity Chair

### Form 1099-R

LACERS will mail Retired Members their IRS Form 1099-R (Distribution from Pensions, Annuities, Retirement, etc.) by the end of January 2013. Members who do not receive their 1099-R by February 15 should contact LACERS to request a new one. Regenerating a 1099-R may require a few working days to process. Also, Retirees who recently moved should contact LACERS to update their address information.

### ERRP Defrayals of Monthly Medical Premium Deductions End January 2013

If you currently receive a defrayal of your monthly medical premium deduction as a result of LACERS' participation in the Early Retiree Reinsurance Program (ERRP), your defrayal ends January 2013. Beginning February 2013, the full amount of your monthly medical premium deduction will be subtracted from your monthly retirement allowance. To find the full amount of your monthly medical premium deduction, visit the Retired Members homepage at [www.LACERS.org/retired](http://www.LACERS.org/retired) and calculate your monthly deduction by

clicking the *I Want to Calculate My 2013 Medical Subsidy* link, or view the 2013 Health Benefits Guide. If you have further questions, contact LACERS at 800-779-8328.

### Basic Medicare Part B Premiums to Increase in 2013

Each year, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) set the Medicare premium rates for the following calendar year. For 2013, CMS announced that the basic Medicare Part B premium will increase \$5, from \$99.90 to \$104.90 per month. This rate applies to all LACERS' retirees who are currently enrolled, or will be enrolled in Medicare Part B during the 2013 calendar year. The Medicare Part B deductible will increase \$7, from \$140 to \$147.

### Medicare Parts B & D and Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amounts (IRMAAs)

Social Security assesses higher-income earning Medicare enrollees with an Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) in addition to

their Medicare Part B and Part D basic premiums. In order to continue receiving a LACERS medical plan premium subsidy, Medicare enrollees in a LACERS 'health plan must pay any Medicare Part B and D IRMAAs. LACERS is not allowed to reimburse retirees for IRMAA payments.

## LIFE AFTER RETIREMENT

Americo Garza, RLACEI Director, will start the New Year as a married man, after many years of bachelorhood, to Shirley, a friend he had known for years in his past. When they met again, "Love blossomed."



Congratulations to Americo and Shirley. Wish you all the happiness that life can bring as you start your life together.

#### If you have:

- News about yourself, family or other retirees that you would like to share with our readers, send it and we will publish it.
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## Newtown and Our Pension Plans



Michael Perez

By Michael Perez, Retired General Manager, Fire and Police Pensions

Over the years, public pension plans have been asked to "divest" from certain companies. "Sin" stocks, such as alcohol and tobacco, have been worked out of some pension portfolios. Many funds have policies that discourage investments in companies that contribute to Iran's capability to produce nuclear weapons.

It is difficult to craft such "social investment policies," since a duty of a fund is to make the best possible risk-adjusted return, and putting lim-

its on investments can hurt returns.

Sometimes, though, you may think a bit outside the normal box of risk-adjusted returns and look at the risks we live with. When 20 first-graders and six adults lose their lives in Connecticut, on top of so many other instances of mass killings, it breaks your heart, and maybe hardens your resolve to do something about it.

The three pension systems in the City of Los Angeles collectively have more than \$30 billion invested in a diverse mix of investments. It is unlikely they have a large portion of their funds invested in companies that manufacture weapons like the assault rifle the Connecticut shooter allegedly used, or that sell kits to automate such weapons. But the

pension systems do have the power to review the issues, to discuss options in open session, and possibly adopt policies that will discourage the proliferation of, access to, and wrongful use of such powerful weapons. Such actions will keep the discussion going, will be picked up by the press, keep it in our minds, and just maybe help make meaningful changes, not for the politics of it, but to protect ourselves, our young, our friends and families.

These are our pension systems, meant to provide us secure income and health plans in retirement — can't they contribute to making the environment we live in more secure as well? *Michael Perez can be reached at [smartpensionreform@gmail.com](mailto:smartpensionreform@gmail.com)*

## LACERS Update



Lee Kebler

By Lee Kebler, LARFPA Director

We just finished a great Christmas celebration and look forward to a new start in a New Year. This means we should make a list of resolutions like lose weight, get in shape, stop smoking, stop drinking, learn a new subject, help others and hundreds of others. These resolutions are designed

to improve ourselves; wouldn't it be nice if our politicians would make resolutions every New Year to improve government's responsibilities toward its employees and retirees? What a crazy idea.

This year is going to be an interesting year with the City election for a new mayor, the continued attacks on our pension systems, health subsidies, the reduction of manpower and services to our citizens and the growth in the popula-

tion of the City. We are fortunate that former Mayor Richard Riordan has withdrawn his initiative to place all pension systems on a Defined Contribution (DC) plan. Let's hope he doesn't decide to bring back his DC pension plan again for the next election in 2014.

Don't forget to make your resolutions for 2013 and hope the politicians also make some self-improvement resolutions for 2013.

## For Retired Club Members

# The Best Years

## RETIREMENT HELPLINE

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

City Employees Retirement System: (213) 473-7200

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

- Mary Beetz Ext. 711
- Cliff Cannon Ext. 715
- Hal Danowitz Ext. 707
- Americo Garza Ext. 710
- Edward Harding Ext. 703
- Michael Karsch Ext. 704
- Gary Mattingly Ext. 702
- Phillip Orland Ext. 709
- Neil Ricci Ext. 714
- Helen Salgado (membership) Ext. 713
- Ken Spiker Ext. 705
- Tom Sternock Ext. 708
- Michael Wilkinson Ext. 712
- Questions: Ext. 0
- RSVP: Ext. 701

DWP Retirement Plan Office (213) 367-1722

## RLACEI:

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- Edward Harding: President
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- Tom Sternock: Second Vice President
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- Mary Beetz: Publicity
- Hal Danowitz: Finance
- Americo Garza: Picnic, Holiday Party and Installation
- Neil Ricci: Health and Nominating
- Helen Salgado: Membership
- Ken Spiker: Legal and Legislative
- Tom Sternock: Audit and Golf

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# The Best Years

## For Retired Club Members

2010 Club Excellence Award Recipient



By Hal Danowitz,  
Secretary, RLACEI

### PART THREE

## First a Mountain, Then Echoes of Apartheid

After a safari, Hal and Co. head to Cape Town to begin a cruise.



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

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

As we continue the story, we drove from Botlierskop to Cape Town. We got up at 6:30 a.m. After breakfast we met our driver, Basil. Cape Town is 240 miles southwest of George, and the drive takes about five hours, depending on the amount of roadwork going on. The road started out like a freeway, divided in the middle, with two lanes on each side; then it became a three-lane road, and then two lanes until we reached Cape Town.

Before we left, Evelyn shopped at the gift shop. In general, the prices in South Africa are a little better than the United States. While at the safari lodge, I ordered a Jack Daniel's on the rocks and got a very generous serving. Based on the exchange it was about \$1.25 US. Not bad.

Overall I would say our experience at Botlierskop (the safari) was quite positive. We could have paid less if we had spent more time looking on the Internet. We booked the resort through Africa Travel, and we met a couple at the lodge that said we could have booked using a South African travel agent and saved a lot of money. She gave us a name and promised to send us additional information. The experience, though not entirely a "safari" experience, was more like Jurassic Park meets the Ritz-Carlton. All in all, not at all disappointing.

We made one stop during the drive and arrived at the Westin Hotel in Cape Town at about 1:30 p.m. The ride took just under five hours. The Westin is near the V&A (Victoria & Alfred) Harbor in the Convention Center area. When we were here in 2001, none of this area was developed.

We checked in and then cleaned up from the ride. Myrna and Don arrived on an early-morning flight from Los Angeles, and we had agreed to meet for dinner. We called them about 4 p.m., and we all took the hotel shuttle to the Victoria and Alfred Harbor Waterfront for dinner. We stopped at a couple of restaurants and picked one that had South African food. I had had so much meat over the past three days that I had chicken, and so did Evelyn. With wine, beer and tip, the check was 900 rand, about \$115 US for the four of us.

Don and Myrna were still suffering from jet lag, so we returned to the hotel with a plan to meet in the morning for breakfast and then visit Table Mountain before boarding the ship. The hotel gave us a late checkout until 2 p.m., which allowed us to leave our bags in our room until we left for the ship.

I think we were over the jet lag, as the alarm woke us both up at 6:30 a.m.

The weather was great: lots of sunshine and warm during the day, and cool in the evening. There was no rain in sight.

I had purchased tickets for the cable car ride up Table Mountain before we left home. We took a taxi from the hotel. It took about 15 minutes and cost \$12.50 US with tip. Because we had tickets, we skipped the



The ride up Table Mountain in the cable car.

long ticket line and climbed directly aboard the cable car (it held 65 people). Everyone wanted to be by the open windows, but the floor of the car revolved, so everyone got a chance at the open windows. The ride took about five minutes. The weather was great – no wind and sunny. We were told that there were more days when the ride does not operate because of weather than when it does. When we were here in 2001, the cable car was down for repairs, and we did not get to the top.

There were a number of walking paths, and the view stretched all the way to the Cape of Good Hope, which is about an hour away by car. We spent about an hour at the top of Table Mountain and then rode the cable car down. For an early Sunday morning, it was getting crowded. Table Mountain has been selected as one of the seven natural wonders of the world. It is really pretty amazing.

We took a taxi back to the hotel to check out and board the *Ocean Princess*. We didn't need the late checkout. That night, we would spend the night aboard the ship in Cape Town and sail at 5 p.m. tomorrow.

With only 600 passengers, boarding was quick. Having been on board another cruise on the same boat just six months prior, we knew our way around, and after dropping off our hand luggage, we all went to the buffet for lunch. After lunch, Evelyn and I took the ship's shuttle to the waterfront to do a little shopping and buy some wine. The ship does not allow you to bring hard liquor aboard, but we could bring wine and beer. Our friends Kobie and Roche, who are from South Africa, gave us a list of South African wines, and we used it to select two bottles. We bought some more the next day. We returned to the ship about 4 p.m. and found that three of our four bags were in the cabin, but Evelyn's large bag was missing. We unpacked what we had, and our cabin steward, Dennis, came in to introduce himself.

At 5 p.m., we all headed to the lounge for the nightly cocktail party for suite passengers. The hors d'oeuvres were free, but we had to buy our own drinks.

At 6 p.m. it was time for dinner in the dining room. Normally we have a reserved table, but that night it was open seating. After dinner, there was an African folkloric in the show room. It was nice to have something different than the normal entertainment. The rhythms of the music reminded me of American jazz and melodies I would associate with the Caribbean. Funny how we get it backwards: These melodies were brought to

America by the slaves from West Africa.

We got back to our room, and still there was no sign of Evelyn's big bag. Evelyn and I headed to the passenger service desk to see what was happening. We must of passed our bag on the way down the four flights of stairs because we were told that if it was a big blue one it had been sent up to our cabin. It seemed that the baggage tag with our cabin number had been torn off and it took a while for them to check the ID on the bag. But all's well that ended well, though Evelyn was already planning on spending Princess' money on a new wardrobe. Not really!

The next day we visited Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned.

We left the ship around 8:30 a.m. to go to Robben Island. The ship's tour hostess told us how to get to the ferry by walking, so we followed her directions and found the ferry terminal in about 10 minutes. We had purchased the tickets on the Internet and joined the line to board the ferry; the ride took about 30 minutes. Robben Island had been



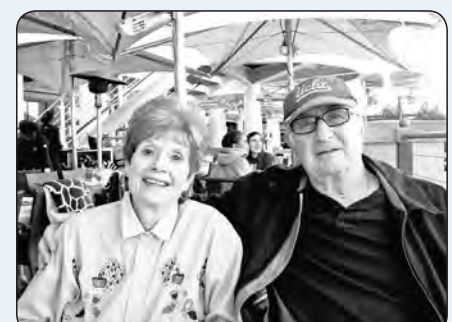
The prison on Robben Island.



Table Mountain at sunrise from Robben Island.



Evelyn on Robben Island with Table Mountain in the background.



Myrna and Don at Victoria & Alfred Waterfront Harbor.

RETIREES:

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### For more information, contact the Club:

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- www.cityemployeesclub.com
- (800) 464-0452

used as a prison for many years, but is most famous for the political prisoners held there during apartheid (1948-94). We took a 45-minute bus ride around the island and then had a guided tour through the prison, where we saw the cell where Nelson Mandela was held. The guides were former prisoners, and their narrative was very moving. We walked back to the ferry for the ride back to Cape Town harbor. There is much more history to the island, including its use as a leper colony and as a fortified gun location during World War II.

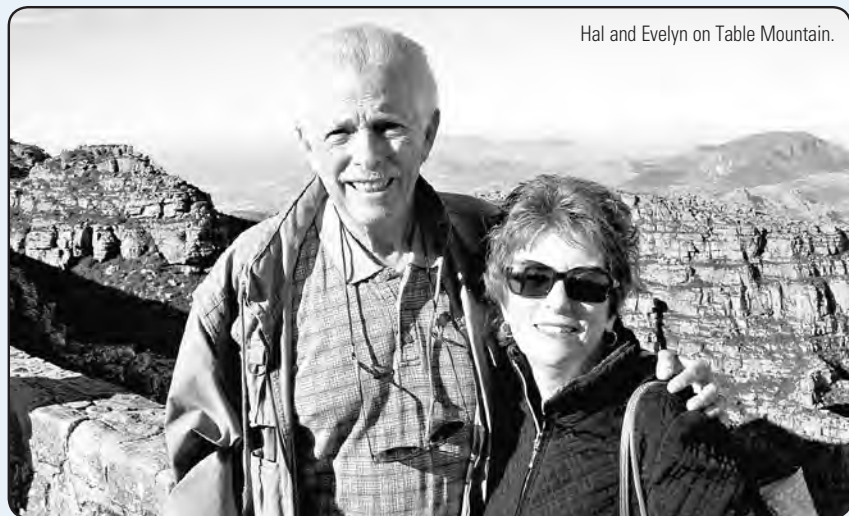


After lunch, we cleared immigration and returned to find our cabin completely flooded. A fresh water pipe had broken. At that moment they were vacuuming up as much water as they could. We were not getting any information on what was happening, so I sent an email

to the Princess home office. We decided to eat in the buffet, seeing that we really couldn't use our cabin to clean up. We had drinks in Don and Myrna's cabin and then had dinner. After dinner we checked on the cabin and found that the room was put almost back together, except that the rug was still very wet and there was a wet smell. The email to Princess brought a whole host of Ship's Officers to our cabin, and the cleanup seemed to be going in the right direction.

The ship sailed from Cape Town at 5 p.m. We'll continue our tale next month, when we stop in our next West African port, Lüderitz, Namibia.

We stopped to purchase more wine and then returned to the ship using the shuttle. Since the end of apartheid, South African wines have been imported into the States. Although fairly new to most Americans, South African wines have a long and prestigious history dating back to the 1600s.



Hal and Evelyn on Table Mountain.

## Thought For the Day

May this New Year bring you good health and many joyous happy memories to all our retirees and their families. Do what makes you happy; you have earned it.

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## Retirements

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

NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS
Aceves, Patrick	Park Ranger	Rec and Parks	21	Clemente, Theresa	Com. Program Dir.	CDD	23	Paulson, Vanessa A.	Eme. Prep. Coord. II	-	30
Adams, Dwayne M.	Traffic Officer II	Transportation	31	Clifford, Linda	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst II	Harbor	26	Ramos, Josefina	Council Aide II	Council	10
Aiken, Victoria	Sr. Librarian	Library	29	Gerson, Corazon	Sr. Auditor	Harbor	10	Ramsay, John W.	Personnel Analyst II	Personnel	31
Alcala, Conchita	Sr. Clerk Typist	General Services	32	Guo, Hugo Zuoping	Com. Engr. Assc. IV	ITA	8	Richardson, Brenda	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst II	Harbor	35
Bolton, Carl L.	Pr. Storekeeper II	General Services	28	James, Ira Lee	Crossing Guard	Transportation	0.6	Riley, Randall W.	Wast. Mgr. III	Public Works	35
Boyle, Francis Henry	Building Inspector	Building & Safety	16	Jimenez, Louise L.	Legal Secretary	City Attorney	10	Sansbury, Carl A.	Airport Police Lt.	Airports	30
Braggs, Emmette	Sr. For. Print. Spec.	LAPD	23	Kocincki, Lindsey A.	Animal Keeper	Zoo	26	Simmons, Frank C.	Welder	Public Works	37
Bratton, William	Chief of Police	LAPD	14	Matthews, David H.	Garage Attendant	Airports	13	Smith, Casandria H.	Mgmt. Analyst II	Conv. Center	14
Calimlim, Johnny N.	Veterinarian	Animal Services	5	Murillo, Rosemary	Pr. Clerk Police II	LAPD	31	Tachibana, Jeoffery	Equip. Mechanic	LAPD	7
Cavazos, Steven R.	Bin. Equip. Oper. II	General Services	26	Ortega, Judith A.	Exec. Adm. Asst. III	City Clerk Office	42	Tsubota, Alan	Police Service Rep	LAPD	23
Chavis, Robin D.	Messenger Clerk	Library	11	Patel, Babubhai	Wast. Trnt. Oper. III	Public Works	11	Vuong, Ngocan T.	Sr. Sy. Analyst II	Cont. Office	32

# The Best Years

## RETIREES AROUND THE WORLD



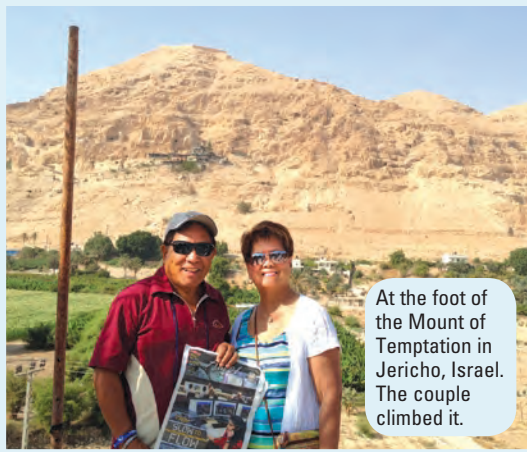
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### Middle East

"Here are some pictures that my dad, **Pablo Ninofranco Jr. (Retired, Harbor)** and his wife, Josie, took on his last trip."  
 – Phyllis Ninofranco, Harbor



In front of the Treasury in Petra, Jordan. The Treasury is one of the Seven Wonders of the World.



At the foot of the Mount of Temptation in Jericho, Israel. The couple climbed it.



The Galilee Museum.



Overlooking the old city of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives in Israel.



The Sea of Galilee.



By the Dead Sea.

