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A Message From the CEO

Persistence and The Can-Do Spirit

by John Hawkins,
President and CEO, The Club

We all know how the saying goes: If at first you don't succeed, try again.

Doug Scarborough knows it. Does he ever. And he's proof that there's a ton of truth to that saying. Persistence is way underrated.

Two years ago, Airport Police Officer Doug Scarborough, a born adventurer, tried to get to the top of Mt. Everest. He came an agonizing 900 feet short and then came home more than a little frustrated. But that kind of effort deserved our April 2012 cover. Having the guts to try is always celebrated in my book.

Maybe you can imagine my *whoa!* when I opened an email a few weeks ago from Doug. I saw it was from him, and I clicked as fast as I could.

Unbelievable. He made it! And he brought *Alive!* with him this time. My head started spinning!

His successful climb fulfills a kind of dream we've had around the Club office for a long time. When we first started the fun feature *Alive! Around the World*, and dozens and dozens of awesome Club Members started sending in their photos, we were really blown away. We let ourselves dream just a little. What would be the most amazing location from which a Club Member would send us an entry? We thought Antarctica would be incredible. Maybe even from under water. (Both of which have happened, by the way.) But then someone – maybe me – suggested Mt. Everest. I thought, no possible way. And then it came true, thanks to Doug! Maybe outer space is next!



Airport Police Officer (and Mt. Everest veteran) Doug Scarborough (left) with Club CEO John Hawkins.

I'm fascinated by Doug's journey, both in terms of the trails he's hiked to get to the top of the world, and the personal sacrifice he has made to see it through. I am such a fan of the combination of dreams and hard work. Dreams without it go nowhere; hard work alone is tedious and dispiriting. Together, they're awesome, if we take both of them seriously. And Doug, despite being one of the most polite, humble and pleasant people you'll meet, does. While not every Club Member has the wherewithal to make it to the top of Everest, the truth is, the City Employees Club is filled with people who know how to dream, and who know how to put in a hard day's work. Every month we chronicle amazing City projects and programs. Doug is at the head of, but by no means alone on, that list. Here's to celebrating the Club Members who dream, and the Club Members who work hard. Incredible things can happen when you put them together.

Well, let me catch my breath. Speaking of hard work, I congratulate all those City Employees who took part in this year's annual Baker to Vegas foot race through the desert. Nice job! And I also want to give a small shout-out to **Arlene Herrero**, Club Products Manager, and the Club staff that works hard to bring you the Baker to Vegas results every year. Kudos all around.

I'm glad to see the good folks at the Central Library (we have lots of Club Members there) are putting together a cool retrospective on sheet music written and created right here in LA. In this digital age, some might think that libraries are less relevant. Hardly. We found that out a few years ago when we chronicled all the new library branches that were being built or refurbished. They were, and remain, packed. This exhibit is the kind of long-range project that great libraries ought to be doing. Nice job!

Please welcome our new *History Comes Alive!* contributor, **Michael Holland**. Michael is the Acting Archivist for the City, and he's off to a strong start this month. He knows he has major shoes to fill in taking over for the beloved Hynda Rudd, who retired from her *Alive!* column last month. I have a sneaking suspicion Michael's going to do just fine, and then some. Welcome, Michael!

I don't know about you, but I'm looking forward to the Fourth of July. As a United States veteran, I hold Independence Day in high regard. With all the celebrations, let's pause a moment and be truly thankful for our hard-fought liberties and freedoms.

Club Members, enjoy your families, your friends, your Fourths, and the rest of your summers!

JOHN

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— **Linda Wood, November 2012**

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LETTERS OF THE MONTH

Hynda Retires Into History, But Her Legacy Lives On

Congratulations to Hynda Rudd as she retires from writing the *History Comes Alive!* column. She will be missed! It was an honor to have read her articles over the years, and what a wealth of knowledge! Thank you, Hynda!

— Kyle Langsford, Public Works/Sanitation



On the Trail of Service

Another terrific story on the cover from you guys! LAFD Capt. Craig White and the new Disaster Preparedness motorcycle unit look like they mean business! Go Motorcycle Response Team!

— Jay Netters, LAPD

New Aquatica Park Is Just Part of Pool of Club Deals

Thank you adding the SeaWorld Aquatica tickets to the menu of tickets for us at the Club Store! That place is super fun! You have some great prices too!

— Henry Rivas, General Services

She's Glad That Club Helps Honor Mothers and Fathers

One of my favorite times of the year is looking at the Mother's and Father's Day tributes in the newspaper. It is a joy to see the kind words and wonderful photos that people send to their parents. Cherish these moments you have with your loved ones!

— Giselda Jennings, Retired

Cora's Retirement Story Reflects Her Stature Within City, Club

It was great to see Cora Soriano's retirement article. She deserves all the best, and we wish her the best. We know she deserves the rest, although it is almost with 100 percent certainty that she will not rest and continue to move and shake. I also noticed that Robert Larios of the Club was there and spoke. It must have been a treat to have him there, and he must think highly of Cora to have made an appearance.

— Amy Johnson, LAPD

RLACEI's Golf Tournament Is a Fair Way to Spend Summer Day

A big thanks to those at RLACEI who put together another wonderful golf tournament at the Alhambra Public Golf Course. There were tons of prizes and good fun. The food was pretty good, too! It was also great seeing Robert Larios of the Club there to greet the players and snap photos for the newspaper.

— John Torres, Retired

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Question OF THE MONTH

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

What's your favorite holiday?



"Christmas, because lots of family gets together."

"Thanksgiving, because I have a lot to be thankful for."
— Lucy Artinian, 30 years of City service, and Ruth Perry, 23 years, both of LACERS



"Thanksgiving, so I can go to the Imperial sand dunes off-roading."
— Frank Avila, Rec and Parks, 19 years of City service



"Winter: snowboarding."
— Capt. Keith Stewart, LAFD, 20 years of City service



"The Fourth of July. I love fireworks."
— Constance Randle, LAPD/Jail Division, 18 years of City service



"Christmas, because I get to be around family."
— Javier Melendez, Housing, 10 years of City service



"The Fourth of July, for fireworks and a day with family."
— Juan Rodriguez, 10 years of City service



"Halloween, because you can be anyone you want for a day."
— Allen De La Pena, LAPD, 7 years of City service



"Christmas. It's festive and sentimental and a happy time of the year."
"Easter, because of chocolate."
— Linda and Richard Lorenzo, Public Works/Sanitation, 22 years of City service



"Thanksgiving: food, family, fun."
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ZOO

Baby Chimps!

Zoo welcomes three to its chimp family.

Story courtesy Zoo; Photo by Tad Motoyama, Zoo

Over the past year, the L.A. Zoo has had three baby chimpanzees born. The first named Zuri was born to mother Regina on July 23, 2012. On March 8, 2013, Yoshi gave birth to Uki, and finally on April 22, Gracie gave birth to an as-yet unnamed infant. All three youngsters are females. The birth of Uki represents an important milestone in the chimpanzee's troop as she is a fourth generation birth within the Zoo's troop.

Uki's mom, Yoshi, was born at the Zoo on July 2, 1990, her mother, Regina, was born at the Zoo on October 23, 1983. Finally, her mother, Pandora, was born at the Zoo on March 5, 1967, less than a year after the Los Angeles Zoo opened. Pandora is one of the Zoo's oldest residents and as the matriarch of the chimpanzee family has seen the chimp's zoo environment change from barred cages to a concrete grotto to the opening of Chimpanzees of Mahale Mountains in 1998.

All three youngsters are being raised with their mothers on exhibit and in the company of the rest of the adult females. The infants are slowly being introduced to the rest of the troop. Shaun, an adult male, was specifically chosen as the first male for these infants to be introduced to as he has shown patience with past youngsters.

Growing up with adult males is a natural part of life. The role of the male is to protect the troop and in some cases settle differences between female chimpanzees.

The Zoo houses a total of 17 chimps in a complex troop within Chimpanzees of Mahale Mountains. The animals are managed in a fission/fusion manner, similar to how chimpanzees live in the wild where the troop splits off into sub-troops in various intervals. The exhibit features two separate outdoor habitats – the main habitat includes vegetation, boulders, a stream and climbing opportunities. The second exhibit area is referred to as the “pent-house,” a mesh-covered structure featuring ropes, ladders and swings that is situated on top of the chimp's indoor sleeping quarters. Chimpanzees are native to the forest of Africa and are an endangered species threatened by challenges including deforestation and the bushmeat crisis – commercial hunting for the meat of wild animals.

The Zoo participates in the Chimpanzee Species Survival Plan (SSP). The SSP serves 35 zoos across the United States to help guide the management of the chimpanzee population. Currently there are 245 chimpanzees in Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) accredited zoos. L.A. Zoo is also involved in the SSP programs for two other species of great ape, which are also endangered, the orangutan and gorilla.