### Take the Club with you, wherever you go!

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"Get a spanking brand new car, baby!"  
 – Henry Starks



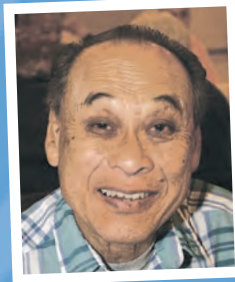
"Downsize, stay healthy and clean out the storage."  
 – Arlene Stephens



"Stay healthy."  
 – Michael Warner



"Travel, especially to Italy."  
 – Dolores Medina



"Stay well, keep warm and stay happy."  
 – Ed Shum, Public Works/Contract Admin

### Retirees Question of the Month:



"Get more healthy, clean up the house, and especially the garage!"  
 – Beverly Anderson



"Go to South Africa."  
 – Sharylon Davis

## What's your New Year's resolution?



"Diet and exercise, and get Fred to take dance lessons."  
 – Fred and Ruth Kong



"Get healthy!"  
 – Mic Bacon



"Be a better person."  
 – Leroy Richard



"To exercise."  
 – Shirley Tan



"To regain goooooo health!"  
 – Curtis Hopkins



"To be healthy and travel to many, many places."  
 – Dorothy Tamashiro



"To get this pain to go away!"  
 – Richard Tan



"Have a lot of fun and enjoy life, but especially help others."  
 – Inez Williams, Controllers' Office



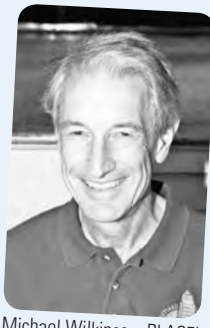
"Stay super well!"  
 – Olivia McGhee





From left: Mic Bacon, Housing, Retired, 21 years of City service; Dorothy Tamashiro, Controller, Retired, 36 years; Shirley Tan, Controller, Retired, 33 years; Richard Tan, LA County, Retired, 25 years of County service; Beverly Anderson, LAPD, Retired, 32 years; Larry Tamashiro, Retired, LA County, 34 years of County service; Mei Yee, Controller, Retired, 25 years; Garry Hart, Retired, Cal State Dominguez Hills.

## For Retired Club Members



Michael Wilkinson, RLAECI Director.



Curtis Hopson, Public Works/Street Services, 36 years of City service, with his wife, Altrechia.



Debra Charney came to the event with her father, Julian Torres, who retired from Building and Safety.



Sylvester Warsaw Sr., Retired, Public Works/Street Maintenance, 28 years of City service, with his wife, Carol.

RLACEI

# A Retirees Holiday

RLACEI hosts annual holiday party.



Johnny and Emilia Blanco. Johnny retired from Public Works/Accounting, and Emilia retired from General Services.



Gary Mattingly, RLAECI Director.



Leo Rosen, Retired, with his son, Jack (left) and wife, Norma.

The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) celebrated its annual holiday party Dec. 6. The party was held at the Friendship Auditorium.

While the RLACEI holiday party is an annual event, this particular party marked the first one with the Club as the group's association partner.

Longtime friends and past co-workers had a chance to catch up, share a meal, and win a prize or two if they were in luck.

The event included wonderful Christmas musical entertainment. A buffet-style lunch was served, which consisted of barbecue chicken, barbecue ribs and beans, fruit salad, garlic toast, and ending with our famous carrot cake, all prepared by Chris and Pitts.

Happy holidays to all at the RLACEI!

*Special thanks go to Ed Harding, President of the RLACEI, for his assistance.*



Sam Hochberg, retired from the Convention Center.



Robert Harvey and his daughter, Rolanda. Robert retired from Public Works/Street Maintenance.



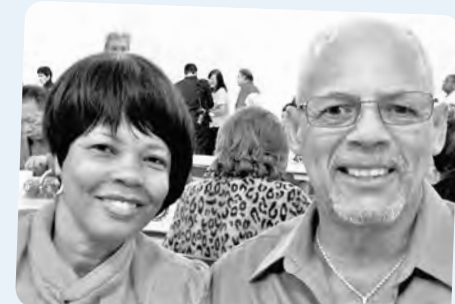
Inez Williams, Retired, Controller, 30 years of City service.



Rose and Julian Torres have been married for 58 years! Julian retired from Building and Safety.



Michael Karsch, RLAECI Director.



Cleoni and Anthony Vann. Anthony retired from Harbor.



Ping and Virginia Lit. Ping retired from Harbor and Virginia from Public Works.



Renee O'Mally, daughter; and Wilma Rebbe, Retired, Library, 37 years of City service.



Henry and Lois Starks. Henry was with Public Works/Street Services for 40 years before retiring.



Tony Alvarez and his girlfriend, Maria Ream.



From left: Dolores Medina, Retired, 32 years of City service, Personnel; and Sharylon Davis, Retired, Public Works/Street Services, 34 years.



From left: Martha Harding, wife of RLACEI President Ed Harding; with RLACEI Directors Mary Beetz, Americo Garza, and Helen Salgado.



Tom Sternock, Second Vice President, RLACEI.



Gary Boehn, retired from the LAPD (civilian).



William Lillenberg retired from City Planning, where he was a Zoning Administrator for 15 years.



The RLACEI holiday party.



From left: Michael Warner, Retired, Public Works/Contract Admin, 31 years of City service; Ruth and Fred Kong, Retired, Public Works/Contract Admin, 34 years; and Olivia McGhee, Retired, Public Works/Contract Admin, 35 years.

LAPD

# Maretha Moves On

Club Member Maretha Evans retires from the LAPD after 37 years of City service.



Maretha Adams and her husband, Bruce.



Story by Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor; Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager

Friends, family, and colleagues gathered Nov. 28 to wish Maretha Adams, Club Member, a happy retirement. Maretha retired after 37 years of City service as a Management Analyst II, LAPD.

The event took place at the Almansor Court in Alhambra.

Thank you, Maretha, for all the years of hard work and dedication!



Capt. Brenda Crump, Legal Affairs Division, 24 years of City service, presents a plaque to Maretha Adams, Management Analyst 37 years, Club Member.



From left: EJ, son of Maretha Adams, Retiree; Jahselyn, her granddaughter; Maretha Adams, Management Analyst II, Retiree, 37 years of City service, Club Member; and Keisha Adams, Maretha's daughter.



From left: Martin Bland, Sr. Management Analyst II, 24 years of City service; Sandra Johnson, Sr. Management Analyst I, 33 years; Maretha Adams, Management Analyst II, Retiree, 37 years, Club Member; Greg Toyama, Sr. Management Analyst I; Cheryl Masters, Sr. Management Analyst, 14 years; and Capt. Brenda Crump, Legal Affairs Division, 24 years.



From left: Linda Thomas, Retired, 27 years of City service; Maretha Adams, Management Analyst II, Retiree, 37 years, Club Member; Etta Bonner, Retired, 30 years; and Sandra Johnson, Sr. Management Analyst I, 33 years.



From left: Sheila Hardy; Maretha Adams' niece; and Velma Alexander, Maretha's sister.



Back row, from left: Maretha Adams, Management Analyst II, 37 years of City service, Club Member; Michelle Chow, Management Aide, 10 years; and Greg Toyama, Sr. Management Analyst I. Front: Glanner Denton, Paralegal II, 23 years; Anne Veal, Sr. Clerk Typist, 7 years; and Adriana Cervantes, SCT, 8 years.



From left: Sandy Mac, Retired, 38 years of City service; Maretha Adams, Management Analyst II, Retiree, 37 years, Club Member; and Rene Teate, Retired, 34 years.



Retiree Maretha Adams' husband, Bruce Adams, opens the celebration by sharing a few kind words about her.



Retiree Maretha Adams surrounded by her siblings.



From left: Brian Adams, Maretha Adams' son; Geraldine Scott, Maretha's cousin; Maretha Adams, Management Analyst II, Retiree, 37 years of City service, Club Member; Esther Adams, Maretha's mother in law; and Krandalyn Emmanuel, Maretha's Goddaughter.

CITY CLERK

## Part-Time Poll Workers Needed

City Employees can earn extra cash as poll workers next year.

Story courtesy City Clerk's Office

Next year promises to be an exciting year for the City's municipal elections! Angelenos will be electing a new mayor, a handful of new council representatives, a new Controller and a new City Attorney. This is also a great opportunity for City employees to participate and potentially extra money.

Part of the City Clerk's Election operations includes a special program specifically designed for current City employees, where employees have the opportunity to be City Employee Poll Workers (CEPs). This special pool of poll workers is trained and relied upon to step up to challenging situations on Election Day.

Due to budget constraints and staffing issues, not all City departments participate. For a list of participating departments, see contact information below.

For a CEP application, go to: [http://city-clerk.lacity.org/election/CEP\\_Application.pdf](http://city-clerk.lacity.org/election/CEP_Application.pdf)  
General information: [http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/CEP\\_Information.pdf](http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/CEP_Information.pdf)

Other questions, contact Sandra Mendoza, Project Coordinator: (213) 978-0001 or email: [clerk.electioncep@lacity.org](mailto:clerk.electioncep@lacity.org)

AIRPORTS

# New Chief for Airport Police

Patrick Gannon named new Airport Police Chief.

Story by Nancy Castles, Media Public Relations Director, Airports; Photo by Jay Berkowitz, Photographer, Airports

Patrick Gannon, an LAPD veteran, was named the new chief of Airport Police Oct. 24 and was officially sworn in Nov. 26. Chief Gannon is responsible for law enforcement and security at Airports' four facilities: Los Angeles International (LAX), LA/Ontario International (ONT), Van Nuys (VNY) general aviation, and aviation-related property in Palmdale. He reports to Airports Deputy Executive Director for Law Enforcement and Homeland Security Arif Alikhan.

Gannon retired from the LAPD last summer after 34 years of service, of which 12 years were at the executive management level. At retirement, he was deputy chief of LAPD's Operations-South Bureau. This bureau served 800,000 residents in South Los Angeles with 1,700 sworn employees and 150 civilian employees. In this assignment, Gannon was responsible for overseeing all law-enforcement services delivered by four community police stations, a traffic division, and a homicide division.

In his new position as Chief of Airport Police, Gannon will lead the fourth largest law enforcement agency in Los Angeles County with more than 1,100 law enforcement, security and staff personnel. Airport Police officers and Civilian Security Officers are assigned to a wide range of law enforcement and security functions including police patrols, explosives detection, traffic enforcement, criminal investigations, dignitary protection, regulatory enforcement, access control, counterterrorism, infrastructure protection, and tactical response.

"I am thrilled that Pat Gannon will be the



Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon.

next chief of the Los Angeles Airport Police," said Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. "Pat served the Los Angeles Police Department with distinction for 34 years, and supervised over 1,700 employees. He understands policing, understands homeland security, and understands the importance of policing while serving the interests of the community. The Los Angeles Airport Police and the LAX community are fortunate to have such a distinguished law enforcement expert to be its next chief."

Los Angeles Councilmember Bill

Rosendahl, whose Council District 11 includes LAX, said, "I'm thrilled to have Pat Gannon take the reins of the Airport Police. He brings to LAX a well-earned reputation for building consensus and working with local stakeholders to enhance public safety and security. The traveling public can rest assured with Chief Gannon at the helm, and I look forward to working with him."

Los Angeles Councilmember Joe Buscaino, who represents Council District 15 said, "As a 15-year veteran of the LAPD, and member of the Public Safety Committee and the Trade, Commerce and Tourism Committee, I can say with complete confidence that Pat Gannon is the right person for this job. With over three decades of experience in the LAPD, Pat's leadership of the Airport Police will ensure LAX, LA/Ontario and Van Nuys airports will be safe, secure and prepared to confront the modern security challenges of the 21st century."

Airports Executive Director Gina Marie Lindsey said, "Our core business is to run our three airports safely and efficiently. Public safety is our number one priority and the appointment of Chief Gannon will help us continue to meet that goal."

Gannon graduated from Cal State/Dominguez Hills with a Bachelor's degree in public administration and from the University of Southern California with a Master's degree in public administration. He has also successfully completed the Senior Management Institute for Police in Boston and the West Point Leadership Program.

Gannon has received a number of awards for community policing and, in 2011, he received the President's Award for Community Partnerships from the Police Officers Association of Los Angeles County.

THIS MONTH AT THE

# Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

A REC AND PARKS FACILITY

## Whale Fiesta

Sunday, Jan. 27  
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

CMA celebrates the migration of the Pacific gray whale and the beginning of the whalewatching season! It's a family day filled with activities and exhibits for all — games, arts and crafts, puppet shows, food and gift vendors, marine awareness organizations, guest lecturers and music.

Festivities include the building of a life-sized sand sculpture of a Pacific gray whale. For those with a competitive edge, enter the Duct Tape Whale Sculpture Contest and the Great Cetacean Creation Sand Sculpture Contest. Free, open to all.

**(310) 548-7562**  
Parking: \$2.

### Support the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium!

Consider joining the Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

(310) 548-7410

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## GENERAL SERVICES

# Thanks, Custodians

General Services hosts 15th annual celebration of the work of its custodians.



From left: Derrick Shannon, Custodian Supervisor, 12 years of City service, Club Member; Aldridge Carter, Custodian Supervisor, 11 years, Club Member; Keisha Tyler, Custodian Supervisor, 11 years, Club Member; Carnell Baker, Custodian Supervisor, 14 years, Club Member; Lavern Cheatham, Custodian Supervisor, 16 years; Giovanni Dunn, Custodian Supervisor, 14 years, Club Member; and Carla Hall, Custodian Supervisor, 15 years, Club Member.



From left: Debra Williams, Custodian, 23 years of City service, who won two Medieval Times tickets donated by the Club; and Gerardo Olmos, Custodian, 15 years, who won two Disneyland tickets donated by the Club.



Story and photos by Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor

On Nov. 1, General Services held its 15th annual Custodian Appreciation Day! The event was held at City Hall.

During the ceremony, various awards, certificates, and service pins were presented to employees from all three districts: LAPD, Civic Center, and Outlying Areas. A catered lunch by the Italian restaurant, Portofino, held on the front lawns of City Hall, followed the ceremony. There were also various prizes raffled off. The Club donated prizes for the raffle.

A great big thank you is extended from the Club to all the custodians who help make our City great!



Top, from left: Francisco Zepeda, Custodian, 13 years of City service, Club Member; Jorge Zepeda, Custodian, 13 years; Santos Barragan, Custodian, 11 years; and Sanjuana Salas, Custodian, 5 years; Bottom: Jose Ramon Lopez, Custodian, 24 years, Club Member; Josefina Raya, Custodian, 8 years, Club Member; Maria Rodriguez, Custodian, 6 years, Club Member; and Leticia Franquez, Custodian, 12 years, Club Member.



From left: Luc Morelos, Custodian, 8 years of City service; Felany Garcia, Custodian, 5 years, Club Member; and Manuel Estrada, Custodian, 7 years.



From left: Charles Crumble, Sr., Custodian, 7 years of City service, Club Member; Deanna Nichols, Custodian, 16 years; and Pablo Ortiz, Custodian, 15 years.



From left: Pablo Colmenares, Custodian, 11 years of City service, Club Member; Rocio Colmenares, Custodian, 15 years, Club Member; Pablo Colmenares, Custodian, 11 years, Club Member; and Lloyd Lewis, Custodian, 13 years, Club Member.



From left: James Hinton, Custodian, 15 years of City service, Club Member; Wayne Scranton, Sr., Custodian, 25 years, Club Member; George Padua, Custodian, 23 years, Club Member; and Felix Soriano, Custodian, 8 years, Club Member.



From left: Janelle Irving, Management Assistant, 1 year of City service; and Jarmine Bailey, Assistant Custodian Supervisor, 10 years, Club Member.



Winner of the Legoland tickets donated by the Club was Federico Pena, Custodian, 5 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Charles Weaver, Custodian, 7 years of City service; and Davidson Cato, Custodian, 9 years.



From left: Zane Tarver, Custodian, 12 years of City service; and Martin Schlageter, Sr., Policy Deputy for Councilman Jose Huizar, 1 year.



From left: Juan Gomez, Custodian, 7 years of City service, Club Member; Thomasina Tucker, Custodian, 10 years, Club Member; and Alberto Aldana, Custodian, 7 years.



From left: Maria Camacho, Custodian, 11 years of City service, Club Member; Luc Molinero, Custodian, 7 years; Maria Salazar, Custodian, 15 years, Club Member; and Rosa Munguia, Custodian, 11 years, Club Member.



Top, from left: Daniel Burnett, Custodian, 22 years of City service, Club Member; Arturo Campa, Custodian, 8 years, Club Member; Alma Mayes, Custodian Supervisor, 14 years, Club Member; Tommy Davis, Custodian, 11 years; and Marvin Bridges, Custodian, 9 years. Bottom: Pablo Colmenares, Custodian, 11 years, Club Member.



Alma Mayes, Custodian Supervisor, 14 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Jacqueline Shannon, Custodian, 12 years of City service; and Zane Tarver, Custodian, 12 years.



From left: Sergio Duarte, Custodian, 5 years of City service, Club Member; and Claudio Cardenas, Custodian, 9 years, Club Member.

THE CLUB

# Club Toy Drive Collects Most Ever!



Photo by Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor

Wow! The Club's annual Toy Drive collected 275 toys for the needy during the 2012 holiday season. That's incredible! "It's the most toys we've ever collected," says Arlene Herrero, the Club's Products Manager.

This year, the Club Toy Drive was held in

conjunction with three toy drives – those run by the LAPD, the Los Angeles City Chicano Employees Association (LACECA), and General Services. The Club thanks them for their management of this great project. Special Club thanks to Laura Rangel, Club Member, for her assistance.

We'll see you all next year with the next Club Toy Drive.



The Club delivers part of its collection of toys to LACECA representatives. The Club also distributed toys through the LAPD and General Services toy drives.

REC AND PARKS

# A Whale of an Opportunity

**Cabrillo Marine Aquarium seeks volunteers for its whale-watching program.**

The Cabrillo Whalewatch program is looking for enthusiastic volunteers college-aged or older to act as naturalists on whale-watching trips and provide whale lectures at schools.

Beginning Oct. 2, Whalewatch training classes will be given in the John M. Olguin Auditorium at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. Classes will be held every Tuesday from 7 - 9 p.m. through the end of March. Upon successful completion of training, volunteers will be officially certified whale watchers to share information about gray whales and other marine life.

Beginning the day after Christmas, the volunteer naturalists will sign up for a schedule of whale-watching boats departing from local landings in Redondo Beach, Long Beach and

San Pedro, as well as on-site visits to school classrooms.

The Cabrillo Whalewatch program is co-sponsored by the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium and the American Cetacean Society/Los Angeles Chapter. The Cabrillo Whalewatch volunteer training classes are free. The only requirements for volunteers are an interest in the ocean and whales, the desire to learn, and the ability to share their knowledge with others.

The Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr. in San Pedro and is a Rec and Parks facility, with support from FRIENDS of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. Information: Larry Fukuhara, Program Director, at (310) 548-7562 x223.



Seeing whales up close is a strong feature of the Baja whale-watching trip.



Cabrillo's Larry Fukuhara on a whale-watching adventure.

**Happy New Year**

**From the Club!**

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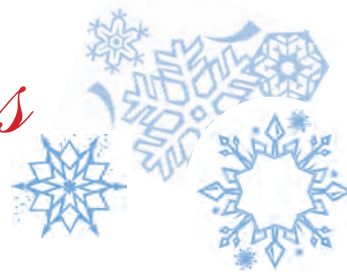
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# Holiday Happenings



## PUBLIC WORKS

### Street Lighting Plays Santa

Lockwood Elementary benefits from Street Lighting's huge spirit of giving.

*Story and photo courtesy Richard Lee, Public Works*

Public Works/Street Lighting employees donated more than 700 toys to Lockwood Elementary School Dec. 6 as a result of the Bureau's annual toy drive and holiday toy distribution. "This year's donation to Lockwood greatly exceeded our expectations," said Field Operations Superintendent Chris Moseman, who coordinates the annual drive. "We are very pleased that, thanks to the generosity of our staff, every student will receive a toy."

Lockwood officials first review the toys for appropriateness before deciding on recipients, to make sure they are distributed properly.

More than 520 students are enrolled at Lockwood Elementary, which is directly behind the Street Lighting Field Operations Division facility at 4550 Santa Monica Blvd. The Bureau has nearly 200 employees.



Lockwood Elementary School Principal Ruth Hamanaka and Public Works/Street Lighting Field Operations Superintendent Chris Moseman stop at the Christmas tree after the annual Street Lighting holiday toy distribution to the school today. This year, Street Lighting employees donated more than 700 toys to Lockwood.

## REC AND PARKS

### Skating Through January

Rec and Parks-sponsored Holiday on Ice continues through Jan. 21.

The holidays might be over, but Downtown on Ice continues offering family fun. Celebrating its 15th season for skating under the sun and stars at picturesque Pershing Square, 532 S. Olive St., the facility is open every day (including holidays) through Jan. 21.

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

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

#### Downtown on Ice

**When:** Through Jan. 21  
**Where:** Pershing Square, downtown at 532 South Olive, across from the Millennium Biltmore Hotel  
**Hours:** Monday -Thursday, noon - 10 p.m.,  
 Fri.-Sun., 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
 Special holiday hours for New Year's Day and Martin Luther King Day: noon to 10 p.m.

**Information:** [laparks.org/pershing-square/](http://laparks.org/pershing-square/) or call (213) 847-4970.  
[facebook.com/PershingSquareLA](https://www.facebook.com/PershingSquareLA)



## COUNCIL

### Council on Parade

City Council's Hollywood Christmas Parade a success.

*Photos by Jason Toth, courtesy Hollywood Christmas Parade*

An estimated tens of thousands of spectators enjoyed the Hollywood Christmas Parade Nov. 25.

The parade, an American tradition for more than 80 years, is held traditionally the Sunday after Thanksgiving. It was telecast locally and throughout the nation on the Hallmark Channel and in national syndication during December.

Councilmembers Eric Garcetti and Club Members Tom LaBonge and Jan Perry participated. The parade featured entertainers, celebrities, marching bands, floats, equestrian units and food.

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



The Long Beach Junior Concert Band.



Mr. LA, Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member.



A Woody-like inflatable.



The U.S. Marines band participated.



Councilwoman Jan Perry, Club Member.



Councilmember Eric Garcetti.



Pacific American volunteers.



Santa made an appearance. Photo by Mike Burk.



Grand Marshal Joe Mantegna.

# History Comes Alive!

Tales From the City Archives



by Hynda Rudd  
City Archivist  
(Retired) and  
Club Member



William Lacy in 1927.

## The Lacy Legacy, Continued

The vastly influential and pioneering Lacy family of Los Angeles is charted from 1887 to the present.

**PART 2** By Nicholas A. "Nick" Curry

Photos courtesy Security Pacific National Bank and Herald Examiner collections, Los Angeles Public Library Photo Collection, Christina Rice, Acting Senior Librarian; and courtesy the author

As stated in the first part, the William Lacy family of Los Angeles began in 1830 with the birth of William Lacy Sr. He was an architect, farmer, retailer, inn-keeper, banker, manufacturer, oil pioneer, gold miner, volunteer fireman and founder of Lacy Manufacturing Co., which in 1887 began its original business of sheet metal manufacturing and building steel pipes and tanks. It expanded into building heavy plate metal, boilers, petroleum refinery stills, storage tanks, water work appliances and the like. William Lacy was a "mover and shaker." He had two sons, William Jr. and Richard Henry.

Part I ended in 1908, with son, Richard, and his wife, Maud, a niece of Sir William Sullivan of the famed English comic operas, Gilbert and Sullivan, living in South Pasadena with their family of one son and five daughters. The 11-acre estate has since been subdivided into an upscale single family residential neighborhood with the original mansion of approximately 7,000 square feet still intact and maintained as a single family residence currently facing 1460 Avonrea Rd. in San Marino.

In June 1932, William Lacy Jr., mentally distraught and in greatly diminished health, took his own life at age 67. Richard assumed the presidency of the company. William Jr. was an important leader in business and a man committed to the building up of early Los Angeles. He was involved in numerous issues affecting the growth of the City. His last contribution led a drive for the building of the Colorado River Aqueduct, which became a reality in 1941. He did not live to see his dream come true. As a matter of interest, William Jr. and his family lived in an English Tudor mansion in the Hancock Park section of Los Angeles, and in 1949, the family sold it to the renowned entertainer, Nat "King" Cole.

In January 1940, Richard's beloved Maud died of breast cancer at age 68 and was interred within the Lacy family burial plot at San Gabriel Cemetery along with their only son, Richard William Lacy (a mechanical engineer), who died in 1927 at age 33.

Due to declining health, Richard Lacy stepped down as San Marino's first mayor in early 1942. His last public appearance was at the June 1945 gala homecoming of Gen. George S. Patton Jr. (1885-1945) on the front steps of the San Marino City Hall. Richard died of a heart attack at his last residence, the Huntington Hotel, on July 3, 1945, and is buried in the family plot at San

Gabriel Cemetery.

Richard Lacy was president of the Appleton Land and Water Company; director of Security First National Bank; vice president and director of Holly Development Co.; director of the Electrical Products Corp.; and, at the time of his death, director of the Oceanic Oil Co. His clubs and associations included the California Club, the Los Angeles Athletic Club, the Nidwick Country Club, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and The Merchant and Manufacturers Association. In politics, he was a Republican. He was survived by his five daughters: Helen Fitzpatrick, Marjorie Williams, Florence Smith, Constance Hayes and Eleanor Hanna.

The Lacy legacies are reflected in Lacy Park within the city of San Marino, which was once first known as Wilson's Lake and later as Lake Vineyard and subsequently named Lacy Park in April 1940, following the death of Maud Lacy.

Along the same line, Richard's father, William Lacy Sr. built a vacation home in 1888 in Pacific Grove, California on the Monterey peninsula. The house is now called the Green Gables Inn and currently used as a bed and breakfast inn.



Partial view of William Lacy's residence, a two-story Queen Anne-style home on Broadway near Griffin Avenue in Lincoln Heights. It is believed the house no longer exists. (Photo undated.)

The Puente Hills oil interests, along with family's Chino oil refinery, founded in 1892, were sold to Shell Oil Co. during the mid- to late 1930s. The management of the Lacy Manufacturing Co. was assumed by the two sons of William Lacy Jr. (William and Walter) in 1942, and ultimately ended up in bankruptcy in 1966, due to overexpansion. In 1971, Fred Lacy, son of Walter Lacy and grandson of William Lacy Jr., revived the company in Wilmington under the new name of Lacy Oil Tools Company, which he continued to own and operate in 2010, at the age of 81. And, one last legacy is the wonderful residential community of San Marino that Mayor Richard Henry Lacy so effectively promoted during his long and successful tenure in that capacity.

### About the Author

In part two, Nick Curry completes, for the time being, the monumental history of the William Lacy family.

Nick is a phenomenal Southern California historian. He loves chasing and compiling biographical family manuscripts of the following: the Dohenys; the Bixbys of Long Beach; the Spreckels; the William Randolph Hearsts; the Henry E. Huntingtons; the J. Paul Gettys; and the E.J. "Lucky" Baldwins.

Nick's publications with others include: *Rivers in the Desert*; *Dark Side of Fortune-The Triumphs and Tragedies of Edward L. Doheny*; *the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the Biltmore Hotel*; *Childrens Hospital of Los Angeles Centennial publication*; *Bullocks Wilshire publication*; *The Culture Broker: Franklin D. Murphy biography*; and *Privileged Son: The Chandler Family of the Los Angeles Times*.

Thanks, Nick, for your contribution to *Alive!*

- Hynda Rudd



Nick Curry

## HOUSING

# Family Day Picnic

Housing hosted annual summer picnic.



Story by Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor;  
Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Member  
Services Manager

On Aug. 11, Housing held its annual Family Day at the Park Picnic at Elysian Park. Employees brought their families and friends of all ages to celebrate the festivities.

General Manager Mercedes Marquez began the celebration by welcoming attendees and gave the blessing before everyone started to eat. Everyone had their fill and some even came back for seconds. The day started with a softball game in which players had the chance to represent their respected Divisions. Assistant General Managers Roberto Aldape and Greg Kung both cheered and played with their teams to show everyone that they, too, had the competitive edge and spirit!

As the celebration went on throughout the afternoon, there were numerous events going on. There was a chili cook-off and

a dessert contest, where numerous Housing staff members submitted their favorite recipes. The kids were occupied with lots of activities.

They had a potato sack race, water balloon and egg tosses, a three-legged race, a Hula Hoop contest, a dance contest, and a couple of piñatas to keep a smile on their faces!

Executive staff, Managers and Division Heads Rushmore Cervantes, Helmi Hisserich, Anna Ortega, Roberto Aldape and Greg Kung, along with fellow Housing personnel and family members, joined in on having a watermelon eating contest. All who participated quickly realized that eating watermelon with their seeds without using their hands is not as easy as it seems! GM Mercedes Marquez helped in determining who won the messy contest! But if you asked me, everyone was a winner! Thank you all - for being team players!

Special thanks go to Lorena Aguilar for her assistance in producing this story.



Manuel Bernal,  
Director of Major Projects,  
Club Member.



Ericka Peden, Housing  
Systems Group.



From left: Vicki Thanaski, Phuong Pham, Liseth Romero, and Mary Arredondo.



From left: Nell Dizon, Management Analyst II; Roya Babazadeh, Director of Compliance Division; and friend.

## PUBLIC WORKS

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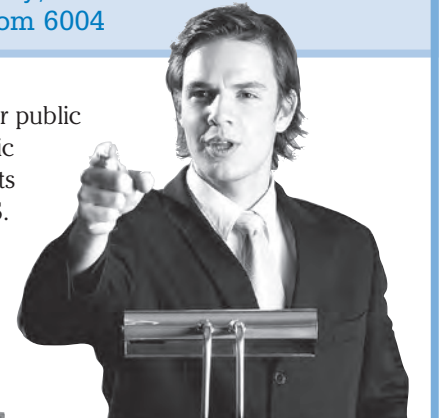
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*Toastmasters International is a non-profit, worldwide organization that helps its members develop their public speaking and leadership skills. The Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club belongs to Area 43 of Division D in the Downtown Los Angeles area.*



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The *Alive!* Children's Coloring Contest



Compiled by Mariana Guevara,  
Customer Service Associate

# Coloring with Mariana!

Color this fun picture, have an adult send it in, and you could be a **WINNER!**



Deadline for submission:  
**February 4, 2013**

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

Good luck, and have fun!

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

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ How old are you? \_\_\_\_\_

When is your birthday? \_\_\_\_\_ What is your favorite television show? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your favorite snack? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the first name of your best friend? \_\_\_\_\_

What amusement park do you want to go to, and why?: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/guardian phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's address/state/zip: \_\_\_\_\_



CONVENTION CENTER

# Taking the Lead On LEED

Rey Castro speaks to an international conference about the Center's impressive sustainability achievements.



Rey Castro, the Convention Center's Chief Building Engineer, at the GreenBuild San Francisco conference in November.

Photos courtesy Convention Center, and from *Alive!* archives

Last November, Rey Castro, Chief Building Engineer, Convention Center, co-presented a study on the Center's impressive success in sustainability. He was part of a presentation by equipment manufacturer Siemens at the GreenBuild San Francisco conference, speaking on how the Convention Center became the largest in the United States to achieve LEED gold status for existing buildings.

Back in 2008, the Convention Center's team of engineers and administrators created the world's first convention center to achieve LEED silver status for existing buildings. They took their game up a notch in 2010, achieving gold status. They intend to take their efforts all the way to platinum status, although that project has not been formally approved yet.

And now, through presentations like the in San Francisco in November, the Convention Center green team is sharing its knowledge with the rest of the world on how to retrofit existing buildings to make them more sustainable.

LEED - Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design - is an internationally recognized green building certification system, providing third-party verification that a building or community was designed and built using strategies aimed at improving performance across all the metrics that matter most. "When comparing new construction projects to existing buildings (EB), EB facilities don't have

the luxury of incorporating pre-planned green measures. This makes it all the more challenging and costly to achieve LEED-EB status at any level for any facility," Rey Castro says.

### Going Gold

In November 2010, the Convention Center announced that it had achieved LEED gold status for existing buildings.

"While our primary goal, albeit challenging, was to achieve the LEED-EB silver level, surpassing that goal by achieving LEED-EB Re-Certification at the gold level defines the culture of excellence at LACC. We LEED by example," said Pouria Abbassi, P.E., CEO and General

Manager of LACC, when the Convention Center achieved gold status in 2010.

The Convention Center was the only and largest existing building in the City of Los Angeles building / facility portfolio to become LEED-EB certified back in September 2008. The Convention Center attained the LEED-EB gold level for 4.1 million square feet of built on a 54-acre property that was opened back in 1971 with the newest portion completed in 1993. With its gold status, the Convention Center became the largest convention center in the nation to achieve this milestone.

Good going, Convention Center!



"The LEED process was one of the hardest projects I've ever dealt with before."

— Rey Castro, Chief Building Engineer, Convention Center, from April 2009 *Alive!*

# REST INSURED



United Agencies Inc. INSURANCE

BY JEFF GELINEAU

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

## Taking Stock

If you are like most people, you received some shiny new things for Christmas. Maybe a new TV? A new computer? Some new jewelry?

Now is an ideal time to update or create a home inventory. You never know when a disaster will strike, but you can be prepared by having a home inventory.

Replacing your home after a loss is very important, but replacing your contents is one of the most important aspects of picking up the pieces and putting your life back together.

Having an up-to-date inventory will help you:

- Purchase enough insurance
- Get your insurance claim settled faster
- Substantiate losses for your income tax return.

Making a list of your belongings, taking some photos and saving receipts is fairly easy. But the important part is saving this information somewhere else besides in your house. It won't do you any good if your inventory list burns up with all of your stuff.

This is where the Internet provides some great solutions. With the advent of digital cameras and camera phones, it's easy to upload your photos. You can also upload your list to a free online storage site, like Google Drive or X-Drive.

A great solution is the free Website and service provided by the Insurance Information Institute - [www.knowyourstuff.org](http://www.knowyourstuff.org) is a fun and simple solution to this important issue. With a click of your mouse, you can update your list as you buy something new.

### Getting Started

There are many ways to create a home inventory. It may seem hard at first to record information about everything you have in your house, but don't let that put you off. First, decide on a way to make an inventory that works for you. You can do it room by room, category by category (furniture, electronics, etc.), from newest items to oldest or from most expensive purchases to less expensive ones.

### Taking Inventory

There are different ways to making your list. You can write everything down in a notebook, for example. Or you can take pictures, writing information on the back of the photos or putting information on your computer. If you have a video camera, you can walk through your house filming and describing the

contents at the same time. If you have a personal computer, you can sign up for free online software that makes creating and keeping a home inventory easy at: [www.knowyourstuff.org](http://www.knowyourstuff.org)

That site also has iPhone and Android apps to make it even easier!

Keep receipts when they are available and note the cost for the item, when you bought it and other information about the make and model.

Expensive items including jewelry and artwork may need to be insured separately. Ask your insurance agent whether you need a floater for your homeowner's policy.

Store a copy of your inventory in a safe place outside of your home — with a friend or in a safe deposit box. (If your inventory is electronic, store it on a disk.) That way you'll be sure to have something to give your insurance representative if your home is damaged. Also, whenever you make a significant purchase, remember to add the information to your inventory while the details are fresh in your mind.

### Big-Ticket Items

Make note of expensive items, including jewelry, furs and collectibles. Valuable items may need separate insurance. But don't forget more commonplace items including toys, CDs and clothing.

### Taking Photographs

Along with the written information, consider adding photographs of your possessions, which can be done easily with a digital camera. Those with film cameras can scan printed photographs or have their film developer save the images to a disk. You can always simply store your print photographs with a copy of your inventory.

### Videotape It

Walk through your house or apartment videotaping the contents. Remember to open drawers and closets. One advantage of videotape is that you can narrate what you are filming.

Many homeowners' insurance companies have pamphlets to help you organize an inventory. Feel free to call our agency if you would like us to order you a copy, have any questions about what we can do for you, would like to know what it would cost to buy your insurance through us, or would like a question answered on any type of insurance.

**Be safe and have fun!**

### About United Agencies

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

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

### Have a question?

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

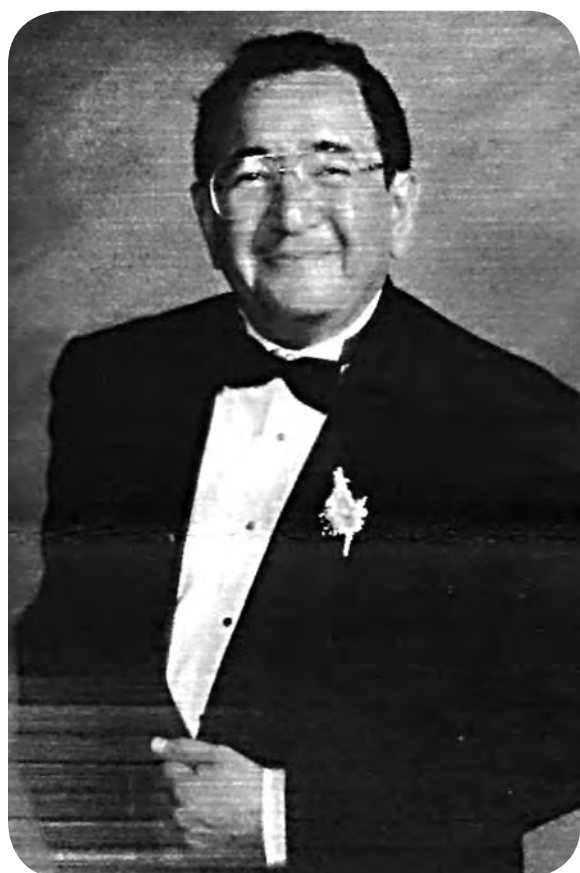
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OBITUARY/BUILDING AND SAFETY



Armando J. Flores

# Armando Flores: An Appreciation

**Armando J. Flores passes away after more than 40 years of City service.**

generous to the church and his family, selflessly giving to both without question.

As generous and loving as Armando was, he could also be just as stubborn and contentious, which his sisters can certainly attest to. He would share stories about how he and his mother would “get into it” and she would tell him, “eres Don Contra.”

Armando loved his five nephews from his two sisters Lupe and Maria Elena. Any chance he got, he would dote on them, who he treated more as sons than nephews, enjoying their typical boy antics and many outings to Huntington Beach and camping in Yosemite and Pio Pico. Armando was a relentless teaser and practical

joker, and his nephews weren't immune to his shenanigans.

He never tired of telling stories about the “good ole days” and how he was raised in a loving home. The Flores lived modestly but managed to enjoy life as a family, joining long-time family friends on vacations and weekend outings and the numerous parties held throughout the years.

Armando started his education at Custer Elementary School and Virgil Jr. High School. He was in the band and played the violin. He attended Belmont High School, was on the swim team and graduated with the class of 1960. His dream was some day to get out of “the old neighborhood.”

In 1963 he began working as an Assistant Draftsman for Building and Safety, but was side tracked for two years serving in the Army from 1964 - 66. During his stint in the Army, he was stationed mainly in Germany.

Upon his discharge, Armando returned to live in Los Angeles and went back to work for the City. He rejoined its employ as a Cartographer in May 1966.

He soon realized that getting out of the old neighborhood was going to take more than a full-time job and decided to return to school. Using the funds from his GI Bill, he enrolled at Cal State L.A. and took evening classes while continuing to work for the City during the day.

Armando finally realized his dream of being a college graduate in December 1970 earning a Bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. He and his mother celebrated with champagne.

One of his dreams was realized when he bought his Big Bear cabin. He loved spending time there and was always inviting his family and friends to spend time with him, which they did and the party was on.

He continued his career with the City, finally retiring in 2002 with more than 40 years of service. He was commended on several occasions during his career for accumulating 800 hours of unused sick time. He also received many other commendations and accolades for his exemplary work and work ethic. Many of his associates and contacts were saddened by his retirement and said that things wouldn't be the same without him.

Armando married late in life at the age of 50. On Aug. 8, 1992 he left his bachelor life behind and became a husband and father

to a teenage girl. There were a few chaotic moments while everyone was settling into their new roles as husband, wife and step-daughter. It was possibly more traumatic for Armando, considering he was once again surrounded by women, especially women who had plans to make his long-time bachelor pad a comfortable home. Gone went the Raider room, shag carpeting and avocado green and liver metallic wallpaper.

With much prodding and planning by his wife, Armando enjoyed traveling with his new family. Armando and Jennie enjoyed traveling domestically and to Germany, Switzerland, Italy and the Caribbean. They had planned to travel to Spain, but due to failing healthy he wasn't able to make it.

Shortly before his health affected his ability to travel, he was able to attend the high school graduations of his two grandnieces and two grandnephews.

Some of you may have known Armando by different names such as Armand-Deedee, Tio Nino, Compadre, Mando, the perfect brother, or Flores. However you may have known him, just know the he is now at peace and can be known as the Don Contra of Heaven.

There will no longer be any bird-dogging by his wife and sisters about what he could and could not eat. Certainly there will be Heineken on tap, a football game on TV or channel surfing to his heart's content and plenty of his favorite salty foods on the menu.

For his retirement, he was given a license plate holder that read, “Finally retired but not from the wife.” Well Flores, you have finally retired from the wife. Rest in peace and go Raiders!

Story and photo courtesy the Flores family

Armando Flores, longtime Building and Safety employee, husband, father and friend, died Oct. 15. He was 70.

The following is a eulogy from his family. Our beloved husband, stepfather, brother, uncle, friend, loyal Raider fan and expert piñata maker has passed away.

Armando was born May 10, 1942 in Los Angeles to Estela and Armando Flores. He was the youngest of three siblings and the only boy amongst his sisters Lupe and Maria Elena.

Armando was a patriotic citizen who faithfully donated to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. He was always ready to help anyone who requested his assistance. He was

## SEEN Around Town

By Jennifer Shackelford  
Club Application Coordinator

### Vacation Edition, Part 2

No trip to Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco is complete, in my opinion, without a stop at the delightfully nostalgic Musee Mecanique. Considered one of the best old-school arcades, it is home to over 300 mechanical machines including coin-operated fortune tellers, video games, love testers, peep shows, photo booths, automated dioramas and music boxes. All are coin operated and some of them are very old indeed. It is one of the largest privately owned collections of its kind.

The owner, Ed Zelinsky began collecting at age 11 and his games were exhibited in the 1920s at Playland. When Playland closed, the museum moved into the basement of Cliff House and remained there until 2002 when Cliff House underwent renovations. Under the watchful eye of his son Dan Zelinsky, the museum moved to Fisherman's Wharf. This was supposed to be temporary but the museum has remained there even though renovations were completed in 2004.

This place is really a great way to spend an

afternoon. With all the different games available, its a wonderful way to introduce your kids to the games of a by-gone era and to relive a little of it yourself. I'm happy to say that I still rock at Pong! But I couldn't look directly at Laughing Sal. She is one creepy puppet!

Musee Mecanique is located at Pier 45 Shed A at the end of Taylor Street just past the iconic Fisherman's Wharf sign. The museum is free to enter but all of the machines rely on your coins. Have fun!



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# Latino Heritage Month

**Chicano Employees Association celebrates month dedicated to Latino progress and culture.**



From left: Virginia Naranjo, guest, with Geraldine Rodriguez, Executive Administrative Assistant to Andrea Alarcon, Board of Public Works.



From left: Katherine Valenzuela, LAUSD Counselor, 25 years of service; and Debbie Megliorino, Systems Analyst II, 23 years of City service, Club Member.



Top, from left: Javier Razo, husband of Teresa Razo; Lupe Durazo, Member Hearing Reporter, 13 years of City service, Club Member; Tony Castro, Personnel Analyst, 22 years; Teresa Razo, Sr. Clerk Typist, 15 years; John Vasquez, Structural Engineering Associate, 25 years; and Virginia Naranjo, Sr. Clerk Typist, 31 years.



From left: Cristina Sarabia, HR Director, City Attorney; with guests Lupe Martinez and Linda Esparza.



Top, from left: Felicia Brown, Sr. Personnel Analyst I, 26 years of City service; Cindy Serrano, Mail Services Driver, 7 years, Club Member; Sorissa Norman, Messenger Clerk, 5 years, Club Member; and Andrea Alarcon, President, Board of Public Works, with her daughter. Bottom: Capt. Thomas Gikas, 25 years; Mario Chavez, guest; and Adrienne Chavez, 11 years, Club Member.



From left: Debbie Migliorino, Systems Analyst II, 23 years of City service, Club Member; Claude Gonzales, guest; and Ruben Vasquez, Personnel Director, 24 years, Club Member.



From left: J. Michael Walker, guest; Mimi Walker, UES, 24 years of City service; Stephanie Herron, Sr. Management Analyst II, 23 years, Club Member; and Annette Salazar, Secretary, 12 years, Club Member.



LACECA Board Members (left) with Josefa Salinas (far right).



Story and photos by Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor

On Oct. 5, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and the Los Angeles City Employees Chicano Association (LACECA) joined Councilmembers Richard Alarcon; Tony Cardenas; Bernard Parks; Jan Perry, Club Member; Dennis Zine; and Tom LaBonge, Club Member, to celebrate Latino Heritage Month, "Chanclazo." The purpose was "to celebrate the Latin dream, achievement and legacy." The event took place at City Hall.

Participants enjoyed an evening under the stars with great food, entertainment and an amazing art exhibit.

*Special thanks go to Laura Rangel for her assistance in producing this article.*



From left: Jaime Sanchez, Investigator, City Attorney, 25 years of City service, with guest Gerald Castillo.



From left: Gloria Barreras, Judicial Assistant, County Criminal Courts, 5 years of City service; Diana Castro, Sr. Clerk Typist, DWP, 24 years, Club Member; and Art Rodriguez, guest.

From left: Leonor Garcia, Manager Analyst, DWP, 24 years of City service, Club Member, with guest Mike Safaie.



From left: Laura Rangel, LACECA Executive Secretary, Club Member; and Edna Meraz, Retiree, Housing, 37 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Jackie Zarate, Sr. Personnel Analyst, 28 years of City service, Club Member; and Capt. Thomas Gikas, 25 years.



Top, from left: Mirna Marin, Account Specialist, 14 years City of service; and Maria Davidson, CSR, DWP, 15 years. Bottom: Judith Peterson, CSR, 11 years; Angie Perez, CSR, 5 years; and Evelyn Rodriguez, guest.



From left: Martha Manriquez, Sr. Customer Service Representative, 23 years of City service; and Fernie Ramirez, Graphic Designer II, LAPD Training Division, 27 years, Club Member.



From left: Jesus Delariva, County Public Defender, 20 years of service, with his wife, Elizabeth; and Lorenzo Briceno, City Legislative Deputy, 8 years of City service.



From left: Cathy Molina, guest; Ray Garcia, Sr. Electric Trouble Dispatcher, 37 years of City service, Club Member; and Josie Espinoza, guest.



From left: Javier and Teresa Razo, Sr. Clerk Typist, 15 years of City service.



From left: Mimi Walker, UES, DWP, 24 years of City service; and Angie Roman, Executive Administrative Assistant, LAPD, 37 years, Club Member.

THIS MONTH AT THE

# Griffith Observatory

Jan. 19:

## Public Star Party

Free public star parties are held monthly with the assistance of the Los Angeles Astronomical Society and the Los Angeles Sidewalk Astronomers at the Griffith Observatory. They are a chance for the whole family to look at the sun, moon, visible planets, and other objects, to try out a variety of telescopes, and to talk to knowledgeable amateur astronomers about the sky and their equipment.

Lines for each telescope and all viewing must be completed by 9:45 p.m.

**TIME: 2 – 9:45 PM**  
**COST: Free!**

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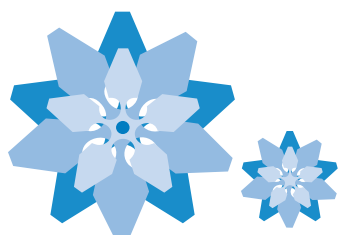
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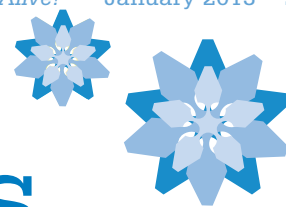
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# Life's Important Moments



## Share your moments!

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

## Welcome New Members!

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

## New Members

<p><b>Airports</b> Barbara Burks Gemma Del Mundo Victor Garrett Antonino Magliulo Toi-Shawnn McGlover-Jeffery Carlos Montoya Ricardo Villalta</p> <p><b>Building and Safety</b> Dominic Daneri</p> <p><b>City Attorney</b> Stephanie Webb</p> <p><b>CDD</b> Sandra Oxford</p> <p><b>Office of Finance</b> Jash Asit</p> <p><b>LAFD</b> Anthony Arnado Alfred Poirier Ted Smyj Vincent Thrash</p> <p><b>Harbor</b> Sylvia Alvarado Sarah Patterson</p>	<p><b>Housing</b> Manuel Bernal</p> <p><b>Convention Center</b> Reynaldo Castro Federico Ramirez</p> <p><b>Planning</b> David Kuntzman</p> <p><b>LAPD</b> Vannessa Aleman Ralph Bassett David Batres Jahna Beard Natalie Benitez Harry Bledsoe Dmetric Bradley Rufino Brito Michael Brooks Kenneth Brown Alma Burke Jorge Carpio Rodolfo Castillo Shirley Cobb Armando Corral Art Cota Jose Delgadillo Juan Delgado Humberto Esteban</p>	<p>Eric Estrada Paul Gantt Miguel Gonzalez Pamela Green Cesar Hernandez Gonzalo Herrera Oscar Jimenez Sean Lewis Nathan Lopez Marrisa Lopez Guilvaldo Matias Tracie Montgomery Yvette Morris Joseph Mueller Clint Najarian Jude Onwelingo Rudolph Perez Daniel Pesqueira Temeka Phillips Justin Phillips Michael Potter Alex Povolotsky Jessica Quintero Lenin Quiroz Charlene Ramirez Raul Ramirez Cesar Resendez Juan Romero Marcos Rubio</p>	<p>Robert Ruiz Sandra Russell Edwin Sagastume Gholpat Senachai Armen Sevdian Shannan Shaw Gail Thompson Kianna Urbanski Jorge Villa Richard Villalobos Juan Vizcarra George Vu Sarah Yao</p> <p><b>PUBLIC WORKS</b></p> <p><b>PW-Sanitation</b> Darrell Carey Louis Davis Eduardo Duarte Lloyd Gaines Ruben Leon Angel Sanchez</p> <p><b>PW-Street Lighting</b> Tyson Furubotten Joel Gutierrez</p> <p><b>PW-Street Services</b> Patricia Berry Derrick Clark</p>	<p>Anthony Flores Jr. David Kempton David Morales Andrew Rezonable</p> <p><b>Rec &amp; Parks</b> Branden Augustus Zulma Flores James Hall Christine Izquierdo</p> <p><b>Transportation</b> Lamor Barbre Dawon Davis Alexis Fenderson Phillip Hall Joaquim Haywood Tanika Jackson Tashara Mack Steve Mena Marlene Prado Barry Talplacido Maria Valdez</p> <p><b>Retired</b> Joyce Bowman Daniel Osborn Lois Pickens Linda Thomas</p>	<p><b>DWP</b> Leticia Alvarez-Becerra Holly Baham Antone Beeks Jaime Benavides Allan Bradley Thomas Bray Richard Cardenas Terry Erickson Jr. Henry Espinales Nancy Fullingim Leo Gleyo Timothy Hansen Manuel Haro Vickie Johnson Joseph Kaul Rafael Lobo Cynthia Montalvo-Jimenez Juan Montoya Robin Moxley Laura Obregon Jorge Olvera Hector Romero Joan Tocol</p> <p><b>OTHER</b> Zachary Boardman</p>	<p>Bobbie Bornmann-Stryffeler Joe Cappello Jason Classic Jason Crockett Israel Flores Brian Gilmore Norman Harris Theresa Hernandez Marian Jacobs Mark Johnson Phillip Jones Stephen Klitzky Douglas Louthan Joshua Luna Andrew Maxey Lester Mueller Jack Mullenaux Carl Mullis Jeffrey Nordin Jennie Palacios-Flores Robert Pischel Steven Pischel Catherine Quintana Maria Rodriguez Justin Rossi Steve Rowley Edwin Runyon Augusto Saldivar Ychelle Tillemans</p>
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## Graduations

Erica Brittany Morris graduated from Quartz Hill High School. She attends Santa Monica College and plans to transfer to UCLA to major in communications. Her dream is to be a sports broadcaster. She's the daughter of Glenn Morris, CFR, and Dianne Morris, CSR, both with the DWP.



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](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

## Births Military Weddings Special Achievements

Have a photo of a recent event? Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

## 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.

<p><b>Active</b> Ablaza, Frances, Public Works, 14 Carter, William, Airports, 8 Estess, Joan, Transportation, 4 Estiandan, Armando, Public Works, 26 Jachwak, Fred, Rec and Parks, 8 Jackson, Bridgett, LAPD, 16 Jenkins, Gwendolyn, Airports, 11 Santos, Vivien, General Services, 12 White, Deborah, Airports, 11</p>	<p><b>Retired</b> Andrade, Rebecca, Harbor, 35 Armstead, Jimmie, Public Works, 24 Atkins, Thomas, Public Works, 16 Bacon, Randall, General Services, 11 Blanchard, J.L., Public Works, 30 Bugeia, William, Harbor, 25 Calderon, Ramona, Council, 11 Cockey, Charles, Airports, 28 Davis, Frank, Airports, 11</p>	<p>Diggs, Ben, Public Works, 12 Gonzalez, Carlos, Rec and Parks, 22 Gurr, Keith, General Services, 22 Hannah, Mack, Airports, 0 Healey, Michael, General Services, 28 Hooper, James, Rec and Parks, 15 Jackson, Jacquelyn, Harbor, 19 Kenewell, Jack, Controller, 36 Kittel, Raymond, City Clerk, 22 Kurzyniec, Edward, General Services, 26 Meras, Patrick, General Services, 33</p>	<p>Plotner, Eric, Airports, 39 Polansky, Arthur, Public Works, 38 Postlewait, Charles, Building and Safety, 16 Pittman, George, Transportation, 28 Smith, Sylvia, City Clerk, 40 Snyder, Arthur, Council, 29 Tanaka, Howard, Rec and Parks, 17 Wallace, Jimmy, Public Works, 20 Williams, Robert, Building and Safety, 21 Withrow, James, Public Works, 26</p>
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# Peace of Mind

by Tiffany Sy  
The Club's Peace of Mind Expert



## Start New Year by Reviewing Needs

Hurray, it's time to ring in the New Year! I wish all of our Club Members good health and happiness for 2013.

I also want to remind everyone the importance of keeping up to date with all your finances, including your insurance portfolio. It may be time to review your Club benefits this month to ensure you've got all your ducks lined up.

One of the ways you can do this is to stop by the Club Store or call us to verify your coverage. It is important to familiarize yourself with your deductions and make sense of all the odd jumbles of letters. Although you may find yourself challenged by a game of Scrabble when reading through your pay stub deductions, each acronym actually represents a deduction taken from an organization. For

example, if you have existing insurance benefits with the City Employees Club of Los Angeles, you will see a deduction code of "LACEA 41." If you are retired and have any deductions from the Club, your pension check will show "Los Angeles City Employees Association." Of course you are always welcome to contact us for clarification of your benefits and request a statement. The benefit statement will include a breakdown of your type of benefit coverage, the insured person(s) and monthly premiums. It is generally a good idea to do this a few times a year as a refresher, or especially if your family or financial status has changed.

If you're not sure if you need to revisit your coverage, ask these questions: Do you have a new addition to your

family? Have you purchased a home? Is there anyone who depends on your income? Do you have enough coverage to leave a legacy for your loved ones? If I can't go to work, will someone else provide for me?