The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens is in Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura (134) and Golden State (5) freeways. Admission is \$17 for adults and \$12 for children ages 2 to 12. The Zoo is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. For information, call (323) 644-4200 or visit the L.A. Zoo Website at www.lazoo.org.

PUBLIC WORKS

Thanks, Paula!

Sanitation's Green Streets committee honors and thanks former Commissioner Paula Daniels.

Story courtesy Deborah Deets and Adriana Becerra, Public Works; Photos by Jose Lozano, Public Works

Public Works/Sanitation's Green Streets Project (out of the Watershed Protection Division) held a small, surprise thank-you ceremony honoring Paula Daniels, a former Public Works commissioner who transferred in 2011 to the Mayor's Office.

The celebration was to honor Paula for all she “had done for our City, our Green Streets Committee, and our storm water efforts.” Daniels was directly responsible for securing project funding, overseeing the development of standard plans, and creating a cohesive framework for the City Green Street planning activities. She was instrumental in directing the City onto greener paths with an innovative infrastructure initiative to clean up storm water pollution. As a Board of Public Works commissioner, she championed the first standard plans for Green Streets in the United States and drafted tolerant planting guidelines, according to press reports.

The celebration took place earlier this year at the concluding ceremony of the Elmer Avenue Paseo watershed project in Sun Valley. The Elmer Avenue project transformed a street that was prone to flooding into a green oasis with state-of-the-art storm water management features. Forty acres of runoff used to drain into the area, flooding the community. Now, through a system of infiltration pipes under the newly reconstructed street, runoff is captured and channeled underground.

The cake, card and flowers were provided by the Green Streets committee.

The completed Elmer Avenue Paseo watershed project, managed by Public Works' Greet Streets Project committee.

Paula Daniels, former Public Works Commissioner, tours the completed Elmer Avenue Paseo watershed project in Sun Valley, a project she helped begin.

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Songs in the Key of LA

Library begins a summer exhibit on LA's heyday as capital of Southern California sheet music.

lished by Angel City Press, *Songs in the Key of Los Angeles* tells the story of Los Angeles through its songs. Featuring the elaborately designed covers of more than 100 pieces of vintage sheet music, the unprecedented anthology offers a rare musical window into Southern California history—from California lullabies and Los Angeles waltzes, sunshine rags and sunset serenades, to emerging West Coast jazz and the legacy of Mexican folk traditions.

About the Sheet Music Collection

The Central Library's Art, Music and Recreation Department houses a large collection of printed sheet music ranging from classical, popular and folk songs to musical theater and jazz.

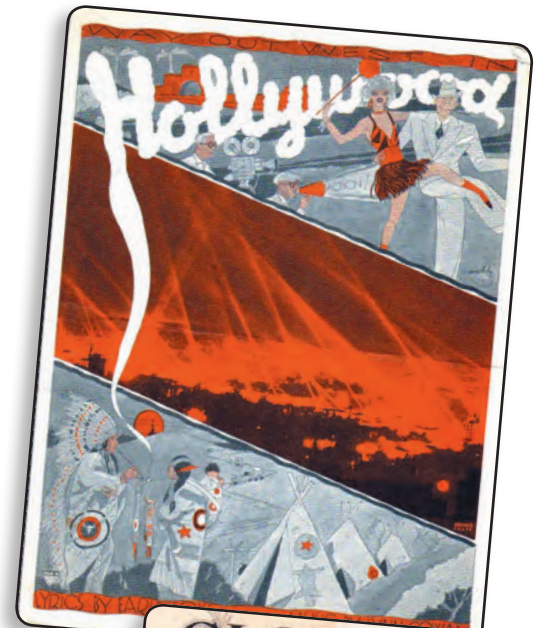
The collection includes an orchestrations collection of more than 2,700 separate works and individual parts and sheet music for more than 130,000 songs, available in songbooks and as individual sheet music. The individual sheet music spans the genre's heyday from the 1850s through the 1950s, as well as later work up through the 1990s.

A portion of the library's collection covers the period of L.A.'s growth from remote outpost into sprawling metropolis and provides a rare window into early Southern California music history. This specific sheet music spans genres from pop to jazz, Mexican folk to blues, includes songs about L.A. and Southern California, features key regional songwriters and personalities and many were an integral part of Los Angeles' music industry at the turn of the 20th century.

Events

- Exhibit of sheet music, Central Library downtown. See the Los Angeles Public Library for dates and times: www.lapl.org
- Book published by Angel City Press, *Songs in the Key of Los Angeles*, is available at The Library Store.
- *ALOUD: Songs in the Key of Los Angeles*, a musical conversation with Josh Kun and Quetzal, Thursday, July 18, 7:15 p.m. Information: www.lfla.org/event-detail/863/Songs-in-the-Key-of-Los-Angeles
- Grand Performances presents: Off the Shelf: Creating L.A.'s 21st Century Library, Thursday, July 25, 8 p.m.
- Concert: *Songs in the Key of L.A.* with Ozomatli and Friends, Friday, Aug. 2, 8 p.m. Information: www.grandperformances.org/calendar/2013-season-overview/

An example to be on exhibit of the kind of Southern California-focused songs from the Central Library's collection. Check out more covers here: www.lapl.org/collections-resources/visual-collections/sheet-music-covers



Information and graphics courtesy Library

The City's past as a center of the publication of West Coast-focused sheet music is the subject of a major exhibit, lectures, recordings and performances this summer.

"Songs in the Key of L.A." is the first in a series of collaborations between the Library Foundation and the Los Angeles Public Library to mine the Library's vast special collections. The project, curated by a research team led by USC Annenberg Professor Josh Kun, explores a portion of the Library's sheet music collection, which, according to Kun, is the world's only library collection of Southern California sheet music. Through a comprehensive anthology, new recordings, documentaries, a special exhibition at Central Library, an ALOUD program, a free concert with Grand Performances and more, the Library and Library Foundation will bring the Library's sheet music collection to light for contemporary reflection, offering an opportunity to explore the history of Los Angeles through its sheet music.

A Book, Too

Culled from the Sheet Music Collection of the Los Angeles Public Library and pub-



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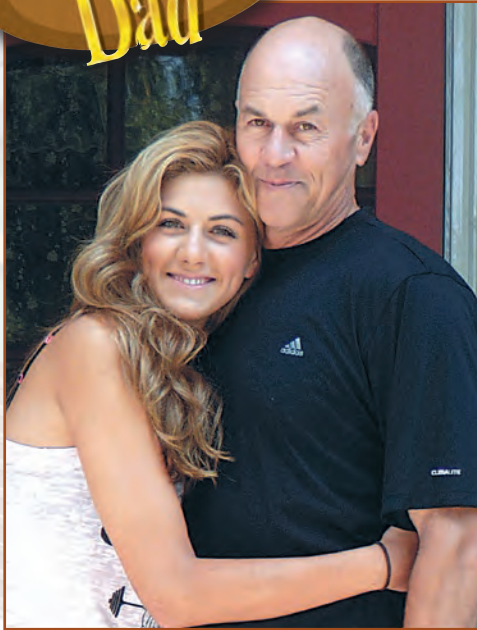
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One We Missed

Due to an error on our part, last month's *Alive!* tribute to Club fathers was missing one entry, from Shelley Garcia, for

Kenneth Mattfeld, City Attorney/Harbor. Our apologies. – *Ed.*



Here are Perry (daughter) and Ken Mattfeld, in the last photo taken before Perry moves off to college (USC). "Ken is choking back tears, so proud of his beautiful girl. Happy Father's Day, Papa."

– **Shelley Garcia, mother of Perry**

"Even though I'm almost as tall as you, I'll always be your little girl. To the best Trojan Papa, Happy Father's Day!"

– **Perry Mattfeld**

REC AND PARKS

Banning Seeks Volunteers

The Banning Museum seeks volunteers and will host two Get to Know Us receptions from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Aug. 23 – 24. The receptions will be held in the conference room at the Banning Museum, 401 East "M" Street, in Wilmington.

Volunteers at the Banning Museum attend a training class to gain the background necessary to offer public tours and special group tours of the interior of the museum, Stagecoach Barn and grounds. Once the training class is completed, the volunteers are able to participate in a full range of museum including conservation and maintenance of antiques, participating in decorative

arts exhibitions, special events, Museum Shop assistance, lecture and discussion committees, volunteer activities, Living History Program and School Program.

The Museum's School Program is designed to introduce fourth-grade students to local cultural and historical heritage and may require additional training to familiarize new volunteers to the program details.

For additional information or to RSVP for one of the receptions above, contact Melanie Streitfeld, (310) 548-2005.

The Banning Museum is Rec and Parks facility and is operated in cooperation with Friends of Banning Museum, a nonprofit corporation.