As a general overview of the insurance at the Club, we offer you and your family insurance for: Life, Accidents, Accidental Death and Dismemberment, Long-Term Disability, Cancer, Long-Term Care, Identity Protection, Legal Services, Pets, and Home/Auto.

Hope to see you at the Club Store. Have a fantastic year!

Contact me at [info@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:info@cityemployeesclub.com)





Angel Gomez, Club Director of Sales

# Angel's *Be Alive!*

The Plant Conservatory.

# HERITAGE PARK – Santa Fe Springs

## Hello again, everybody!

Happy New Year, everyone! Let's start the year with a casual walk and history lesson.

This month, we are going to the city of Santa Fe Springs to visit one of many historical points of interest in the city. Our "Be Alive!" this month is Heritage Park. It's amazing, with many things to see. Heritage Park is a gorgeous, landscaped six-acre reconstructed ranch estate from the late 1800s. On most weekends you will usually see photographers shooting *quinceañeras*, weddings and family photos. The park has lots of character and many instructional exhibits too.

This park is not for hiking or jogging, but just walking leisurely and enjoying all the scenery in the immediate area. The park is so relaxing you will want to sit down and enjoy your surroundings. I have been here lots of times over the years and have always felt like it was a brand new experience. There is a small café in the park; stop by and have a coffee or small lunch. The museum is really cool and, of course Heritage Park is a wonderful place to bring your family. Bring your kids, grandkids and parents, too. This is historic area for everyone to enjoy, and let's not forget an educational experience.

Let's begin!

The park is a historic site operated by the Santa Fe Springs City Library. The building and the grounds have been restored to show the elegant ranch style from the late 1800s. There are a few exhibits on each side of the park telling the story of the original people of the region, the Tongva/Gabrielino American Indians, in a gorgeous display surrounded by trees in the west side of the park. Coming in at the park's entrance, you come upon the railroad exhibit featuring a vintage steam locomotive. Also in the park are the ruins of a large adobe home, built during Mexican rule.

There is also a carriage barn, which is now a museum.

## Carriage Barn

Heritage Park's carriage barn once housed horses and carriages. Today, it contains a museum filled with turn of the century artifacts and memorabilia. Built in 1880 by a Midwesterner named Hawkins, the carriage barn was reconstructed in 1987 based on a photograph taken 100 years earlier. The carriage barn exhibition is designed to show how life was led in this region from 1880 to 1920. It is divided into sections or sets that illustrate the subjects of transportation ("Horse and Buggy Days"), education ("Little Lake School Days"), making a living ("A Living from the Land"), recreation and technology ("Inventing a Better Life") and home-making ("Keeping a Home"). Also in the exhibition is the Santa Fe Springs Mercantile, a four-passenger surrey, timeline and hands-on display for kids.

## Tank House Windmill Building

Farmers once pumped ground water out of these buildings, using the wind for pumping power. The restored tank house at Heritage Park could still do this job today if necessary. The windmill was constructed in 1880 in a Carpenter Gothic style to match the carriage barn. If you get a chance, the view from the top is spectacular!

## The Plant Conservatory

English country gentlemen once built these structures as nurseries for their exotic hothouse plants. Around 1870, Missouri transplant Eli Hawkins built one at his estate, too. The conservatory is a plant-filled room perfect for reflection and a popular backdrop for wedding ceremonies.



## Heritage Park

12100 Mora Dr. • Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670  
(562) 946-6476

**Area:** Six-acre park with historic buildings, a railroad exhibit, and a bird aviary.

**Activities:** Walking, bird watching, exploring.

**Hours:** Mon. – Fri.: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.;  
Sat. – Sun.: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Carriage Barn:** Sun., Tues., Thurs.: noon - 4 p.m.  
Closed on major holidays.

**Railroad Exhibit:** Daily: noon to 4 p.m.  
Closed on major holidays.

**Directions:** From downtown, take the 5 South, then take exit 124 to merge onto the 605 north. Take exit 12 for Telegraph Road toward Santa Fe Springs. Keep right at the fork. Follow signs for Telegraph Road East and merge onto Telegraph Road. Turn right onto Heritage Park Drive. Then turn left onto Mora Drive.

## Bird Aviary

Numerous pampered birds keep the area around the aviary filled with song. The aviary was added to the estate in approximately 1916 by the last private owner, Margaret Slusher.

## Adobe Foundation

Long before the United States included California, a Mexican, Patricio Ontiveros, lived in an adobe home he built close to where the carriage barn now stands. Archaeologists found the stone foundation of the home in the 1980s. Nearby they discovered a huge trash pit filled with the bones of cattle slaughtered on the rancho and the family's household trash.

## Railroad Exhibit

The City of Santa Fe Springs owes a lot to the presence of two railroad lines. The railroad exhibit tells the story of the City's railroad history through the careful restora-

tion of the Santa Fe Railway depot, tracks and signals. At the center of this exhibit sits the No. 870, a restored steam locomotive, and its tender, along with a refrigerated boxcar and cabooses. Although no longer operative, this Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe line engine reminds visitors that the little town of Fulton Wells was so pleased to have a railroad line built through here in the 1870s that it changed its name to Santa Fe Springs. The exhibit includes two meeting rooms, a picnic area and a rose garden.

Heritage Park in Santa Fe Springs is a wonderful place to spend the day, or an afternoon. See you next month.

Don't forget to bring your camera, take lots of photos and send them to me at [angelomez@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:angelomez@cityemployeesclub.com). Bring water, snacks and maybe some sunscreen.

**As always, Be Alive!,  
Angel**



Aden and Angel Jr. wave a big happy hello from the Railroad Exhibit.



Angel Jr. and Aden in the engine section of the train.



Angel Jr. and Aden outside Tongva-style home.



The Adobe Foundation and rancho lifestyle informational boards.



RIGHT: The Adobe Foundation, former home of Patricio Ontiveros.

Aden and I at the Tankhouse Windmill Building.



A huge trash pit filled with the bones of cattle slaughtered on the rancho along with the original occupant's household trash.



The carriage barn is now a museum with lots of artifacts.



# *Alive!* AROUND THE WORLD



## 1 Scotland



Here's *Alive!* editor **John Burnes** in George Square, Glasgow, Scotland. The square contains statues of many important historical figures but, interestingly, not King George III, for whom the square is named. (Are you going on the Club Cruise? You can visit George Square!)



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

### Take the Club with you, wherever you go!

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## 2 Spain




"Hi *Alive!* We're in Bilbao, Spain, in front of the Guggenheim Museum."  
- **Kevin Chatman, DWP, and Maggie Elliston-Belker**

## 3 Dominican Republic



Here are **Mark and Ana Monez** at Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. Mark works for the **DWP**.



 MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM

**New** *Discount Tickets for Club Members*

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COUNCIL/AIRPORTS

# Ready for Takeoff

**Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member, visits LAX's newest aircraft.**

On Nov. 30, Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member, paid a visit to the newest aircraft to call LAX home. On that day, United flew its first Boeing 787, the next generation of aircraft whose outer shell is constructed nearly entirely of carbon fiber instead of aluminum, to LAX for a round

of publicity moments. LaBonge, Mr. LA, was one of several dignitaries given a VIP tour. Tom visited the plane and congratulated United. United, the first U.S. carrier to fly the aircraft type, is expected to begin flying regular revenue routes with the 787 out of LAX in January.



United's Boeing 787, the first U.S. carrier to fly the new aircraft type, at a gate at LAX.



Councilman Tom LaBonge (right) in the cockpit of United's new Boeing 787.

AIRPORTS

# A New Level for Officer Youngblood



**Airport Police Officer John Youngblood first in dept. to be 'Master Instructor.'**

Airport Police Officer John Youngblood.

*Story and photo courtesy Officer Alicia Hernandez*

Airport Police Officer John Youngblood, a 12-year veteran assigned to the Training Unit during the last three years, has been certified as a Master Instructor by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.). He is the first Los Angeles World Airports police officer to successfully achieve this level of training. Airport Police Chief Michael Hyams said, "The Airport Police Division is honored to have Officer Youngblood as part of our team. He has raised our level of professionalism within the law enforcement community through his hard work, commitment and dedication." Officer Youngblood completed a rigorous academic program to achieve the status of Master Instructor. He participated in a graduation ceremony Nov. 8 in Sacramento. With this accomplishment, Officer Youngblood he is now certified to write training curricula for P.O.S.T. In 2007, the P.O.S.T. Commission created the Instructor Development Institute (IDI)

to provide standardized, multi-tiered, multi-track programs to develop professionalism in the delivery of law-enforcement instruction. Students are expected to complete a significant amount of work outside of class and are responsible for providing work products and monthly reports to the team facilitator, who reviews the student's products and provides feedback. The process of certification to reach the level of Master Instructor includes successful completion of various IDI courses at the entry, intermediate and advanced levels. The classes incorporate basic instructor certification, instructional skills, critical thinking skills, teach-back sessions, leadership coaching, and mentoring courses, among others. Upon completion of the three levels, a candidate's Instructional Systems Design and Total Training Package is evaluated by a panel of qualified trainers. Candidates are also required to design, develop and deliver a minimum of one 24-hour course that meets a demonstrated and P.O.S.T.-approved training need.

**KNIGHTS AND LADIES SAVE HALF AT MEDIEVAL TIMES**

**Through Jan. 31 only!**

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## CITY EMPLOYEES AT WORK

*Spotted by Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor*

Hard at work is **Ernesto Meza**, Electrician, Airports, 5 months of City service.

*Spotted by Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor*

Here are three Airport employees hard at work at LAX, from left: **Robert De La Cruz**, Gardener Caretaker, 4 years of City service; **Jerry Green**, Gardener Caretaker, 22 years; and **Cesar Pedroza**, Gardener Caretaker, 15 years.

Public Works/Sanitation drivers from the South Yard take a moment from their schedule to pose on the airfield in front of one of the new A380 super jumbo airplanes. These drivers work an early a.m. schedule at LAX hauling refuse. Pictured are (from left) **Daryl Manor, Lorenzo Terry, Fredrick Glover, Danny Chavira, David Takemoto** (Airports Recycling Supervisor), **Hubert Williams, Reginald Moore, and Miguel Montano**. Photo by **Paul Harley**, Refuse Collection Supervisor, South Los Angeles Sanitation Yard.

**Do you have a photo of City Employees on the job? Send it in and we might print it! [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)**

{Who are the people you see every day?}

# People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.



CLUB MEMBERS:

Help Us

# Blanket the City!



**Blanket the City:** A Club winter tradition

Help the Club take care of those living on the streets this winter.

Last year, we put out the call to help those in need downtown. And Club Members came through! So we're continuing *Blanket the City* this winter.



Marvin Brown gets cloaked by John Hawkins as the temperature dips below 50 degrees.

It started last year with John Hawkins, Club CEO, and Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager, coming into the Club Store one December night, shivering from the cold. And if they were chilly, they thought, what about those living on the streets?

So they hatched a plan: pass out blankets to those living on the streets downtown, to *Blanket the City*. That first night, they gave away eight blankets. That was just a start.

During the winter months, the Club will be handing out military-grade blankets to those who really need them.

*Blanket the City has become a new winter tradition here the Club!*



Angel Gomez drapes a blanket over a very cold Taylor.

Won't you join the effort? Here's how:

- The military-grade blankets cost \$7 each.
- Contribute what you can, and the Club will purchase blankets and hand them out for you.
- Want to contribute? Contact John Hawkins or Angel Gomez, and we'll take it from there:
- [jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com) or [agomez@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:agomez@cityemployeesclub.com)

Help us *Blanket the City*



Ricci Sharpe with Club CEO, John Hawkins.



Cane Faulkner was about to spend a cold night in the Second Street Tunnel, but now he has a "Club" blanket to keep him warm.



Angel Gomez finishes draping a sleeping Melvin Dillon with the warmth of the Club.



Carlos gets first-class treatment from the "Blanket Angel."

## Buckets & Blankets!

Join us as we help those who live on the streets with Buckets and Blankets. Donate to the cause as the Club distributes food, toiletries and blankets to those in need (blankets cost \$7 each).



**Buckets and Blankets** is produced in cooperation with the **Club Angels** program and **Creative Solutions** – Fred Fowlks and Sue Manzo, LAFD.

Contact John Hawkins or Angel Gomez, and we'll take it from there:

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CREATIVE FORCE SOLUTIONS

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.

The City Parties!

# LAFD Administrative Services



Story and photos by Gedina Bergstrom, Club Counselor

The LAFD Administrative Services division held its holiday luncheon Dec. 13 at the Monterey Hill restaurant.

It was a clear crisp morning, and the spirit was warm at the restaurant. Guests were given a goody bag with Christmas hats and goodies.

The event began with a warm welcome by event host Chief Armando Hogan; June Gibson, the new ASB Administrator; and Fire Chief Brian Cummings. Dances were performed and songs were sang.

The Club thanks Committee Members Jennifer Corona, Pamela Gonzalez-Giachetti, Silvia Pena, Maria Lozano, Paul Garcia, and Misha McConnell.



Rigo Ramirez, Plr. Supervisor, 7 years of City service; Mars Castillo, Principal Accountant, 23 years, Club Member; Carmela Espiritu, Department Chief Accountant, 25 years; Marigina "Marie" Dantic, Accounting Clerk II, 24 years, Club Member; Stacey Kim, Accounting Clerk I, 6 years; Esther Rojas, Accounting Clerk II, 14 years; My Banh, Accounting Clerk II, 25 years; P. Sissanayake, Sr. Auditor, 10 years; Robert Nishimura, Sr. Management Analyst, 24 years; and Ed Chua, Fiscal Systems Specialist II, 21 years, Club Member.



From left: Pam Halpin, Clerk Typist, 7 years of City service; Dana Kinney, Clerk Typist, 23 years; Club Member, DonnaLee Norrington, Sr. Clerk Typist, 7 years, Club Member; Anna Areyan, Clerk Typist, 5 years, Club Member; Paul Garcia, Clerk Typist, 5 years, Club Member; Fernando Pecvon, Sr. Clerk Typist, 27 years; Misha McConnell-Todman, Clerk Typist, 6 years, Club Member; Susie Feliciano, Fiscal System Supervisor, 30 years, Club Member; Clarisa Borromeo; and Sally Gonzalez, Sr. Clerk Typist, 25 years, Club Member.



From left: Giselle Federis, Programmer/Analyst, 21 years of City service, Club Member; Katrina Reyes, Clerk Typist, 10 years; Linda Wu, System Analyst, 23 years; Kathy Nguyen, Sr. Systems Analyst, 23 years; Yvonne Lee, Programmer Analyst, 9 years; Su Huynh, Systems Analyst, 5 years; Polly Wong, Accountant, 6 years; and Teresa Tse, Accounting Clerk, 33 years.



From left: Carlos Cuellar, Clerk Typist, 5 years of City service; Don Silla, GIS Specialist, 21 years; Club Member; James Zambrano, Sr. System Analyst, 21 years; Cuong Fan, GIS Specialist, 6 years; Sammy Wong, Clerk Typist, 5 years; Michael Han, System Analyst, 7 years; Jack Huang, System Analyst, 13 years; Winston Song, Programmer/Analyst, 21 years; Club Member; Janos Szaktila, GIS Supervisor, 13 years; and Mary Reuschel, Management Analyst, 11 years; Club Member.



Fire Chief Brian Cummings.



From left: Sandra Gonzalez, Executive Administrative Assistant, 32 years of City service; June Gibson, Fire Administrator; Sal Martinez, Chief Management Analyst; Avo Davidian, Sr. Management Analyst; Bice Jones, Sr. Management Analyst; Daren Palacios, Chief Deputy, 32 years; Brian Cummings, Fire Chief, 33 years; Phil Orozco, Sr. Management Analyst, 22 years; Estela Urzua, Sr. Clerk Typist, 25 years; and Sylvia Mendoza, Sr. Clerk Typist.



From left: Philip Manalac, Accountant II, 5 years of City service, Club Member; Ariel Austria, Sr. Accountant II, 14 years; Nelson Magtibay, Accountant II, 6 years; Liberty Maglunog, Accounting Clerk II, 12 years; Joan Trujillo, Clerk Typist, 4 years; Carmela Espiritu, Chief Accountant, 25 years; Club Member; Michelle Chan, Sr. Accountant, 7 years; Maureen Wan, Sr. Accountant, 8 years; Cornelius and LaCarol Bailey, Account Clerk I, 6 years; Club Member; and Detra Kelley, PCP II, 26 years; Club Member.



Event Host Chief Armando Logan.



From left: Ramona Hallstead, Sr. Clerk Typist, 23 years of City service, Club Member, and her husband, John; Ingrid Orellana, Management Analyst II, 11 years; Club Member; Cynthia Fletes, Personnel Analyst II, 17 years; Club Member; Elizabeth Torres, Personnel Analyst II, 22 years; and Marge Mendoza, Clerk Typist, 12 years; Club Member, with her son, Josh Delatoree.



June Gibson.



From left: Gary Hill, Personal Analyst, 22 years of City service; Cynthia White, Sr. Personnel Analyst, 23 years; Norma Gutierrez, Personnel Director, 21 years; Zina Abram, Sr. Clerk Typist, 17 years, Club Member; Maria Lozano, Sr. Clerk Typist, 12 years, Club Member; Laura Triner, Sr. Personnel Analyst I, 14 years; Sandy Lai, Personnel Analyst II, 16 years; and Tashema Russell, Personnel Records Supervisor, 17 years.



The amazing room of holiday fun!



Time to get down to Gangnam Style at the holiday party!



Chely Ozuna, guest, Christine Ozuna, Clerk Typist, 7 years of City service; Lydia Luna, Secretary, 15 years, Club Member; Lora Benavidez, Secretary, 23 years, Club Member; Norina Tom, Sr. Management Analyst, 26 years; David Yamahata, Chief Deputy, 35 years; Muriel Gee, Sr. Management Analyst, 17 years; Kurt Sato, Director of Systems, 24 years, Club Member; and Matthew Langel, Clerk Typist, 6 years.



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Special Holiday Party Section

# The City Parties!

It's an annual *Alive!* tradition!

Every year, City Departments put aside their hard work and come together for fun and socialization at their festive holiday parties. And *Alive!* publishes as many of your party pics as we can.

Starting this month, we cover the City Parties. And we'll continue in the next months as the photos continue to trickle in.

*Happy New Year!*

# The City Parties!

## LAPD

The LAPD held its holiday party Dec. 5 at Almansor Court, Alhambra Golf Course, in Alhambra.

The Club donated City merchandise and Club-discounted movie tickets as prizes for various giveaways at the party.

*Alive! thanks Pamela Turnipseed and Manuel Rodarte for their assistance.*



From left: Kisha Moreland, Worker's Comp Analyst, Personnel, 13 years of City service, Club Member; Pamela Turnipseed, Fingerprint ID Expert, LAPD, 27 years, Club Member; Alice Drisdell, Retired, LAFD, 32 years; Gen Perelman, Clerk Typist, LAPD, 8 years; and Robert Hernandez, LAPD, 19 years, Club Member.