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History Comes *Alive!*

~ Tales From the City Archives ~



by Michael E. Holland
Acting City Archivist

Beginnings of A 'Beautiful City'

The creation of the
Cultural Affairs Dept.

PART ONE

About Our New Author

Please welcome to *Alive!* Michael E. Holland, the City's current Acting Archivist. He will write this column periodically, and he fills the shoes of our former regular history columnist, Hynda Rudd, who recommended him for the job. Welcome, Michael! You can contact him at: Michael.Holland@lacity.org



Michael Holland,
acting Archivist, new columnist

I find it endlessly fascinating that, in almost every community, there were some people who were visionaries. I mean people who could see far enough ahead of themselves to a future horizon and could express desires or concerns that reveal themselves years or decades later. This is one of the great treats of being a historian and an archivist. Contrary to the public perception of our City as being shallow or vapid, we have had our share of citizens who believed in a greater Los Angeles, and many of their ideas continue to resonate in our own time.

Let's take the issue of billboards as one example. The concern of oversized signage, whether traditional or digital, is expressed as a quality of life issue as they affect people who live nearby and are exposed to them every day. There is also a public safety component, as these displays may lead to greater risk of distracted drivers and the attendant damages to life and property. The billboard problem in 2013 is not going away anytime soon, with or without the digital signage that seems to be discussed most frequently at present.

Would you be surprised to learn that a citizens' group formed in 1903 expressed concerns about a variety of issues that are not out of place in today's debate over aesthetics? You shouldn't be, since our Archive has many commission records for some of the most influential people living in Los Angeles. Our article subjects not only considered what could be done, they also found ways to make them happen.

What began as the Public Arts Commission was established by the Los Angeles City Council on Nov. 2, 1903 with the following duties as reprinted in the City's annual report for 1904: "[The commission will] work for the gradual elimination of ugliness from conspicuous parts of the city."

What did they consider ugly? "Any form of public vandalism that would tend to destroy the beauty of a neighborhood." How about "use every possible method

to reduce the pole menace in residence districts" and "study methods used elsewhere to reduce the bill-board nuisance." The commission also considered actions to transform the community with ideas including "encourage the planting of shade trees along the residence streets" and "pass upon plans for public buildings and other public undertakings from the point of view of art." The final duty of the commission was probably the hardest: "To help arouse public sentiment in favor of a beautiful city."

City Hall on Broadway every first Tuesday of the month. They were semi-official, meaning they had an advisory role but no real power until they proved their usefulness and could be incorporated into the City Charter and become a real force for change. The commission recognized that its only real ability was to "extend its moral influence in furtherance thereof, looking principally to the various legislative and executive bodies of the city government to have [recommendations] carried into effect." So while the commission was limited in actual power, they were free to express ideas for a better Los Angeles that sought to increase government efficiency and eliminate official corruption.

The Commission foresaw the need for an art gallery owned by the City and which would be home to paintings, sculptures and art objects donated by private citizens. A museum for "the great mass of archaeological specimens which could be collected in this Southwestern territory" was another goal. The public library was located on the third floor of

the very specific idea of having the walls of reservoirs, bridges and light poles to be stained or painted green.

The commission also urged the enforcement of pre-existing ordinances dealing with the height of billboards, placing signs on bridges, throwing of paper in the street and the smoke nuisance – the smokestack variety as opposed to smoking tobacco (that is a whole story unto itself). While they had nothing to do with the passage of these ordinances, the commission lent its voice against the neglect, if not outright abuse, of the laws already on the books.

What made the Municipal Arts Commission so powerful when they did become a legitimate City department, after charter reform in 1911, was because there was always an architect among the leadership, going back to original founding member John Parkinson. His company, Parkinson and Associates, built the Memorial Coliseum as well as other buildings and landmarks. Other respected professionals in those early years included Fred W. Blanchard,

builder of the Hamburger Department store building – the largest steel frame construction of its day – before it was renamed the May Company building. Edwin Bergstrom was a partner at Parkinson and Associates and two of his legacy projects were the Pasadena Civic Auditorium and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. So the men involved in the commission had clout and clearly knew how to get a project done.

Once the commission became a required party in the design and review process, the city would never look the same again. The present day City Hall, the Central Public Library and Union Station would have been built eventually, but the impact of the Municipal Art Commission was a part of what those landmarks have become and why we remember them.

If you're wondering whatever became of this progressive department, it is known today as the Cultural Affairs Department and includes the Cultural Heritage Commission, which devotes much of its time to preserving much of what the founders inspired.

What became of some of the other great ideas from the 1904 commission? The

art gallery that they suggested was based on the idea that the City would be an owner of art works. Los Angeles does have an extensive collection of art in government offices, the Central Public Library as well. But that's another story for another time.



The 1904 Municipal Arts Commission included (as identified in the photo), standing, from left: Fielding J. Stilson and John Parkinson. Seated: Mrs. Sumner P. Hunt; Maj. E.F.C. Klokke, commission president; and Mrs. W.J. Washburn.

The goals of the commission – the name was changed to the Municipal Arts Commission in January 1905 – were as lofty in nature as the resources extended to them by the City were sparse. They received no funding for time or materials spent in their meetings, but they did have access to a meeting room in the crowded

City Hall and overcrowded, so the commission urged the city to "do all in their power to build for Los Angeles a Public Library building worthy of the city and the fine library it would contain." Their ideas ranged all over the map from the generic request for a library building to

AIRPORTS

The New Lead Training Officers

Airport Police certifies 27.

Story courtesy Sgt. Karla Ortiz, Airport Police; Photo by Madeleine Flanagan, Airport Police, Club Member

On May 13, 27 officers of the Airport Police Security Access Control (SACU) and Traffic Control (TCU) units were certified as Lead Training Officers. Airport Police Chief Patrick M. Gannon and Assistant Chief Brian Walker presented the officers with certificates at a ceremony held at the Flight Path Learning Center and Museum at LAX. The ceremony marked the officers' completion of an 80-hour Lead Officer Training Program.

The first 40 hours of the program were conducted in-house and included subjects on leadership and customer service. Los Angeles County Sheriff Leroy David "Lee" Baca was a guest speaker on leadership, integrity, and pride of the job.

The second half of the program was taught

by Kaminsky, Sullenberger and Associates, considered pioneers and leaders in Field Training Officer programs. Additionally, the security and traffic officers undertook a three-day, train-the-trainer course and cross training, which allow all Lead Training Officers to know the functions, duties and responsibilities of other units and to be able to then train other officers.

The training program was coordinated by Airport Police Capt. Carolyn Smith, Officer John Youngblood, SACU and TCU Coordinator Sgt. Melonie Hodge-Harrell, SACU Lieutenants Edward Goodman and Rae Ann Rowley, and SACU Sgt. Michael Scott.

Capt. Smith served as event host, and speakers included Airports Deputy Executive Director of Law Enforcement and Homeland Security Services Arif Alikhan and Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon.

"Training for experienced security and traffic professionals at Los Angeles World Airports is a top priority," Chief Gannon said. "This new training endeavor will ensure that security and traffic officers receive consistent and effective training."

Recipients of the Lead Training Officer certifications are: Sgts. Angela Bell, Robert Foston, Oscar Santos, David Turner, and Bernard Wilder; and Officers Henry Aiguokhian, Traci Atkins, Gabriel Boyd, Ryan Carter, Tyrant Chisholm, Levar Doucet, Cynthia Farris, Michael Fennell, Liliana Garcia, Tamika Johnson, Toya Johnson, Edgar Lopez, Jose Lopez, Francisco Martinez, Zubayr Muhammad, Afanisy Neyman, Ruben Robledo, Javier Parga, Darryl Robinson, Kevin St. Cyr, Robert Walker, and Donna Williams.

Congratulations to the newly certified 27!



Leadership and Lead Training Officers, from top left: Security Access Control Unit and Traffic Control Unit Officers Tyrant Chisholm, Ryan Carter, Zubayr Muhammed, Gabriel Boyd, Michael Fennell, Javier Parga, Sgt. Robert Foston, Sgt. Oscar Santos, Ruben Robledo, Afanisy Neyman, Robert Walker, Lt. Edward Goodman, Henry Aiguokhian, Darryl Robinson, Sgt. Bernard Wilder, Sgt. Michael Scott, Edgar Lopez, Francisco Martinez, Kevin St. Cyr, Donna Williams, Toya Johnson, Jose Lopez, Sgt. Angela Bell, Capt. Carolyn Smith, Lt. Rae-Ann Rowley, Sgt. Melonie Hodge-Harrell, Assistant Chief Ethel McGuire, Chief Patrick Gannon, Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca, Assistant Chief Michael Hyams, Tamika Johnson, Traci Atkins, and Lillian Garcia.

LAPD

Training the Detectives

Police Dept. holds a detective training symposium.

Story and photos by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor

This year's California Institute for Criminal Investigation's (ICI) Detective Training Symposium was hosted by the LAPD's Training Division and Detective Training Unit March 25 - 28 at the Universal Sheraton Hotel. The symposium is designed for working investigators at all California law enforcement agencies and features small breakout sessions

to facilitate effective learning, and large plenary sessions of major cases that detail lessons learned.

Program highlights included: Lt. Col. Dave Grossman presenting "The Bulletproof Mind"; discussion of the Gabrielle Gifford Shooting in Tucson, Ariz.; Dr. Bill Lewinsky, Force Science; Casey Anthony, Investigation and Trial; Mendocino County investigation of OIS/homicide cases; social networking; and interviewing skills.

Special thanks to Detective Amira Smith, Club Member, for her invitation.



Det. Manuel Arambula, Training Division, 16 years of City service. Officer Ken Amerson, Training Division, 19 years of City service.



Officer Maury Winet, Training Division, 22 years of City service. From left: Det. Jason Kwock, Training Division, 20 years of City service; and Officer III Monica Mora, ITB Grants, 8 years.



From left: Officer II Karina Sanchez, Employee Assistance Unit, 13 years of City service; and Officer Elena Avila, Training Division, 12 years.



From left: The Club's Sheldon Sklar with Det. III Willy Sera, 26 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Officer Carlos Langarica, Training Division, 17 years of City service; and Officer Mary Hodges, ADSD, 18 years, Club Member.



From left: Christian Buado, Investigator for California DMV, 8 years of service, Club Member; and Det. Eloy Ochoa, Gang Homicide Division, 15 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Officer III Celia Komathy, 23 years, Club Member; and Officer Susan Hsu, Training Division, 8 years.



From left: Officer III Rosalind Curry, 19 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer Scott Vostad, West Valley, 8 years.

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LAPD

Eddie Eases Into Retirement

Det. Eddie Solomon, Club Member, retires after 39 years of City service.

In March, Det. II Eddie Solomon retired from the LAPD/Devonshire Station. In September 2012, he celebrated 39 years of City service.

Det. II Solomon began his City service in 1974, when he entered the Los Angeles Police Academy. Solomon excelled in his training and was assigned to patrol in North Hollywood.

In January 1991, Solomon's dedication and work ethic were acknowledged when he was promoted to the position of Field Training Officer.

In June 1996, Eddie was hand-selected to the prestigious assignment of Detective Trainee and achieved the rank of Detective in March 1996, transferring to West Los Angeles Division.

Over time, Solomon honed and enhanced his profession to become renowned for his knowledge, skills and abilities. He was promoted to Detective Supervisor and later Police Sergeant. As a Sergeant of Police, Solomon worked Van Nuys and Rampart Areas.

In January 2009, Solomon transferred into the Devonshire Area and assumed the duties of the Night Watch Detective. He worked

closely with Patrol personnel and responded to active crime scenes. Solomon mentored and developed the investigative skills of young police officers who may be unfamiliar with the events or circumstances they may encounter. Chaotic crime scenes very quickly returned to normalcy soon after Detective Solomon arrived. He was a true advocate for victims and prided himself in being a tenacious investigator.

In retirement, he intends to remain active in his church, travel the world with his wife, and enjoy the company of his children and grandchildren.

The Club congratulates Eddie on his service to the City, and wishes him the very best of retirements.



NOTICE



AMC Adds Surcharges

Theatre chain begins adding surcharges at some cinemas.

Club Members should be aware that AMC Theatres has added an extra fee of \$2 per ticket at certain locations on those tickets purchased at the Club Store and other locations. This is beyond the control of the Club. The fee is charged at the actual cinema location at the time of use, not at the Club Store, where discounted prices remain the same. See below for cinema locations where the fee will be charged.

Here's a statement from AMC:

"This \$2 location based surcharge will be added to any Gold and Silver ticket redemptions at select theatres for any performances that start at or after 4 p.m. every day of the week, beginning July 8. This surcharge is in addition to any premium format charges or silver ticket experience upgrade fees already being charged. Here are some FAQs:

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"What theatres are adding this surcharge?"

"The surcharge will be implemented at all 3 AMC Burbank locations, our Century City 15 location and the Santa Anita 16 – on July 8. This list is subject to change.

"Please keep in mind that this is just a test, it may not stick. And the test locations that will have the surcharge (only after 4 p.m.), have regular ticket prices of \$12.50 – \$14, so the savings are still there."

Although this decision by AMC is beyond the Club's control, you are welcome to comment on it at talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

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- Sept. 19:** RLACEI annual corporation meeting and elections, Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles. 11:30 a.m. lunch; noon meeting.
- Dec. 5:** RLACEI holiday party, Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles. Noon.

RLACEI Website

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RLACEI

Ken Spiker Resigns as LACERS Commissioner

2010 Club Excellence Award Recipient



Ed Harding

By Ed Harding, **RLACEI President**

It is with sadness and regret that I announce Ken Spiker's resignation as Commissioner of the LACERS' Board.

Ken has done much for our Retirees. In fact, most of the retiree benefits that we receive and enjoy are due to Ken's actions and determination at LACERS Board meetings. He will continue to be an RLACEI member.

Our RLACEI Board has endorsed Michael Wilkinson,

one of our board members, to replace Ken. Like Ken, Michael is a fighter, and we have the confidence that he will continue to protect and preserve retiree benefits. When you receive the voting ballots, we urge you to vote for Michael Wilkinson (Read Michael's endorsement acceptance column.)

On June 6, we had our 35th annual retirees invitational golf tournament. Due to Tom Sternock and his committee, it was a great success and enjoyed by all.

I also wish to thank Lita Payne and Rod June, as well as Alex Rabrenovich, Chief Health Benefits Administrator, for speaking at our golf tournament, reassuring our retirees of a secure pension and medical benefits.

Robert Larios, Vice President of Operations for the City Employees Club of Los Angeles, was busy taking pictures for *Alive!* as well as calling out the numbers for their donated door prizes.

Our next event will be RLACEI picnic at Grace E. Simons Lodge Aug. 8. See you there.

Endorsement Accepted



Michael R. Wilkinson

RLACEI Law and Policy Issues
by Michael R. Wilkinson

Ken Spiker, our long-serving retiree member on the Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System Commission Board Member, recently announced his resignation and endorsed me for his post. I am happy to report that the RLACEI Board has also unanimously endorsed me to carry on Ken's legacy, as a fighter, to continue to protect our vital pension and health benefits.

This election is important to all retirees. As retirees, we get to elect only one retiree seat on the seven-member Board. The mayor

picks four members.

We need our voices to be heard to protect our rights.

I ask for your support in continuing Ken's legacy as a LACERS' Board Commissioner.

I have been deeply involved in retirement issues for many years. With 34 years of City service, and the vast majority as a Deputy City Attorney, my last nine years were spent full time advising the City's three retirement systems (LACERS, as well as the Fire and Police Pension Plan and the DWP Plan) on retirement issues, attending Board meetings and counseling Board members on retirement law, Board procedures, investment management contracting and City and state ethics concerns. As a trial lawyer, I also represented the City's

retirement systems on securities fraud litigation, helping to recover more than \$24 million for LACERS alone.

My vision is clear. I stand committed to:

- Protecting and preserving the benefits promised to retirees, including our health benefits.
- Overseeing the prompt payment of benefits and the efficient administration of the plan.
- Making sure that our pension funds are invested wisely to profitable returns without taking undue risk.

When you get your ballot, please remember to vote for the candidate best prepared to protect your pension rights.



Michael Karsch

RLACEI Legislative Report – Pension Law and Policy
by Michael Karsch

As the nation, state and City of Los Angeles seem to be slowly improving economically, many of the fiscal problems that impact the public pension systems are becoming less foreboding. But the State of Illinois leads the country as the lowest graded state from the credit rating agencies, Standard & Poors, Moody's Investors Service and Fitch Ratings. The State Legislature has failed three times in the last 12 months to resolve the dismal outlook (in August last year, this January, and last month). According to Bloomberg, Standard & Poors has given several downgrades to Illinois, reducing that state to the lowest credit rating for a state

since California in 2004. The Illinois public pension systems (there are five) are the worst funded at 43 percent, meaning liabilities at almost \$100 billion. The State Senate and State House have collided again and again with different reform packages making different kinds of cuts in benefits to employees and retirees; both are Democrat-controlled, as is the Governor's Office. Bloomberg reports that investors in public debt demand 1.4 percentage points of yield over AAA bonds to own 10-year bonds from Illinois.

Another report on nationwide pension plans by state governments by PlanSponsor.com says that reducing or eliminating cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) are one way to reduce liabilities. The report says that elimination still leaves most state plans with roughly \$1.5 trillion less than needed. Some states, such as

Colorado and Minnesota, have also faced lawsuits for reducing their COLAs.