From left: Beverly Pippin, Chief Clerk, LAPD, 33 years of City service, Club Member; D'Anna Markley, Police Administrator, 28 years; and Rosemary Murillo, Retired, Chief Clerk.



Keith Greenwood, Sr. Clerk Typist, 32 years of City service, won \$100.



Back row, from left: Leo Samaniego, Acting Sr. Management Analyst, LAPD, 24 years of City service, Club Member; JC Wynne, Clerk Typist, LAPD, 6 years. Front: Mario Valles, Acting Sr. Clerk Typist, LAPD, 7 years, Club Member; Manuel Rodarte, Sr. Management Analyst I, LAPD, 12 years; Veronica Kenney, Sr. Clerk Typist, LAPD, 13 years; John Galitzen, Management Analyst II, LAPD, 12 years; and Alma Becerra, Sr. Clerk Typist, LAPD, 23 years, Club Member.

Andrew Balladarez, SCT, LAPD, 9 years of City service, Club Member, receives the Employee of the Year Award.



Principal Clerk Amoree Aguilar's (Club Member) daughter, Bella, was a karaoke singer.



\$50 prize winner Ana Castro, Sr. Clerk Typist, 13 years of City service, Club Member.



Police Administrator Rhonda Simms-Lewis.



Fingerprint Identification Expert Nina Kaminsky, 7 years of City service.



From left: Daniel De Lang, guest; Jon Blaine, APCPI, LAPD, 13 years of City service; Shirley Malcolm, PCP, LAPD, 33 years; Sylvia McGee, PCP, LAPD, 24 years, Club Member; Emilia Santana-Mendez, Sr. Clerk Typist, 24 years; and Ruby Lopez, PCP, LAPD, 12 years.



Singing karaoke, from left: Leo Samaniego, Acting Sr. Management Analyst, 24 years of City service, and Manuel Rodarte, Sr. Management Analyst 12 years.



Errol Lawson, Sr. Management Analyst, with Pamela.



Front, from left: Shannon Balladarez, wife of Andrew Balladarez; Naomi Pantoja, SCT, LAPD, 12 years of City service; Debra Avery, Chief Clerk, 30 years; Joyce Holland, SCT, LAPD, 32 years; Andrew Balladarez, SCT, LAPD, 9 years; Mary Ellen Vallierge, SCT, LAPD, 4 years; Efen Samarin, Principal Clerk, SCT, LAPD, 26 years; Rosalyn Cavanaugh, SCT, LAPD, 4 years, Club Member; Teresa Massey, SCT, LAPD, 10 years, Club Member; and So Jung Oh, SCT, LAPD, 23 years.

# The City Parties!



The holiday party committee.



Maria Moreno, PSR II, 9 years of City service, and her husband, Jerry Paredes.



Mike and Julia Cesena, Sr. PSR I, 16 years of City service.

## LAPD Communications

The Police Dept.'s 911 Operators and administrators held their festive annual holiday party Dec. 9 at the Castaway Restaurant in Burbank. This year's party carried a casino theme. *Special thanks to Jean Safarty, Club Rep, and the holiday committee for their assistance.*



From left: Debbie Ramsey, Sr. PSR, 17 years of City service; Larry Cardinas, Sr. PSR, 22 years; Berta Ugas, Sr. PSR I, 22 years; and Sean Durden, Sr. PSR I, 24 years.



From left: Janice Williams, PSR II, 15 years of City service, and Elijah Shelton, guest.



From left: Isabel Gonzalez, PSR, 30 years of City service, and David Gonzalez.



From left: Paulette Stanton, PSR III, 18 years of City service; Ira Williams, guest; Charlene Johnson, PSR III, 18 years; Danny Johnson, LA County Probation; and Leslie Allen, PSR III, 27 years, and her husband, Garry.



From left: Jason Cline, PSR II, 5 years of City service; Lt. Vic Dennis, 29 years; James Sumbi, PSR II, 10 years; and Jacqui Dreben, PSR II, 11 years.



From left: Jean Safarty, PSR II, 15 years of City service, with her husband, Ron; and Lt. Gloria Vargas, 21 years.



From left: Officer Curtis Handford, 24 years of City service; and Iona Handford, Sr. PSR I, 26 years.



From left: Cpt. Joel Justice, 28 years of City service, and his wife, Margie.



From left: Frank Zaragoza, guest; Lourdes Coronado, PSR2, 5 years of City service.



From left: Naomi Alexander-Young, PSR III, 28 years of City service, with her husband, William.

## Transportation North Hollywood Yard

The good folks at Transportation's North Hollywood yard celebrated the holidays with a party at the yard Dec. 12.



From left: Arnold Aguirre Barria, Traffic Officer II, 6 years of City service; Sgt. Alden Marsh, 7 years; Enrique De La Cruz (as Santa Claus), Traffic Officer II, 6 years; Jerry Borunda, Traffic Officer II, 7 years; Larry Randolph; and Larry Brenner, Traffic Officer II, 26 years.



The Valley Social Club with Nikki Ezhari, Field Deputy for Councilmember Paul Krekorian.



From left: Dean Alexander, Traffic Officer II, 23 years of City service; and Also Andrade, Traffic Officer II, 4 years.



From left: Jerry Cervantes, Traffic Officer II, 11 years of City service; Carlos Naranjo, PT, Traffic Officer, 6 months; Richard Moreno, Traffic Officer II, 11 years; and Sgt. Brian Hartman, 13 years.



From left: Lt. Sylvia Vasquez, 24 years of City service; and Lt. Peter Hilton, 13 years.



From left: George Marquez, Traffic Officer II, 11 years of City service; Emanuel Contreras, Traffic Officer II, 4 years; and Alex Acosta, Traffic Officer II, 10 years.



From left: Tyler Ward, Traffic Officer II, 24 years of City service; and Bob Moran, Traffic Officer II, 31 years.



From left: Austin Collins, Traffic Officer II, 13 years of City service; Charles Nero, Traffic Officer II, 14 years; Steve Banks, Traffic Officer II, 10 years; and Dormin Jones, Traffic Officer II, 17 years.

From left: Greg Rodgers, Traffic Officer II, 10 years of City service; Larry Randolph, Traffic Officer II, 23 years; Troy Bregel, Traffic Officer II, 10 years; and James Randall, Traffic Officer II, 11 years.



From left: Florin Cotriscau, 4 years of City service; Peter Beth, 4 years; Rebecca Vicente, 4 years; Chris Angeles, 5 years; and Emily Bohn, 4 years.

The City Parties!

# Transportation



Santa and first-, second- and third-grade students from the Charles Barrett Elementary School.

Transportation employees provided a holiday lunch and toy giveaway for students at local schools on Dec. 10.

Employees provided pizza, fried chicken, mac and cheese, cookies, pie, etc., for the kids to enjoy. The students came from the local schools. Each child received a stocking from Santa Claus, and presents were handed out.



From left: Mykia and Wynton hug Santa Claus.



Rosetta Moore, Traffic Officer II, 22 years of City service.



From left: Kimie Rayford, Traffic Officer, 24 years of City service; and Joyce Walker, Traffic Officer II, 24 years, Club Member.



Alva White, Traffic Officer, 27 years of City service, Club Member, carries presents.



Daphany Robinson, Traffic Officer II, 24 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Officer Ellis and Yolanda Barnes, Club Member.



From left: Sgt. Sedrick Moore, Club Member, Lt. Iral Turner, Club Member, as Ms. Claus, and Mr. Claus.



Derek Jodzio and Irina Mironova, HR Clerk Typist, 3 years of City service.

## LAX

Airports/LAX held its annual elegant holiday party Dec. 15 at the Westin Hotel in Westchester.



From left: Michael McKane, Chief, 4 years of City service; Judith Wylinda, guest; Rick Connolly, Director II/Airport Maintenance, 33 years; and Stephanie Connolly, guest.



From left: Jose Del Rio, Sr. Clerk Typist, 9 years of City service, Club Member; Maria Iniguez, Clerk Typist, 5 years, Club Member; Eddie Garcia, Personnel Analyst, 12 years, Club Member; Letty Ortiz, Palomar, Clerk Typist, 20 years, Club Member; Minnie Gutierrez, Sr. PA, 24 years, Club Member; Arthur Palomar, Clerk Typist, 10 years, Club Member; and Ebony Harper, Sr. Clerk Typist, 12 years, Club Member.



Alison Joiner, Sr. Communications Operator, with Victor, guest.



Ana Pacheco, guest, and Miguel Tejada, Custodian, AC Shop, 7 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Buffie Rickett, Clerk Typist, 10 years of City service, with Adonis Williams, guest.



The party committee.



From left: Irene Ortiz, guest, and Alicia Garcia, Gardner Caretaker, 14 years of City service, Club Member.



Onelia and Melvin De Leon, Management Assistant, 11 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Twanda Yarbrough, guest; Tiffany Anderson, guest; Darlene Fuller, Traffic Officer, 10 years of City service; Toya Johnson, Security Officer, 14 years; and Crystal Jackson, Security, 14 years, Club Member.



Mikiam and Jaime Pasayo, Security, 10 years of City service, Club Member.

# The City Parties!



From left: Motor Officer Morgan Evans, 6 years of City service, Club Member; and Rebekah and Officer Nathan Blair, 5 years, Club Member.



From left: Susan Edwards, wife of Ralph Edwards; and Sgt. David Clemens, 10 years of City service, Club Member; and his wife, Selynda.



Yolonda and Officer II Travis Zuebisch, 6 years of City service, Club Member.



John Mulvey and his wife, Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., 11 years of City service, Executive Director, Harbor, Club Member.



From left: Al Garcia, Planning, 25 years of City service, Club Member; Precious Palle, guest; and Sgt. Nathan Ewet, 16 years, Club Member.



From left: Barbara Carroll, guest; and Officer Stacey Creech, 5 years of City service, Club Member.



Lt. Ken Hawkes, Port Police, 25 years of City service, Club Member; and Sue Hawkes.



From left: Jessica Labray, guest; and Officer Justin Sebe, 6 years of City service, Club Member.



Sgt. Rosario Ferrara, Club Member, 10 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Officer II Danny Meadows, 5 years of City service, Club Member; and Crystal Marques, guest.

## Port Police

Harbor's Port Police held its annual elegant holiday dinner Dec. 8 in San Pedro. Thanks to the holiday committee for their assistance and great work.



## Terminal Island

Public Works' Terminal Island Sanitation Plant held its family holiday party Dec. 13. Sanitation Waste Water Manager Harold Geis said, "This is the best group of people I've ever worked with. Thank you for making my job and enjoyable experience."

AMC gift certificates were provided to the children present.

*Special thanks to Shirley Crawford for her assistance.*



The Benefits Committee is responsible for putting together fundraiser events for Terminal Island. The Benefits Committee, back row, from left: Karl Breitenstein, Waste Water Treatment Mechanic Supervisor, 28 years of City service; Jose Garcia, Carpenter, 5 years, Club Member; Richard Bara, Painter, 8 years; and Barbara Kauppi, Instrument Supervisor, 29 years. Front: Shirley Crawford, Sr. Clerk Typist, 21 years, Club Member; "V" Harold Gies, Sanitation Waste Water Manager; and Sandy O'Brien, Gardener, 10 years.



With music playing in the background, Shirley Crawford called all the women employees to receive token of appreciation since there are just a small and select few working at the Terminal Island plant.



Vijai Seeram, Club Member, with his wife, Sandra, and Karina, 9.



Lance Thibodeaux, Engineering Associate, 7 years of City service, with his wife, Michelle, and Sofia and Naomi.



"V" Vijai Seeram, Instrument Mechanic, 5 years of City service, Club Member.



John Ellico, Waste Water Treatment Mechanic I, 4 years of City service, and Lisa Longo, guest.



Winston and Pat Chang, Warehouse Tool Room Worker, 10 years of City service.

# The City Parties!



From left: Pepe Garcia, Superintendent for North Central, 25 years of City service; Art Sanchez, RCTO Supervisor, 27 years, Club Member; David Carlson, Acting Supervisor, 24 years, Club Member; and Felix Sanchez, Crew Instructor, 22 years, Club Member.



From left: Juan Galvez, RCTO, 11 years of City service; Beatrice Galvez, guest; Julia Pelayo, guest; and Sergio Pelayo, RCTO, 15 years, Club Member.



Front, center: Gerald Lopez, RCTO, 28 years of City service, Club Member, with his family: Deja, Peter, Breccious, and baby Jordan.



Ray Cruz, Superintendent of East Valley Sanitation, 25 years of City service, Club Member; and Sandra, guest.



From left: Andy Morales, RCTO II, 27 years of City service, Club Member; and Gild Valdez, Chief of Staff, 35 years.



Joanna Morales, guest, and Robert Morales, RCTO II, 5 years of City service, Club Member



Desirie Rosas, guest, and Jose Rosas, RCTO II, 12 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Jesse Valdez, President; Andy Morales, Vice President; Carlos Romo, Secretary; George Senteno, Vice Treasurer; and Jose Rosas, Treasurer.

## North Central Yard

Story and photos by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor

On Dec. 15, Public Works' North Central Sanitation Yard held its annual holiday party at Maggie's Pub in Santa Fe Springs. North Central employees and their families dressed in their Christmas best to enjoy an evening of music, dancing, good food, chances to win raffle prizes, and of course good company.

Special thanks go to Adriana Nunez and Jesse Valdes for their assistance.



Elisa Zapeda, guest, and Mike Zapeda, RTCO West LA, 15 years of City service, Club Member.



Patricia Garcia, guest, and Antonio Garcia, RCTO, 13 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Rosi Mares, RCTO, 7 years of City service; and Tony Mares, RCTO, 12 years, Club Member



Lidia Escarcega, guest, and Frank Sanchez, RCTO, 13 years of City service.



Richard Guzman, RCTO West Valley, 19 years of City service, Club Member, and Maura Guzman, guest.



Mayra Fregoso, guest, and Victor Fregoso, RCTO from West LA, 5 years of City service, Club Member.



Jesse Valdes, North Central Chapter President, 12 years of City service, Club Member; with Desiree Valdes, guest.



Nancy Llamas, guest, and Basilio Llamas, RCTO, 12 years of City service, Club Member.



Laurel Harris, guest; and Russell Harris, RCTO, 26 years of City service, Club Member.



Anthony Cantu, guest; and Reanna Cantu, Clerk Typist 7 years of City service.



George Senteno, RCTO, 6 years of City service, Club Member; and Georgina Senteno, guest.



Stephanie Lopez, Clerk Typist, 2 years of City service, and Nick Cacho, guest.



From left: Pete Vega, RTCO, 12 years of City service, and Beatrice Bermudez, guest.

## Reviews by Fellow Club Members

## ENTERTAINMENT

## At the Movies

• In the cinema

**Skyfall**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

*Skyfall* is the biggest Bond movie ever. But is it the best? Well, maybe my second best. Maybe another viewing will put it on top of my ranking.

Directing is Sam Mendes, known for superior dramas like *Revolutionary Road* and top Oscar winner *American Beauty*. It's not surprising that this Bond is the meatiest, most intellectually interesting of the whole lot. As *Skyfall* starts, Bond (Daniel Craig) nearly dies by his own colleagues, and that eventually sends him back home to Scotland. It resolves the pseudo mother-son relationship with M (the great Judi Dench), and it reintroduces Bond tools like Moneypenny, his Aston-Martin DB5, Q (Ben Whishaw) and even a few jokes.

And yet... in *Skyfall*, Bond is declared too old, even though he was too young and raw just two movies ago. And the story is not quite tight. Just how did the villain Silva (a mesmerizing Javier Bardem) escape from custody? There are holes, but still this is great stuff. (Oh, and *Casino Royale* is still on top for me.)

– John Burnes, *Alive!* editor**Hitchcock**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

*Hitchcock* is a fun and witty look at a time in the life of director Alfred Hitchcock during the conceptualization and release of what is arguable his most well known piece of cinema, *Psycho*. While for me the premise and concept behind *Psycho* were the initial draw of *Hitchcock*, and Scarlett Johansson, too, the film is brought to striking reality by the performances of Anthony Hopkins and Helen Mirren, who play Hitchcock and his wife, Alma Reville. The pair certainly deserves Academy Award nominations, at least, for their vivid and realistic portrayals in this film.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

**Silver Linings Playbook**

Rated R

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

A former teacher (Bradley Cooper) is released from a mental hospital and is living with his parents. While trying to reconcile with his ex-wife, he is introduced and becomes attracted to a strange girl (Jennifer Lawrence).

This movie is billed as a comedy, but it has complex and interesting characters, like a serious drama. Both Cooper and Lawrence's characters are damaged, bipolar, and prone to "inappropriate" emotional outbursts. But the truths revealed are refreshing, honest, and very appropriate. It's a rare comedy that makes you care and root for the lives of the film's leads.

– Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

**Rise of the Guardians**

Rated PG

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

While the children's animated film *Rise of the Guardians* certainly looked like it would be a fun romp for kids, I wasn't sure how it would fare with the adult audience. After seeing it, though, it was a fun watch for myself as well. While the big thrill is seeing all these mythical

characters come together to protect the world's children from the evil boogeyman, the humor and action in the film, as well as the moral and delivery of the tale, were equally as entertaining. Definitely take your kids to see this one.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

**Killing Them Softly**

Rated R

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

*Killing Them Softly* is like a hurricane of action and a darkly comical thriller that completely caught me off guard with just how well put together this film really was. The sociopolitical undertones of the movie aside, *Killing Them Softly* jumps off the screen and manages to capture the attention of the audience with some of the best dialog and acting I have seen in a thriller or action movie in a long time. If you are a fan of Brad Pitt and have waited to see him in another great, intelligent action flick – this is the one to see.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

**The Collection**

Rated R

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

There are two things about *The Collection* that you should know going into it. 1) You probably should watch *The Collector* (2009), of which this movie is the sequel. Knowing the major players in the film will help it move along smoothly. 2) Unless you are a fan of the torture and gore horror genre (i.e. *Saw*, *Hostel*), this one may not be the right movie for you. If you do fancy this kind of film, I will tell you that it is complete fun and exciting to watch. If you aren't, though, don't bother seeing this one.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

**The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Bilbo Baggins sets out on his adventure with Gandalf and the dwarfs when he is chosen to be the groups burglar. They set out to reclaim their gold from the dragon Smaug.

This movie, with its rich storytelling, well worth the almost three hour running time. But I am a great fan of fantasy. The time simply flew by for me. It can be a bit disorientating with the sweeping flyovers but I loved every minute of it! The characters are fully developed and the dedication to the source material will be most appreciated by fans the world over.