Our City of Los Angeles is finishing this fiscal year in good shape. The CAO reports that the City ends this year "in a stronger financial position than when it started... 2012-13 has proven to be the turning point for the City on its road to recovery." Obstacles remain for the City, namely the proposed savings from labor concessions assumed in the budget. This refers to last year's agreement with the Coalition of Los Angeles City Unions for a general wage increase (a COLA) of 5.5 percent in January 2014. The new budget assumes that this agreement "will not be implemented." The CAO is instructed to initiate discussions with labor and will report on progress to the Executive Employee Relations Committee.

LACERS Update



Mary Beetz

By Mary Beetz,
RLACEI Publicity Chair

Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for 2013

By May of each year, the Board is required to determine the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Los Angeles area in order to provide a COLA to eligible retirees. The Administrative Code states that the COLA cannot exceed 3% annually.

When the CPI is greater than 3%, the difference is "banked" for future years. When the CPI is less than 3%, LACERS can then use available "banked" amounts to increase the COLA to the maximum 3%. Just how much of a COLA a retired Member will receive depends on their retirement date and how much is "banked" from previous years.

In 2013, the CPI for the Los Angeles area is 2%. The Board of Administration adopted the cost-of-living-adjustments for eligible retired members and beneficiaries at their February 12, 2013 meeting. This COLA will be effective July 1, 2013.

LACERS in Motion Wellness Workshop Scheduled for July 18, 2013

LACERS will host a wellness workshop on Thursday, July 18, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon to launch *LACERS in Motion*, a new fitness program sponsored by Anthem Blue Cross (Anthem). This event will take place downtown at LACERS headquarters at 202 West First Street, Suite 500, Los Angeles, CA, and validated parking will be available. Space is limited for this event and reservations are required. Sign up for this fun and informative event beginning on Monday, July 1 by visiting the LACERS Well webpage at www.lacers.org/health-webpage/index.html or by calling LACERS at (800)779-8328.

Your Strong and Healthy Back Class Scheduled for July 30, 2013

LACERS Well will host *Your*

Strong and Healthy Back, on Tuesday, July 30, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. This is the first in a series of six free health education classes sponsored by Kaiser Permanente and open to all LACERS retirees. Learn about maintaining a healthy back and avoiding back injury through good posture, proper lifting techniques, back-friendly stretches, fall prevention techniques, and more. This class will be held at Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027. Free onsite parking is available. Space is limited for this event and reservations are required. Sign up for this fun and informative event beginning on Monday, July 15 by visiting the LACERS Well webpage at www.lacers.org/health-webpage/index.html or by calling LACERS at (800)779-8328.

Questions? Send us an email at LACERS.Health@lacity.org, or call us at (800) 779-8328.

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Life After Retirement

As a reminder:

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If you would like to contact a former city employee that you met

or worked with, send your contact information and we will publish it so they can contact you.

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

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

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
Abdelkerim, Twefik	-	DWP	-	Kelly Tobin, Karen A.	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst II	Neigh. Empower.	14
Anderson, Bill	-	DWP	-	Kernes, Howard	-	DWP	-
Aston Jr., Charles	-	DWP	-	Labio, Lourdes	-	DWP	-
Baca, Albert V.	Mech. Helper	Harbor	22	Lambert, Robert	-	DWP	-
Bates, William	-	DWP	-	Legaspi, Noli	-	DWP	-
Behiz-Teherani, Shirin	-	DWP	-	Luck, Elicia	-	DWP	-
Bennett, Brian K.	Off. Engr. Tech III	Public Works	23	Marucut, Guido C.	Dept. Chief Acct. IV	Transportation	28
Billesbach, Donald	-	DWP	-	McDaniels, Fred	Equip. Operator	Public Works	32
Blucher, John	-	DWP	-	Morabbi, Ali	-	DWP	-
Bowe, Julius L.	Fore. Print Spec. III	LAPD	31	Morzov, David	-	DWP	-
Brandt, Mark	-	DWP	-	Nersessian, Harmik	-	DWP	-
Burgess, Warren	-	DWP	-	Odum, Cornelia A.	Custodian	Airports	10
Cadena, Carlos	-	DWP	-	O'Hearn, Robin	-	DWP	-
Carrasco, Rudy	Park. Enforc. Mgr. II	Transportation	32	Olson, Lee E.	Sr. Detention Officer	LAPD	32
Cartmill, James	-	DWP	-	Patton, Christopher L.	Marine Envir. Mgr.	Harbor	12
Chang, Fang D.	Civil Engr. Assoc. IV	Public Works	32	Plummer, Ronald G.	Ref. Coll. Truck Op. II	Public Works	25
Cheatham, Georg J.	Elec. Engr. Assoc. III	Building & Safety	31	Perez, Imelda A.	Sr. Clerk Typist	Transportation	30
Clay, Jack S.	Pr. Const. Inspector	Harbor	26	Porter, Kevin W.	Sr. Build. Inspector	Building & Safety	26
Collins, Portia L.	Manag. Analyst II	Aging	31	Riordan, Daniel A.	Manag. Analyst II	Public Works	10
Cruz, Virgilio V.	Constru. Inspector	Airports	23	Roberts, Andrea L.	Sr. Librarian	Library	14
David, Lorna S.	Manag. Analyst II	LAPD	13	Roberts, Michael	-	DWP	-
Destouet, Donald	-	DWP	-	Rodriguez, Janitzio M.	Vocational Worker	Rec and Parks	7
Eguia, Candelario	Civil Engr. Assoc. IV	Public Works	32	Salazar, Louis	-	DWP	-
Esquero, Gilbert	Security Officer	Airports	23	Skinner, David H.	Gardener Caretaker	Zoo	14
Eubanks, Yvone	-	DWP	-	Smith, Jr., James	Ref. Coll.Truck Op. II	Public Works	23
Everett, Gary	-	DWP	-	Solamo, Teofilo L.	Electric Pump Plt. Op.	Public Works	31
Ferber, Robert A.	Dep. City Attorney IV	City Attorney	32	Soriano, Corazon A.	Manag. Analyst II	CDD	25
Garcia Sr., Raymond	-	DWP	-	Sosa, Alfred	-	DWP	-
Garza, Jose A.	Dep. City Attorney IV	City Attorney	34	Steward, Thomas	-	DWP	-
Glaze, Stephan	-	DWP	-	Terrat, Hugh R.	Procurement Supv.	Airports	22
Goodale, Peter	-	DWP	-	Tondreault, Korla G.	Pr. Clerk	Harbor	33
Griggs, Sara M.	Investment Officer	LACERS	10	Townsend, James R.	Sfty. Engr. Elevators	Building & Safety	14
Hano, George W.	Wtwtr. Trmt. Oper. III	Public Works	30	Tsosie, David	-	DWP	-
Haroldsen, Michael	-	DWP	-	Tyner, William	-	DWP	-
Hashemi, Yadollah	Transp. Engineer	Transportation	23	Vatanpour, Bina	-	DWP	-
Hernandez, Melissa M.	Secretary	LAFD	31	Velasco, Manuel	Custodian	Airports	10
Hicks, Milton J.	Auto. Supervisor	General Services	41	Wilk, Mary	-	DWP	-
Holtz, Glenn E.	Sr. Detention Officer	LAPD	27	Williams, Kenneth C.	Refuse Coll. Supv.	Public Works	23
Horn, Kim	-	DWP	-				
Infuso, Glen	-	DWP	-				

LACERS

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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
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Questions: Ext. 0

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By Hal Danowitz, Secretary, RLACEI

Cape Verde Island

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

PART NINE



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

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

As we continue the story, our ship docked at 7 a.m. at Mindelo, Cape Verde Island. We were about 300 miles west of Dakar in the Atlantic, but the prevailing breezes were from the east and were considered sub-Saharan. The islands had been in a drought for the past few years. This seemed cyclical in the archipelago's history.

We took a half-day tour of the island that

We took a city and cultural tour. The bus held about 30 people, but there were only 18 of us plus the guide and driver. The bus had no A/C, but a nice breeze kept the temperature in the mid-70s. Our guide was a young woman who just graduated from college and had a two-year scholarship to get her Master's degree in English at Bridgewater College in Virginia. She spoke great English and was very knowledgeable with a good sense of humor. We told her to get a warm coat as she had never been in cold weather.

We stopped at the fish market and the produce market, then the town square. This island had a population of 80,000, of which 90 percent lived in the city. The town is a little like New Orleans, with brightly colored building with balconies and a lot of metalwork. We visited a handicraft museum, which had some interesting pieces. Evelyn bought a magnet. Of the six West African countries that we visited, this was the first magnet since South Africa. Our last stop

was out of the city at a resort beach, about a 25-minute ride over a cobblestone road. We had a wine tasting excursion and were entertained with some local dancing at a venue that is the site of a music festival put on every August, which attracts more than 50,000 visitors. In addition to using some vacation homes, the festival-goers pitched tents. Sounded like Woodstock. The tour



Our group on the beach.



The fishing port area on Cape Verde.

afternoon, so we had the ship to ourselves in the morning. Evelyn and I worked out and then had breakfast with Don and Myrna. We then played party bridge for a couple of hours. The ship was really deserted, especially the fitness center. It was like having a giant yacht all to yourself.

When we got back to our cabin, the crew was putting up new drapes. It seemed that, need it or not, all replacements were done on schedule.

Cape Verde is a group of 14 volcanic islands, nine of which are inhabited. When the Portuguese first came here in 1456, there were no inhabitants. The island received its independence in 1975 from Portugal. The official language is Portuguese, but a Cape Verdean Creole is also spoken.

was fun and entertaining. We got back to the ship a little after 5 p.m., sat in the Tahitian Lounge and had a drink as the ship sailed.

We had dinner in the buffet and called it a night.

We had been getting hors d'oeuvres delivered to our cabin every day on this cruise (and the previous cruise, too). Sometimes we didn't eat them, and I had the room steward take them away. Myrna told Don had asked to stop the delivery on days that we were in port, but to have them delivered instead on sea days. It seemed that they were no longer getting them on any day, and then Myrna wanted Don to call and get them started again. Part of the problem was, we didn't really know what department ordered

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them. Maybe public relations, maybe catering, we just didn't know who was sending them. They just showed up with no note.

The next day was the first of two sea days. We turned the clock forward last night one hour. Because of the change, we didn't get up until after 8 a.m. That night was a formal night, with a cocktail party for Captain Circle members (passengers who have sailed

on any Princess ship before), of which I would guess included about 90 percent of the passengers on our cruise.

The weather was overcast, and the seas were running a little higher, which gave the ship a little roll. I figured it would stay that way until we got into the Mediterranean. The temperature may not get above the low 70s. We'll see if my weather prediction was any

better than the TV.

In trivia, we got 19 out of 20 and still came in second. Evelyn knew the 20th question, which was, "What is the all-time best-selling movie." Not box office. The answer is *ET*, but she didn't have the courage of her conviction. Anyway, we would have lost the tie breaker anyway.

We were in the dining room for lunch, and there was a mix-up. Myrna didn't get her meal until after the rest of us, and then she wasn't happy with the sandwich. As we all say, "It's only one meal."

It seemed I was wrong about the percentage of returning passengers; it was 89 percent, and only about 75 passengers were first time with Princess. At the party, the staff said that there were more than 10 million Captain Circle members. They had a drawing at the party, and we won a bottle of Champagne. I had it sent to our table in the dining room and we had it with dinner. It was on the sweet side but okay. That night was lobster night, and we all enjoyed the meal.

Afterward, we listened to music in the Casino Lounge. We moved the clock forward one hour again that night. We were now on GMT.

Again we slept in the next morning because of the time change. We did not play bridge that day. We all needed a break. Also, the band Hyperion Knight was to give a special afternoon concert at 3 p.m., which we wanted to attend. We were looking to arrange our next cruise, so I'll spend some time on that.

Evelyn and I wanted to sign up for a future cruise that went to Iceland and Greenland (we found one that does the U.K. and around the top of the world to New York). Myrna didn't want to fly and wanted to take a round trip from Los Angeles or San Diego (there were either 14-day Hawaii or 28-day Tahiti cruises available). The Tahiti cruise stopped at four of the Hawaiian Islands for one day



Our guide on Cape Verde.

each. Evelyn considered the LA to Hawaii leg as a waste of time. And besides, the 28 days included 19 sea days. We may be looking for new travel buddies.

The concert was very good. Then we changed our clothes for Friday night services and for dinner at Sabatini's. We had a good turnout for services, picking up some new people. Before we had dinner, we stopped at the suite party for drinks.

The ship had two specialty restaurants, Sterling's Steakhouse and Sabatini's, the Italian restaurant. Each had a cover charge of \$20 per person. We both had vouchers for a free dinner at Sabatini's and a bottle of Champagne from our travel agent because we booked using the American Express Platinum card.

Between the two, I liked Sabatini's better. It featured one of the best veal chops I've eaten. Nelson, the maitre'd, remembered everyone's name and was very personable. The restaurant served a lot of food, but I had learned to pace myself and eat only half the appetizer and the pasta course, saving myself for the veal chop. Others in our party ate too much and complained that they did not have a restful night. Instead of the Champagne (provided by American Express), we were able to get a nice bottle of Chianti, the first time they have allowed us to make the switch.

Our next port was Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary Islands, which we will cover next time.

More next month!



The Cape Verde Government House.



Evelyn at the produce market.



Buildings on Cape Verde.

The Best Years



Dolores Foley, President of the DWP Retirees Association.



From left: Dario Miralles, 33 years of City service; Johnny Clark, 34 years; James Wilson, 35 years; and Pedro Guerra, 26 years.



Lloyd Harvey, 32 years of City service.



From left: Ann Kolacinski, and Michelle Kolacinski, 35 years of City service.



Sam Smith, 37 years of City service; and Jonetha Smith, former Club Representative, 34 years.

From left: Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor, Retirement Specialist; and Theresa Heilgeist, daughter of Arturo Aguilar, DWP, 37 years of City service.



Bob Vera, 33 years of City service, and his wife, Virginia.



From left: Barney Jimenez, 30 years of City service; Richard Durado, DWP, 32 years; and Frank Durado, DWP, 30 years.

DWP RETIREES Picnic Time

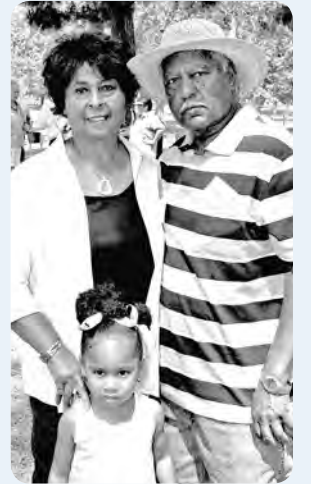
DWP Retirees hosts annual summer picnic.



Story by Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor; Photos by Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations

The DWP Retirees Association, under the direction of President Dolores Foley, held its 60th annual summer picnic June 1 in Whittier.

A good time was had by all! Thanks to all the DWP Retirees who invited and welcomed us.



From left: Gladys and Joseph West, DWP, 35 years of City service, with their granddaughter, London Lomax.



Leon Murillo, DWP, 35 years of City service, with his daughter, Pat (left), and wife, Juliet.



Arturo Aguilar, DWP, 37 years of City service, and his daughter, Theresa Heilgeist.



Althea Sievertson, 25 years of City service (right) with her sister, Donna Bush.



Adolfo Garcia, 34 years of City service, with his wife, Yolanda.



From left: Fred Ige, Planning, 30 years of City service; Charlie Rausch, Planning, 35 years; Carmen Cisero; and Gerald Carrido.



From left: Gaile Garnish, guest, Paul Wilt, Public Works/Sanitation, 19 years of City service; Dennis Van Der Hook, Public Works/Sanitation, 36 years; and Joe Mundine, Public Works/Sanitation, 30 years.



From left: Gail Draper, LAPD, 26 years of City service; Jim Hamilton, LAPD, 32 years; and Norm Sechvist, guest.

RLACEI

Golf Galore

RLACEI hosts annual golf tournament.

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations

The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) held its 35th annual invitational golf tournament June 6 at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course. Winners included David Cunningham, Bernard Anderson, Carmen Cisero, G. Lopez, Norm Sechvist, Richard Sanchez, Cathy Bushey and Betsy Melancon.

Special thanks go to RLACEI President Ed Harding for his invitation and assistance.



From left: Billy Johnson, guest; Oliver Cunningham, Public Works/Sanitation, 30 years of City service; Emmet Pouncil, guest; and Steve Hill, Public Works/Sanitation, 37 years.



From left: Greg Telles; Richard Telles, Rec and Parks, 35 years of City service; Ray Reyes, husband of Carmela Reyes, LAPD, 30 years; and Mike Santoyo.



From left: E. Tate, Building and Safety, 39 years of City service; G. Lopez, guest; Dominic Rescigno, Building and Safety, 33 years; and R. Gutierrez, guest.



From left: Maria Tellez, volunteer; and Mary Beetz, 30 years of City service, RLACEI Director.

The tournament scoring chart displays names, scores, and other details for the 2013 RLACEI Golf Tournament. It is organized into columns and rows, with some names highlighted in bold.

The tournament scoring chart.



From left: Roy Yoshioka, guest; Jerry Jessee, guest; Ed Itagaki, Public Works/Engineering, 32 years of City service; and Bob Henderson, guest.

The Best Years

RETIREES AROUND THE WORLD



1

Europe



Passau, Germany.



U.S. Embassy in Bratislava, Slovakia.