– Jennifer Shackelford,  
Application Coordinator, the Club**Flight**

Rated R

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

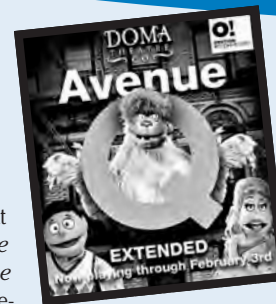
Airline pilot Denzel Washington saves a flight from crashing, but FAA investigators find he may have been under the influence, and he could possibly go to jail. *Flight* is a long but well-paced film that is graced with excellent acting and a compelling story of drug addiction and human frailty.

John Goodman's comic relief as the drug pusher/buddy, and Kelly Reilly as the drug-addicted girlfriend who shows a way to sobriety, are highly watchable. I've never seen Denzel play this kind of role, proof that wonderful acting can make a good movie nearly great.

– Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks



## Megan Recommends

Theatre recommended by Megan Evanich,  
Customer Service Associate at the Club Store**Avenue Q**Musical, for adults  
Doma Theatre Co.  
Through Feb. 3

This week I bring you what has been dubbed "Sesame Street for grownups": *Avenue Q* is making its LA intimate theatre space debut with the DOMA Theatre Company at The MET Theatre. Director Richard Israel takes a large Broadway production and puts it in a standard Los Angeles 99-seat theatre, making the experience all the more entertaining. *Avenue Q* is a Tony award-winning musical that opened on Broadway in 2003 and has been in LA before but never in a small, intimate theatre.

This hilarious musical follows a recent college graduate and some other early

20 somethings through a very R-rated musical about love, jobs, apartment hunting and even finding pleasure in others' misfortune. With puppets! You soon realize it's more like *Family Guy* or *South Park* than the Muppets.

Some standout actors include Chris Kauffmann's amusing role as puppet Princeton, and Danielle Judovits' beautiful Kate Monster. But remember this is not one for the kids, as even the Website warns... there is puppet nudity, in addition to the very grownup themes and situations. But I promise, you are in for a fun treat! The show has been extended until Feb. 3. Tickets are available at [domatheatre.com](http://domatheatre.com)

## On a Screen Near You

• Movies via DVDs, downloads and streaming

**The Day (2011)**

Rated R

My Score: 2 (out of 5)

*The Day* follows a group of survivors during a post-apocalyptic world in which they struggle to survive for 24 hours. Given the slow pacing of the film at certain points, it felt like it took a day to get through this roughly 90-minute film. It is engaging enough to entertain the viewer for certain points at a time, but when this film gets bogged down by sloppy drama and characterization, its intense action and thrills were completely washed away. It walks the line between mediocrity and entertainment but should've been much better.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

**The Dark Knight Rises (2102)**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

No one doubts just how good a movie *The Dark Knight Rises* is – but since the release of the movie on Blu-ray, finding which copy you want most is up to debate. For my money, I went with the Target exclusive of the film, which comes in

three Blu-ray discs and has a collectible prequel book that also has some nifty stills from production of the film. It just seemed like the best buy out of all the versions out there, as they all have similar bonuses and extras – but the collectible book really sold me on this one.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

**Halo: Forward Unto Dawn**

Not Rated

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

If you are a fan of the *Halo* video game series, then you have got to check out the *Halo: Forward Unto Dawn* Blu-ray, which collects the web series from [Machinima.com](http://Machinima.com) in one convenient place. This series is a prequel of sorts that leads into the events of *Halo 4* and provides some really cool insight into the continually expanding *Halo* universe. Amazing production values, superb acting and a great precursor to one of the best games released this year, this Blu-ray collection is well worth what you spend for it, and the extras are a nice bonus as well.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

## Video Gaming

• Videogames online, rental or purchase

**LEGO The Lord of the Rings: The Video Game**

Rated E10+

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Just as *The Hobbit* is about to be released in theaters starting a brand new trilogy of films directed by Peter Jackson and based on the works of JRR Tolkien, *LEGO Lord of the*

*Rings: The Video Game* has been released for all major systems. If you've played previous LEGO games, you are in for a treat; this game is huge. There is much to do in the game, and it gives you a sense of adventure unlike previous games. This new dynamic makes this new LEGO game the best in a series of great and fun games.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

## Your Reviews!

You can be a reviewer! Have you just seen a great movie or DVD? Read a great book? Been to a great play or musical? Write a brief review. It's easy! See the instruction box.

## 100 Words or Fewer

■ For movies: Make sure the movie is still in theatres. For books, make sure they are generally available. For theatre shows: try to submit your review before the show closes.

■ All reviews must be written by you (not taken from another source) and exclusive to *Alive!* (not offered to another outlet). Violations could end your ability to be published in *Alive!*

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■ Your own comments are more important than a long plot summary.

■ Give us your score on a scale of 1 to 5. Use this format: *My Score: X (out of 5)*.

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■ Make sure you give us your name and City department (or retired).

■ Submit your review to: [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

■ *Alive!* will send you a small but appropriate "thank you" if we publish your review.



# John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins,  
Club CEO

WIN A  
**\$25** TARGET  
GIFT CARD



"A slow parade started at night, and one of the features was ladies, on stilts, covered in winter leaves [the entry was called 'Frost.']. It was weird to say the least. Only in Vegas."

– **Dominique Daito, LAPD**

**John's comment:** Dominique, when I opened this on my computer it went to full screen, and wow! I almost fell off my chair! Brilliant shot, simply brilliant!



"Happy Holidays, Mr. Hawkins, and to everyone at our beloved City Employees Club!"

– **Greg Park**

**John's comment:** Thanks Greg, and thanks for an iconic Southern California photo. Christmas lights on a surfboard with a beautiful sunset... it just doesn't get more California than that!

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**RUNNER-UP: KAREN KISHITA**



"This was taken at a family friend's Christmas party in their living room. I thought the dimmed lights, shiny wood flooring, elegant draperies and the bright festive atmosphere in the background patio highlighted the beauty and grandeur of this Christmas tree."

– **Glenn Abellanos**

**John's comment:** If this isn't a Christmas "Picture Perfect," then I don't know what is! I keep picturing myself relaxing on one of the couches, just staring at the lights ... and doing absolutely nothing. I love it!



"The bride, the groom, the 'best dog' and the 'groom dog.' Yes I went to a dog wedding, and the greatest part was they donated all their gifts to a local pet food bank."

– **Karen Kishita**

**John's comment:** Well, I just had to put this in, too – I've never heard of a dog wedding, but there's always a first for everything! Thanks Karen for lightening the day.

### RULES:

- The contest is open to all Club members in good standing. Non-members are welcome to submit, but only Club members are eligible to win the monthly prize.
- If your photograph does not win, you are welcome to re-submit.
- Winners are chosen by Club staff. All decisions will be final.
- You must certify (if asked) that you indeed took the picture. No ringers!
- Photos can be submitted either on paper or digitally. Please don't send both.
- If you want your print photo returned, please write your name, address and phone number on the back of your photo.
- Photos can be of any subject matter: vacation, portraits, families, landscapes, still lifes, pets, etc. Subject matter must be appropriate for *Alive!*
- Paper prints can be mailed to: Picture Perfect Contest, *Alive!*, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- When you send digital photos through the Internet, **please send the full, original digital file yourself**, rather than using digital photo software like Kodak EasyShare, Kodak Gallery, Flickr, etc. These programs send very low-resolution images, and they don't look good in print.
- We want you to look your best, so send us the original digital file, please! Thanks!
- Digital photos optimally should be between 100K and 2 megabytes in size and may be e-mailed to: [pictureperfect@cityemployees-club.com](mailto:pictureperfect@cityemployees-club.com)
- The contest is all in good fun: The Club cannot be responsible for delays in delivering *Alive!*, or for delays in the transmission of responses.



## Send Us Your Recipes!

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 [chef@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:chef@cityemployeesclub.com)

# Cooking with the Club

with Chef Robert Larios



## WINGING IT, FOR THE BIG GAME

I like nothing more than having great food like chicken wings for the big Super Bowl football game. There are many ways to have chicken wings, and there are many ways to marinade them along with so many ways to cook them. I like to place them in the oven because I like the intense heat it creates, but the grill is wonderful, too. Nonetheless, for these recipes, the oven is what I'll use.

I'm sharing three flavor styles with you. The first one is an Italian dressing-style marinade and may be the most complicated of the three to make, with five different marinade ingredients. The hot sauce style uses just hot sauce, nothing more, nothing less. It's quite simple but full of flavor, and it's the crowd favorite. Honey Mustard Curry Wings is full of flavor and will not disappoint if you're looking to change up the traditional chicken wing flavor. My experience has been that this one will go fast, so maybe make more than the other wings.

As always, please be aware of very real danger of food-borne illnesses. These can be prevented by being aware of keeping your hands and workstation surfaces clean and sanitized. You must also consider the time you cook your chicken wings along with the temperature at which they cook. Make sure they're thoroughly cooked so that bacteria on the chicken are killed from the heat.

### A Trio of Super Chicken Wings



#### INGREDIENTS:

#### Italian Dressing-Style Chicken Wings:

- 2 tablespoons garlic powder
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 32 fl ounces of Italian dressing
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 1/2 pounds room temperature chicken wings

#### DIRECTIONS:

For all 3 recipes

#### Step 1:

Add and mix all the ingredients in a large mixing bowl.

#### Step 2:

Add as many chicken wings as can be covered by the marinade. Cover with foil or plastic food wrap and leave in the refrigerator until you're ready to cook.

Ideal marination should be overnight or at least three to four hours.

#### Step 3:

Take the marinated wings and place them on a cooking sheet. Place in oven at 375 degrees and cook for about 30 to 40 minutes or until golden brown.



#### Honey Mustard Curry Wings:

- 17 ounces yellow mustard
- 24 ounces Clover honey bottle
- 2 tablespoons curry powder
- 1 1/2 pounds room temperature chicken wings

Staff Favorite!



#### Hot Sauce Style Wings:

- 2 bottles Louisiana's Crystal Hot Sauce
- 1 1/2 pounds room temperature chicken wings

Special note: For easier pouring of hot sauce, take some pliers and pull off the cap.



## Food Quote

"If more of us valued food and cheer and song above hoarded gold, it would be a merrier world."

– J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Hobbit*



### [ A Cook's Dictionary ]

#### Chicken:

History tells us that today's chickens are descendants of wild fowl that roamed the dense jungles of primeval Asia. Thousands of years later, France's King Henry IV stated in his coronation speech that he hoped each peasant in his realm would have "a chicken in his pot every Sunday." Chickens falls into several classifications and grades, including broiler-fryer, roasters, Cornish hens, squab chicken, etc.

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### Cooking TIDBIT

Feel free to experiment with a variety of hot sauces, including any of the Louisiana-style hot sauces and other sauces like Frank's Red Hot Buffalo Wing Sauce. As always, be aware of the heat level for hot sauces since some may have levels too high for children to enjoy.

# A Gingerbread World

Personnel/Employee Benefits Div. hosts gingerbread house competition.

Story and photos by Mariana Guevara, Customer Service Associate



Personnel's Employee Benefits Division held a gingerbread house creation competition. The competition was divided into three teams.

The delicious houses were on display Dec. 10 -14 in room 867 at City Hall.

*The Club thanks Robbye L. Howard, Member Service Supervisor, Employee Benefits Division, Personnel, for assisting us in producing this article.*



CLUB MEMBERS:

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Send your sweetie a special Valentine ... to be printed in the February Alive!

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

Send us a photo (high-resolution digital preferred) of you and your sweetie... or just your sweetie... and two or three sentences declaring your forever love! And we'll print as many as we can.

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SEND PAPER PHOTOS AND YOUR WORDS TO: City Employees Club Be My Club Valentine 120 W. Second St. Los Angeles, CA 90012

DEADLINE: JAN. 15<sup>TH</sup>



# CLASSIFIED ADS

## Members Marketplace

### New Ads This Month!

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

**White Fox Fur Stole & Hat:** Excellent condition, \$600 OBO. Nicole @ (310) 308-1523 or (323) 766-1876. <sup>1/13</sup>

**Black Mink Coat:** Full length, excellent condition, \$1200 OBO. Size M/L. Nicole @ (310) 308-1523 or (323) 766-1876. <sup>1/13</sup>

**2 Cemetery Plots:** Garden of Benevolence @ Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, CA. 1 for \$2500 & both for \$4800. Peggy @ (951)486-3767. <sup>1/13</sup>

**Puppies:** 2 months old (2 males & 1 female) \$150 each. Info @ (323) 804-1021 or (323) 804-1015. <sup>1/13</sup>



**2005 BMW R1200GS Motorcycle:** Gently used, mileage is 23,666 miles. Has GPS w/full option. \$11,000 OBO. Selling because I never have time to ride it, my loss is your gain. Info @ (213) 718-2373. <sup>1/13</sup>

**Vacation Rental:** Nuevo Vallarta/Grand Luxxe. Golf, 2 units, 3K sq ft, each unit sleeps 4. Rent 1 or both units: May 20-27, 2013. \$1.2k or \$1.4k/unit; \$2.5k both units. Info @ (626)278-2886. <sup>1/13</sup>

### Transport

**Kendon dual motorcycle Trailer:** Purchased 2006. Fold/standup type. Stored inside. Storage box, LED lights & moving dolly. \$2,000. Don @ (213)434-0214, days. <sup>12/12</sup>

**2008 Providence 40X Diesel RV:** 360HP Cummings 8.3L, 5-speed Allison transmission. 35,000 miles w/3 slide outs, 5-TVs. Many upgrades, \$145K. Mike White @ (661) 904-2234. <sup>12/12</sup>

**2007 Harley-Davidson:** Screamin Eagle (cvo) motorcycle, 750 miles. Showroom perfect. Some custom mods. 35k new. Sell for 30k. Don @ (213) 434-0214, days. <sup>12/12</sup>

**Bass Fishing Boat:** Goldstream 18', 1973 has bait tank, 6 seats, trailer w/2 extra spare tires. Reduced price \$3,500. Info @ (818) 825 - 1264. <sup>11/12</sup>



**Bayliner Boat:** 24', 1999 cabin cruiser, loaded. Kitchen, dining, 2BD/1BA. Reduced price \$27,000. Info @ (818) 825 - 1264. <sup>11/12</sup>



**Road Bike:** 9-speed, 22" Red FELT F85. Sole owner, 100 miles total. Asking \$300. Denise @ (323) 697-8299. <sup>10/12</sup>

**1959 Dodge Truck:** Restored 1/2 ton Dodge Step-side Pickup Truck. Oak bed. \$18,000. Jim @ (818) 825-0091. <sup>9/12</sup>

**Wheels:** 22" Makaveli 3 piece rims w/tires. \$1500, very good condition. Info @ (310)628-3477. <sup>8/12</sup>

**Coachmen RV 2005:** Purchased in 06 in excellent condition. 27 ft. Sleeps 8-10. 2 pop-outs, AC, 2 awnings, full bath w/extra outdoor shower. Asking \$18,000. Fernando Torres @ (562)900-9229, email: D7thson@yahoo.com <sup>8/12</sup>

**2004 Harley Davidson:** X L 1 2 0 0 R Sportster w/ screaming eagle kit, under 3500 miles. \$5,000. Jerry Napier @ (310) 392-2841 or jerry.napier@me.com <sup>8/12</sup>

**Campagnolo Chorus 9 Speed Group Bike Parts:** Classic Italian style, 1996 Campy Chorus Road Group. Includes brakes, cranks, bottom bracket, chainrings & ergo shifters. \$500. Contact michelle.mowery@lacity.org <sup>6/12w</sup>

**Vintage Schwinn Unicycle:** Classic 1960's, in good condition. \$75. Contact michelle.mowery@lacity.org <sup>6/12</sup>

**Tires:** Original 2011 Chevy Camaro LTStock Tires/Alloy Rims, BF Goodrich Radial T/A P245/55 R18. Used only 900 miles. \$700 cash/OBO. Troy @ (213) 216-3765. <sup>6/12</sup>

**2005 Harley Davidson:** Custom wheels, lots of chrome, air ride system. \$16K OBO. Info @ (213) 842-2648. <sup>6/12</sup>

**2007 1300 V-Star Touring Edition Motorcycle:** 48k FWY miles, runs perfect! Black & Chrome, new tires, cover included, gets 45 mpg. \$5,500 OBO. Bill @ (661) 400-9893. <sup>3/12</sup>

**2001 Honda-70 Dirt Bike:** Great condition, original owner, serviced annually & well maintained. No clutch, great for beginners. \$700 OBO. Info @ (562) 447-3189. <sup>1/12</sup>

**Custom 2004 Harley XLH 1200:** custom chromed pipes & paint, completely tricked out show bike. 27K miles. \$12,000 OBO. Juandessa Johnson @ (310) 213-3321 or tj4bj5@gmail.com <sup>1/12</sup>

**2 Cemetery Plots:** Valhalla Cemetery in North Hollywood, Lot 19 & 20, Section 470, Block H. \$7,000 for both. Thomas @ (602) 770-9389. <sup>11/12</sup>

**2 Cemetery Plots:** Garden of Benevolence @ Rose Hills Memorial Park-Whittier, CA. 1 for \$2,500 - both for \$4,800. Peggy @ (951) 486-3767. <sup>11/12</sup>

**4 Cemetery Plots:** For sale by owner. Adjacent. Panoramic views in Hillside Section of Forest Lawn Hollywood Cemetery. 1- Plot: \$3,500. 4-Plots: \$12,800. Jason @ (949) 466-8542. <sup>10/12</sup>

**2 Cemetery Plots:** Side-by-side, Garden of Commemoration, Lot 515 for \$5,800 including transfer fees in Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier. Ernie or Celia @ (323) 257-8887. <sup>10/12</sup>

**4 Cemetery Plots:** Burial plots (1-4 side by side) at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Covina, CA. In Cherished Memory Section 1617 (near the road). \$3,300 each OBO. Betty @ (626) 286-8649. <sup>8/12</sup>

**Cemetery Plot:** Inglewood Cemetery, Sunset Mission Mausoleum, Sanctuary of Grace, 243 double capacity crypt Tier-3, \$10,000 OBO. Dennis @ (661) 433-1912. <sup>6/12</sup>

### Furniture

**Country Style Round Table:** (48" diameter x 29" H) w/ 4 chairs "As Is". Good condition & durable. \$135 OBO. Great table & chairs for the holidays! Info @ (310) 833-6801. <sup>12/12</sup>

**Desk:** Mahogany wood, cute, 4 drawers on each side, case slot top, + small drawers inside when lid opens. Reduced price \$250. Info @ (818) 825 - 1264. <sup>11/12</sup>