"My wife and I took a trip to Eastern Europe and sailed down the Danube River with stops in Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, and Germany."
 — **Michael Lehron, Retired, DWP**, 39 years of City service, and his wife, Patsy



On the chain bridge in Budapest, Hungary, on the Buda side.



The Old Royal Palace in Budapest, Hungary, on the Pest side.



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2

United Kingdom



"Here is a picture of my wife, Suzy, and I aboard the Queen's Royal Yacht, the *Britannia*, in May, when we visited Scotland and England."

— **Larry Cronk, Retired, DWP**

3

British Columbia

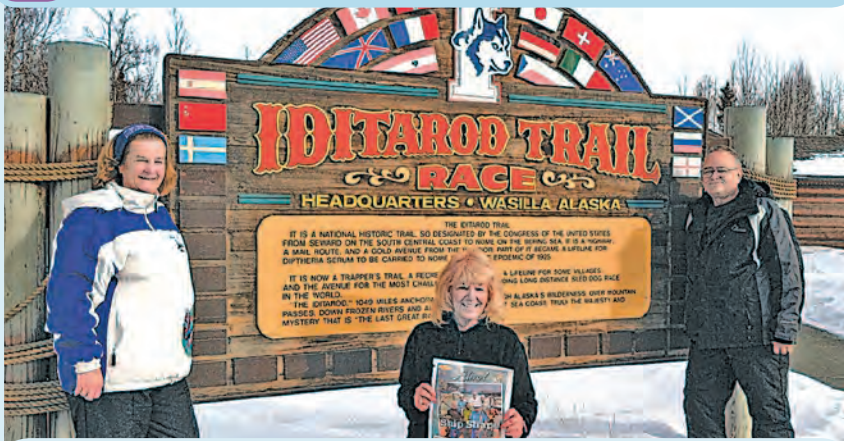


"After cruising in Australia last month, I ended my cruise from Mexico into Canada. This is the Emperor Hotel in Victoria, the capital of British Columbia."

— **Richard Radmacher, Retired, DWP**

4

Alaska



Here are **Retirees Gail Staugaard; Sharyn Gunter, Civilian LAPD; and John Staugaard, Sworn LAPD**; at Iditarod headquarters in Wasilla, Alaska. They were en route to watch the re-start of the 2013 Iditarod.

5

Hawaii



On the golf course at Kaanapali, Maui.

Paul and his lovely bride of 24 years, Lydia, on their windy lanai at Kahana, Maui.

"Aloha!" says **Paul Hernandez, Retired, Public Works/Contract Admin**, 36 years of City service, from Hawaii. "Mahalo nui loa!"

6

China



In the Terra Cotta Warriors museum.



Temple of Heaven.



Tiananmen Square.



The Great Wall of China.



Three Gorges in the Yangtze River.



The Bund, in Shanghai.

Pablo Ninofranco Jr., Retired, Harbor, went on a tour to China in the beginning of April for 14 days with his wife, Josie, and 16 other people.



Aden along the trail.

Angel Gomez, Club Director of Sales

Angel's *Be Alive!*



BUCK GULLY RESERVE TRAIL - Newport Beach



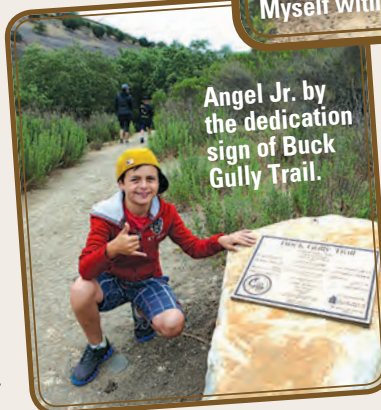
Aden at one of the aluminum bridges.



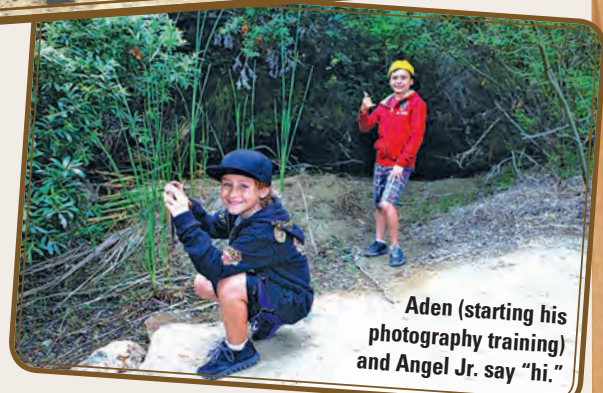
Aden near the end of the trail.



Myself with Angel Jr. and Aden as we begin our hike.



Angel Jr. by the dedication sign of Buck Gully Trail.



Aden (starting his photography training) and Angel Jr. say "hi."

Hello everyone!

This month we travel to Newport Beach. Last month, we covered the Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary Trail, and while I was searching that trail, Buck Gully caught my eye. The photo looked really nice and the trail just received funds to add bridges to cross the creeks below.

The City of Newport Beach, residents and project partners dedicated more than three miles of renovated trails in the Buck Gully Reserve. The recent trail renovation project was made possible by the city, the state of California and Irvine Ranch Conservancy.

So let's go take a look!

The Trail

The Buck Gully is a natural, coastal canyon between Newport Beach and Orange County. The canyon is bounded by urbanized areas, including single-family residences, roadways, and the Pelican Hills Golf Course. The watershed draining into Buck Gully encompasses about 1,200 acres and includes portions of the San Joaquin foothills. The ownership of the canyon has changed from the Irvine Company, to the county, and finally the city. Irvine has always had a history of protecting, conserving and maintaining valuable open space areas that define the city's urban form, serve as habitat for many species, and provide recreational opportunities to the public. Activities include docent-led hikes, mountain bike rides, and volunteer programs including trail maintenance and weed removal. The removal of invasive weeds helps maintain healthy habitats for the diverse wildlife population in

Buck Gully.

In 2005, the city authorized the acceptance of certain scenic easements, a resource preservation easement, and fee ownership of reserve lands in Upper Buck Gully and Newport Coast. In April, four aluminum bridges, ranging in length from 35 to 50 feet, were installed and anchored in place. The bridges span areas that were previously traversed in ways that weren't optimum for the traveler, or for the ecosystem. Conservationists and planners call trails like the ones forged in Buck Gully "social trails."

I really liked this trail. It was clean and well kept, and the new bridges make a big difference. I am sure that, before the bridges were installed, you got your shoes wet and shorts dirty after walking through the creek a few times. Some people might like to get down and dirty; nonetheless the trail was very pleasant.

Everyone in my family loved the trail. I liked the variety of scenery along the way, and the birds were at every tree singing beautiful songs to keep us company. Enjoy the trail.

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

As always, be safe and Be Alive!, Angel

Buck Gully Reserve Trail Fifth and Poppy Streets • Newport Beach

- Acreage:** 300
- Trail Length:** Almost 3 miles
- Difficulty Rating:** Easy walk
- Duration:** 1 - 2 hours or longer
- Hours:** Dawn to dusk every day
- Activities:** Walking, bird watching, photography
- Not permitted:** Dogs. The presence of dogs disturbs native wildlife routines, but dogs are also

more susceptible to snake bites while wandering around on the trail.

Directions: From downtown Los Angeles, you can also take the I-5 Fwy to the CA-55, then CA-73 south, exit MacArthur Boulevard toward Newport Beach. Turn left on San Joaquin Hills Road, then turn right onto Marguerite Avenue. Turn left onto Fifth Avenue, then left on Poppy Avenue. The trail sign will be on the right.

Parking: Free street parking at location

AIRPORTS

Shaping Up!

63 Airports employees complete the department's first Wellness Fitness Program.



Some of those who completed Airports' first Wellness Program, enjoying Dockweiler Beach in Playa del Rey.

Story and photo courtesy Sgt. Karla Ortiz, Airport Police

The first Wellness Fitness Program facilitated by Airport Police Training and Recruitment Officer Cipriano Montes, sponsored by Los Angeles World Airports Risk Management, Human Resources and Airport Police divisions, has concluded. Airports employees from all divisions were given the opportunity to participate in a wellness program that focused on enhancing personal health to improve workplace productivity. The first group of employees participating in the program sweated through their last workout at Dockweiler Beach in Playa del Rey on May 29.

The Wellness Fitness Program was inspired and initiated by Officer Montes and approved by his supervisor, Sgt. Daniel Romo. Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon, who participates in the program, said, "Like many people, I know the advantages of regular exercise and proper eating habits. However, I have spent a lifetime being inconsistent in practicing what I know to be true." He added, "Since becoming LAWA police chief, I have taken advantage of our wellness program, and I am motivated about taking care of myself to the best of my ability. I would encourage everyone at LAWA to do the same and to take advantage of this great program."