**Dresser w/ mirror & 1 night stand:** Brand new still in the box, only wanted bed assembly. Email for more pictures. Purchased entire bedroom set for \$1500. Asking \$400 for these 3 items. John @ (626) 757-5341 or jgonzlez@hotmail.com <sup>8/12</sup>

**Leather recliner,** Thomasville. Price \$150 OBO. Rob @ (626) 827-4386. <sup>7/12</sup>

**Sofa: Corner Group w/ Ottoman** Price: \$450 OBO. Like new, 3 years old, Microfiber. Comes w/ pillows & ottoman. Rob @ (626) 827-4386. <sup>5/12</sup>

**Vintage 1950's Bamboo Furniture:** 5-piece retro-deco set. Perfect for Tiki Room, Man Cave or Palm Springs home. Slip covered w/50's type Hawaiian fabric. Awesome condition, no tears/fading. Sacrifice at \$1,800 must downsize. More pictures available upon request. Nels @ (818) 781-1747. <sup>5/12</sup>

**Broyhill Dining Set:** 48" X 48" glass table top w/ white base & 4 chairs. Originally bought for \$2,000. Great condition. \$700 OBO. Matt @ (818)807-4254. <sup>2/12</sup>

**Headboard:** Queen size, solid oak 72"H x 65"W x 17"D. Four drawers, 2 lights, plug bar. Missing one mirror. Very good condition. \$175 OBO. John @ (626) 584-1302. <sup>1/12</sup>

### Homes/Rentals/Land

**Duplex for Rent:** 1BD/1BA, kitchen & living room. Near Vernon & Main Street area. Nice neighbors, non smokers & taking only Section 8 tenants. Jimmy @ (323)737-4879 or (323)231-9433. <sup>11/12</sup>

**For Rent:** Studio unit, newly remodeled. Bamboo kitchen cabinets, granite counters, hardwood laminate flooring, no pets, near South Pasadena. \$600/mo. 1-year lease, application process. Info @ (323)919-1163. <sup>11/12</sup>

**House for Rent:** 2BD in North Long Beach, dining room w/laundry hook ups. Large living room + yard & garage. Nice area. \$1500/mo. Lorraine @ (562)537-5972. <sup>10/12</sup>

**Room for Rent:** North Whittier area, next to 605/60 fwy's, in CA Country Club residence, up-scale neighborhood. Xtra lg furnished BD w/Queen bed, lots closet space. Share house w/Firefighter dad & 19yr college son. Male w/o additional live-in obligations. Share BA, utilities included & laundry use. \$600 per mo. John @ (626)757-5341 or jgonzlez@hotmail.com <sup>9/12</sup>

**For Sale:** Land in scenic Lake Elizabeth w/ lake & golf. Great area to build for weekend get-aways/retirement home. Land (2 parcels) have been surveyed & perc/soils tests performed. 25 mins from Santa Clarita. \$17,000 & \$35,000. Frances @ (805) 583-5321. <sup>8/12</sup>

**Room for Rent:** Inglewood, cozy bedroom \$500/month, 333 E. 97th St. Utilities paid, non smoker, no drugs or pets. Shared bathroom, kitchen & washer dryer. Sharon/Randy Coleman @ (310) 677-5292. <sup>8/12</sup>

**For Rent:** Lovely apartment in LA/Baldwin Hills (5-units). 2BD/1BA, kitchen, living room, dining room, 1-car garage. Downstairs unit. New paint, carpet, windows & fixtures. Very quiet. Don Tomaso Dr. Close to public transportation. Info @ (310) 365-1868. <sup>8/12</sup>

**For Sale:** 10 Acre property in Acton. Ready to build. Grading done. Beautiful 360 views. Utilities available. \$165K. Bill @ (661) 400-9893. <sup>3/12</sup>

### Household Items

**First Edition Book:** *Gone with the Wind*, hard cover book, written in 1936. Good condition. Asking \$1000 OBO. Laurreta Hall @ (323)751-3203. <sup>12/12</sup>

**Free Dog:** 12 yr. old Shih Tzu, male. If interested, Charles Ella @ (818) 342-2774 or email charlesjones2@juno.com <sup>12/12</sup>

**Cuckoo Clock:** Beautiful & musical 26", 8-day, hunter style, carved wood. Reduced price \$850. Info @ (818) 825 - 1264. <sup>11/12</sup>

**TV:** 50 inch lg plasma tv, needs a circuit board. Reduced price \$195. Info @ (818) 825 - 1264. <sup>11/12</sup>

**Refrigerator:** L.G. 26.5 cu.ft capacity side by side, ice & water dispensing; system- IED lighting & digital temp. Controls, like new, great bay, only \$500. Rosemary @ (951)218-4414. <sup>11/12</sup>

**Christian Dior China:** 12 place settings, pattern "Casablanca", 5-pieces per setting, unused. \$400 each OBO. Christal @ (213) 978-6843. <sup>4/12</sup>

**Estate Sale:** Brand new daybed & bunkbeds w/ mattresses. Like new Maytag stacked washer/gas dryer & portable A/C unit on wheels. Gloria @ (323) 737-5342. <sup>4/12</sup>

### Miscellaneous

**Airless Paint Sprayer:** 2750 piston pump, 25' hose, metal spray gun, simplified set-up & clean-up, 2 gal. capacity, only \$75. Rosemary @ (951)218-4414. <sup>11/12</sup>

**Snap-on Tool Box:** Classic 78, great condition, pinstripe on side of box. 51" Wide x 21" Deep x 44" High. \$2,200 OBO. Ben @ (818)497-3394. <sup>9/12</sup>

**Many Items:** Lexmark X2470 Color Printer \$90, Gossen Luna Pro SBC Light Meter \$100, Kodak Brownie 8 Projector \$25, Radio Shack Computer Chess Game \$25, Kato Unitrack HO Track Set w/Powerpack \$40, Polaroid Model 95 Camera \$25, Pontiac Rally Wheel Inserts (Red PMD) \$60. Info @ (213) 792-3130. <sup>8/12</sup>

**Air Compressor:** Twin pack 5 gal 3HP115 volts, Craftsman brad nailer, air drive, new, used in my home 2 days, make offer. George @ (818) 764-2091. <sup>8/12</sup>

**Boxing Gloves:** Plus head gear, like new. Size LG/XLG, \$85. Info @ (818) 825 - 1264. <sup>7/12</sup>

**Thomas Kinkadee Art:** I have 5 paintings that I need to sell. Canvas paintings various series, 3 mountain scenes, 1 Christmas & flag over New York. Please email chatkatcmahon@aol.com & we will send more information. <sup>5/12</sup>

**Deluxe Organ:** Upright Lowrey Genius Model G-160, w/two 44-note keyboards & 13 pedals. 36"H x 43"W x 23.5"D, 120 lbs. \$800 OBO. Christal @ (213) 978-6843. <sup>4/12</sup>

**iPad Tablet Cleaner:** The "iSlip" & "iSlipTuFF" @ Cooper-Product.com. Free shipping. Available in 13 colors, \$8.95 to CECLA, use Discount Code: CECLA. <sup>1/12</sup>

**Casiotone 401 keyboard:** Manual, cover, foot pedal. Mint condition \$200. Specifications, photos at "casiotonecollection.blogspot.com/2009/11/casiotone-401". Song books, Metronome available. Frances Mooney @ (310) 324-3117. <sup>1/12</sup>

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Small Drink	\$4.50	\$3.00	X	= \$
Movie Pack	\$35.00	\$24.00	X	= \$
<i>Includes 2 unrestricted movie passes, 2 small drink concession and 1 small popcorn concession.</i>				
<b>California Science Center IMAX</b>				
Adult	\$ 8.25	\$5.75	X	= \$
Child (4-12)	\$5.00	\$4.25	X	= \$
<b>Cinemark Theatres</b>				
Good Any Time	\$10.75	\$7.75	X	= \$
<b>Galaxy Theatres – Good Any Time <span style="color:red">New</span></b>				
	\$11.00	\$7.50	X	= \$
<b>Harkins Movie Theatres</b>				
Restricted	\$10.00	\$6.00	X	= \$
Good Any Time	\$10.00	\$7.50	X	= \$
<b>Krikorian Theatres – Good Any Time</b>				
	\$11.00	\$7.50	X	= \$
<b>Laemmle Theatres – Good Any Time</b>				
	\$11.00	\$6.00	X	= \$
<b>Landmark Theaters</b>				
Good Any Time	\$12.50	\$8.00	X	= \$
<i>\$1.50 surcharge for use at West LA; \$2.50 for 3-D. <span style="color:red">New</span></i>				
<b>Pacific Theatres</b>				
Restricted	\$12.50	\$6.25	X	= \$
Gift Book	\$40.00	\$32.50	X	= \$
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<b>Rave Motion Pictures "Rave 18"</b>				
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Good Any Time	\$14.00	\$7.50	X	= \$
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Restricted	\$12.50	\$6.50	X	= \$
Good Any Time	\$12.50	\$7.50	X	= \$
<b>Regency Theatres – Good Any Time</b>				
	\$11.50	\$7.00	X	= \$
<b>UltraStar Cinemas</b>				
Good Any Time	\$10.00	\$6.00	X	= \$

	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
<b>Attraction Tickets</b>				
<b>Adventure City</b>				
Adult/Child	\$14.95	\$10.50	X	= \$
<b>Aquarium of the Pacific <i>Expires 6/30/2013.</i></b>				
Adult	\$24.95	\$16.95	X	= \$
Child (3-11)	\$12.95	\$9.95	X	= \$
<b>Big Bear/Snow Summit <i>Good for 2012/2013 Season.</i> <span style="color:red">New</span></b>				
Adult	\$59.00	\$42.00	X	= \$
Young Adult (13-21)	\$49.00	\$34.00	X	= \$
Child (7-12)	\$25.00	\$19.00	X	= \$
<i>* Some restrictions apply, ages 6 and under free.</i>				
<b>Boomer's Family Fun Centers</b>				
All Day Pass	\$24.99	\$16.25	X	= \$
<b>Catalina <i>Expires 12/31/2012. Not valid 5/25-27, 7/4-7, 8/31-9/2.</i></b>				
Island Express – Round Trip	\$74.50	\$60.50	X	= \$
	\$59.00	\$51.00	X	= \$
<b>Davey's Locker <span style="color:red">Buy 1, Get 1 FREE!</span></b>				
Whale Watching	\$30.00	\$21.00	X	= \$
	\$25.00	\$17.00	X	= \$
Sportfishing – 1/2 Day	\$40.00	\$30.25	X	= \$
	\$29.00	\$25.75	X	= \$
Sportfishing – Full Day	\$69.00	\$56.25	X	= \$
	\$55.00	\$47.75	X	= \$
<b>Discovery Science Center <i>Expires 11/29/2013.</i> <span style="color:red">New</span></b>				
Adult	\$14.95	\$12.00	X	= \$
Child (3-11)	\$12.95	\$10.00	X	= \$
<b>Disneyland/California Adventure <i>Expires 12/31/2013.</i></b>				
1-Day, 1-Park	\$87.00	\$83.52	X	= \$
	\$81.00	\$77.76	X	= \$
1-Day Park Hopper	\$125.00	\$114.38	X	= \$
	\$119.00	\$108.89	X	= \$
2-Day, 1-Park	\$170.00	\$158.10	X	= \$
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2-Day Park Hopper	\$200.00	\$180.00	X	= \$
	\$188.00	\$169.20	X	= \$
SoCal Select Annual Passport	\$269.00	\$255.55	X	= \$
<i>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2013. Valid 170 days.</i>				
SoCal Annual Passport	\$329.00	\$312.55	X	= \$
<i>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2013. Valid 215 days.</i>				
Deluxe Annual Passport	\$469.00	\$445.55	X	= \$
<i>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2013. Valid 315 days.</i>				
Premium Annual Passport w/Parking	\$649.00	\$616.55	X	= \$
<i>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2013. No blackout dates.</i>				
<b>Golf N' Stuff</b>				
3 Hour Unlimited Wristband: Norwalk location	\$30.00	\$16.25	X	= \$
All Park Pass: Ventura location	\$20.00	\$15.25	X	= \$
<b>K1 Speed Racing</b>				
Admit one	\$25.95	\$15.25	X	= \$
<i>Minimum height requirement 4'10". This pass entitles the owner to one 1/4 Lap race and a annual license for the day.</i>				
<b>Knott's Berry Farm <i>Expires 12/31/2013.</i></b>				
1-Day	\$57.99	\$33.00	X	= \$
	\$28.99	\$24.00	X	= \$
<b>LA Zoo</b>				
Adult	\$16.00	\$13.00	X	= \$
Child (2-12)	\$11.00	\$8.25	X	= \$
<b>Legoland <i>Expires 11/21/2013.</i></b>				
Adult	\$75.00	\$58.00	X	= \$
Child (3-11)	\$65.00	\$58.00	X	= \$
<i>Comes with 2nd day free to use within 90 days of 1st use.</i>				
Sea Life Resort Hopper	\$95.00	\$67.00	X	= \$
	\$85.00	\$67.00	X	= \$
<i>Pass includes admission to Legoland, Sea Life Aquarium and the new waterpark. Ticket comes with a second day free to all 3 attractions.</i>				
<b>Madame Tussauds Wax Attraction <i>Expires 12/31/2013.</i></b>				
Adult	\$25.00	\$13.00	X	= \$
Child (4-12)	\$18.00	\$10.25	X	= \$
<b>Magic Mountain <i>Expires 9/30/2013.</i></b>				
General Admission (3 and up)	\$64.99	\$34.99	X	= \$
<b>Medieval Times <i>Not valid 12/31/2012.</i> <span style="color:red">Buy 1 Adult, Get 1 Adult or child FREE!</span></b>				
Adult	\$57.95	\$43.50	X	= \$
Child (0-12)	\$35.95	\$31.50	X	= \$
<b>Mulligan's Family Fun Center</b>				
All Day Pass	\$23.99	\$16.75	X	= \$
<i>Restrictions: Pass gives 1 Adult or Child unlimited use of Laser Tag, Miniature Golfing, Go-Karts/Speedway and the Rock Wall. This ticket is valid Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, major holidays and everyday during the summer. Attractions vary per location. Certain height, weight, restrictions may apply. This ticket is accepted at Mulligan Torrance, Murrieta, and Palmdale.</i>				
Gift Certificate	\$15.00	\$10.25	X	= \$

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	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
<b>Attraction Tickets, continued</b>				
<b>Pirates Dinner Adventure <i>Expires 11/30/2013.</i></b>				
Adult	\$56.95	\$36.00	X	= \$
Child	\$37.95	\$27.50	X	= \$
<b>Queen Mary</b>				
Adult	\$24.95	\$20.25	X	= \$
Child (4-11)	\$21.95	\$10.50	X	= \$
<b>San Diego Safari Park</b>				
Adult	\$44.00	\$35.75	X	= \$
Child (3-11)	\$34.00	\$27.75	X	= \$
2-Visit Pass	\$79.00	\$63.25	X	= \$
	\$61.00	\$48.75	X	= \$
<i>May be used for one visit at each park or 2 visits to the same park.</i>				
<b>San Diego Zoo</b>				
Adult	\$44.00	\$35.75	X	= \$
Child (3-11)	\$34.00	\$27.75	X	= \$
2-Visit Pass	\$79.00	\$63.25	X	= \$
	\$61.00	\$48.75	X	= \$
<i>May be used for one visit at each park or 2 visits to the same park.</i>				
<b>Santa Monica Pier/Pacific Park <i>Expires 1/6/2014.</i></b>				
Unlimited Wristband	\$18.95	\$12.75	X	= \$
<b>Sea World San Diego</b>				
1-Day	\$78.00	\$58.00	X	= \$
	\$65.00	\$58.00	X	= \$
<b>Snow Valley <i>Good for 2012/2013 Season, no blackouts.</i> <span style="color:red">New</span></b>				
Adult	\$69.00	\$35.00	X	= \$
Young Adult (13-19)	\$59.00	\$25.00	X	= \$
Child (7-12) *Ages 6 and under free.	\$30.00	\$10.00	X	= \$
Midweek Adult/Young Adult	\$57.00	\$19.00	X	= \$
<b>Speedzone <i>Expires 1/25/2013.</i></b>				
3 Hour Unlimited Pass	\$49.99	\$25.25	X	= \$
<i>Unlimited use of rides and Mini-golf.</i>				
<b>Universal Studios <i>Expires 1/31/2014.</i></b>				
Buy 1-Day: get 2-Days free!				
	\$77.00	\$69.00	X	= \$

<b>Gift Certificates</b>				
<b>See's Candies</b>				
Gift Certificate (1 lb.)	\$16.90	\$12.90	X	= \$

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REC AND PARKS

# Vintage Pottery Day

**Banning Museum to host lecture, samples of Ohio pottery.**

Fans of *Antiques Road Show*, take note: Ohio Valley pottery from 1890 to 1925 is the subject of a lecture scheduled for 10 a.m. Jan. 19 at the Banning Museum in Wilmington.

Highlights of the lecture will cover collecting 300 pieces of original Ohio Valley pottery from 1890 to 1925. Guests will be able to examine samples of this private collection, which includes pieces of Rookwood, Roseville, Weller and Owens pottery. There will be a question-and-answer session after the lecture. Guests will also be invited to view the Museum's "The Art That Is Life" exhibit showcasing exquisite pieces from Ohio manufacturers. Light refreshments will be served.

The lecture coincides with an ongoing exhibit displaying a collection of American art pottery and showcasing exquisite pieces from Ohio manufacturers. These pieces were produced during the end of the Victorian era through the Arts and Crafts movement, 1890-1925.

During the turn of the 20th century, many home furnishings still adhered



One of several American art pottery samples on display at the Banning Museum.



to the Victorian aesthetic of deep colors and decadent designs. But the craftsman movement called for the revival of traditional artistry techniques in response to the growing production of these wares by machine. This craftsmanship revival can be seen in the pottery industry, where pieces were prized for their artistry and individuality. The Ohio area proved a lucrative location for prospective potteries due to the plentiful clay deposits. In response to the growing demand for art pottery, the Roseville, Rookwood, Weller and Owens companies used raw materials to create some of the pieces that exemplify the American Arts and Crafts Movement.

Admission is \$5. To RSVP or for more information about this event, call Friends of Banning Museum, (310) 548-2005 or visit [www.thebanning-museum.org](http://www.thebanning-museum.org).

The Banning Museum is a Rec and Parks facility and is operated in cooperation with Friends of Banning Museum. The Banning Museum is at 401 East "M" Street, in Wilmington. The lecture will take place in the historic Carriage Barn.

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\$11 Retail | **\$8 Member** | **\$5 Member Sale**
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\$10.40 Retail | **\$8 Member**
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- 13 Two Compartment Travel Case**  
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\$13 Retail | **\$10 Member**
- 14 Vintage Tech Bag**  
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\$24 Retail | **\$18 Member**
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