Risk Management and Human Resources approvals were critical and necessary. Airports Nurse Teresa Acuna recommended necessary measures to ensure the safest and healthiest

program available for Airports employees. Human Resources Director Paula Adams said, "When Airport Police Officer Montes shared his vision for a wellness program, it was very natural and easy to lend HR's full support."

"The benefit of having a healthy LAWA workforce is the potential increased productivity and reduction in sick time. We have had significant positive feedback from employees enrolled in the LAWA Wellness Fitness Program."

The program began with a one-week orientation, which includes nutritional education, exercise techniques to prevent or reduce injuries and a voluntary submission to get a health checkup for weight, cholesterol, blood pressure, and blood sugar levels.

The next six weeks covered physical training in two weekly 50-minute sessions conducted by Officer Montes. He held six sessions a week providing training both in the mornings and evenings to accommodate the nearly 100 participants in the first set of workout sessions.

At the end of the six weeks, the participants went through a final evaluation to determine progress and receive a certificate of completion. After a two-week break, the participants submitted their names again to start another six-week program.

All Airports employees are encouraged to participate. The next LAWA Wellness Program began June 17. All training is conducted at the new Airport Police Training Facility at 5520 Arbor Vitae, Los Angeles.

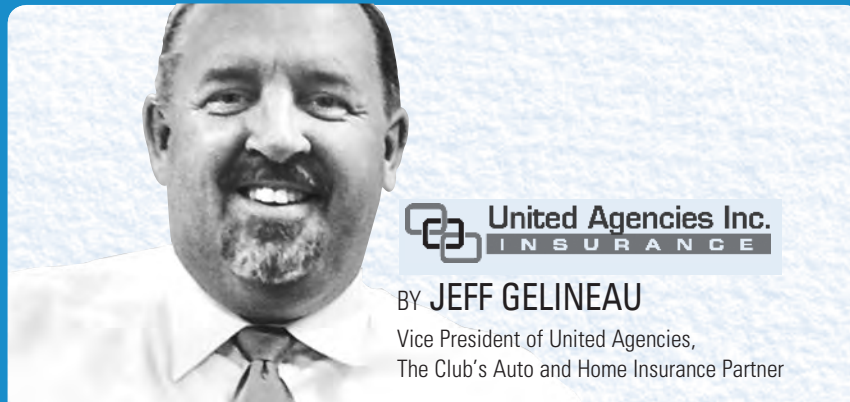
Congratulations to the following Airports employees who completed the wellness program:

Monique F. Atkinson
Stacey Nelson
Darlene Fuller
Janon Smith
Sasheen Cooper
Frank Koehler
Kelvin Jones
Terrell Hayward
Roderick Merrick
Jose Bejar
Juan C. Rodriguez
Sharon Sauls
Beverly Ugalde
Teresa Acuna
Andrea Bers
Dawn Davis
Donna Erie
Gloria Shaw
Cynthia Hemsley
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Vyione Wells
Tammie Crayon
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Tracy Bradley
Lisa Benmoin
Debbie Mingo
Shirnee Cross
Nikia Thomas
Rosa Brice
Sharlene Gonzalez
Lisa Fondjo
Inez Wade

Chandra Flemister
April Clark
Latisha Swader
Andre M. Coney
Cheryl Moore
Ana Lopez
Aprile Benjamin
Charlene Waters
Juan Francisco
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Stephan Goff
Monica Bickerstaff
Laticia Jones
Sophia Mackey-Carzan
Eric Strauch
Ericka Holliday
Adela Lopez

REST INSURED



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

What Affects Car Insurance Rates?

We are often asked by people why they pay so much more for car insurance than their neighbor. It seems strange that two people living in the same neighborhood would have such a wide variation in cost.

Many factors affect your premium. Not all companies use all of these factors, and some might use additional factors not listed here. Your premium may depend on some of the following seven items:

1. Your driving record.

The better your record, the lower your premium. If you have had accidents or serious traffic violations, it is likely you will pay more than if you have a clean driving record. You may also pay more if you are a new driver and have not been insured for a number of years.

2. How much you use your car.

The more miles you drive, the more chance for accidents. If you drive your car for work, or drive it a long distance to work, you will pay more. If you drive only occasionally – what some companies call "pleasure use" – you will pay less.

3. Where your car is parked and where you live.

Where you live and where the car is parked can affect the cost of your insurance. Generally, due to higher rates of vandalism, theft and accidents, urban drivers pay a higher auto insurance price than those in small towns or rural areas. Some areas are also prone to more lawsuits, higher medical care and car repair costs.

4. Your age.

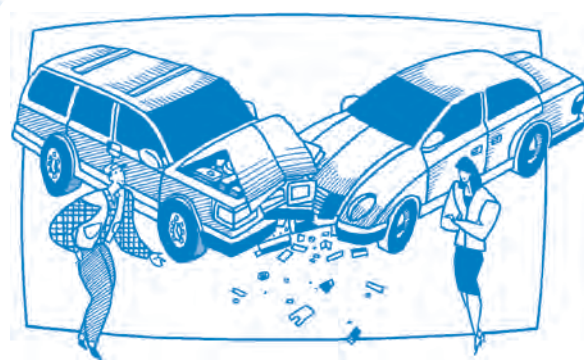
In general, mature drivers have fewer accidents than less-experienced drivers, particularly teenagers. So insurance companies generally charge more if teenagers or young people below age 25 drive your car.

5. Your gender.

As a group, women tend to get into fewer accidents, have fewer driver-under-the-influence accidents and, most importantly, less serious accidents than men. So, all other things being equal, women generally pay less for auto insurance than men. Of course, over time individual driving history for both men and women will have a greater impact on what they pay for auto insurance.

6. The car you drive.

Some cars cost more to insure than others. Variables include the likelihood of theft, the cost of the car, the cost of repairs, and the overall safety record of the car. Engine sizes, even among the same makes and models, can also impact insurance premiums. Cars with high quality safety equipment might qualify for premium discounts.



7. The type and amount of coverage.

In virtually every state, by law you must buy a minimum amount of liability insurance. Buying higher limits will cost more, but not proportionately more. So twice the minimum liability coverage will not double the premium. If you have a new or recent model of car, you likely will also buy Comprehensive and Collision coverage, which pays if you are responsible for damage to your car. Comprehensive and Collision coverages are subject to deductibles; the higher the deductible, the lower your auto insurance premium.

Be safe and have fun!

About United Agencies

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

Check out our City Employees Club page on the United Agencies Website at www.unitedagencies.com/cityclub. This website lists the upcoming visits we'll be making to City Department

meetings where you can ask us any question in person, and get an instant quote!

Have a question?

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



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BY PATRICK MILLER
Dearborn Insurance
The Club's Insurance Partner

Life Insurance for Children?

Most kids don't need life insurance, and we hope and pray that they never will. Insurability is probably the most important reason to buy life insurance for your children. It's not just about being able to get life insurance, it's also about how much they'll have to pay to get it. Parents can help their child avoid having to pay substandard rates for life insurance if they are unlucky enough to develop certain medical conditions.

Unfortunately there are many illnesses that are hereditary. Those with a family history of diabetes, asthma and other health issues face higher rates for life insurance, sometimes significantly. Depression, anemia and even seemingly mild conditions can also lead to higher life insurance rates. Heck, I wonder if gene testing will one day be a part of life insurance underwriting.

I don't mind whole life insurance as an adult as much as most financial planners do, and in fact I have one. Taking them out when you're an adult can be very, very expensive indeed, but the premiums never go up. And, if the policy performs well, you may at some point be able to stop paying the premiums. But when the policy is purchased as a child the rates are very low. There's something to be said for a diversified portfolio, too.

Also, I've always thought that having a small whole life policy that's taken out

when you're a child is a good base for an adult life insurance program later in life. You can supplement the small whole life policy with term when you're raising a family and paying a mortgage (when you need a high death benefit with the lowest possible premium). When you no longer need the large death benefit you can let the term lapse, and then

you have that lovely little policy your parents or grandparents got you as a child. That can see most people through the balance of their lives.

I've heard a number of anti-insurance scoffers use "when the child is gone, you will have less money going out to raise that child" theory. Their theory is

that you will save a heck of a lot more not having to raise a child that dies than you pay out for a life policy, so why bother. What they miss in this analogy is the grief factor that parents experience and the potential cost of funeral expenses and saying goodbye. Funeral expenses alone can exceed \$25,000.

Dearborn National offers a unique life insurance product through the Club that fits well as a child policy. It combines a cash value life insurance policy with a tax deferred annuity rider to offer level premiums for life, guaranteed coverage for life, internal cash value in the life policy plus the flexibility of an annuity rider for additional cash accumulation.



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

The Winnerz

Final Z Awards honored public safety personnel who keep our communities safe.



The honorees, from left: The Honorable Richard Katz, guest; LAFD Capt. David Rejino; Firefighter Todd Harris; LA County Sheriff's Dep. Darren Martin; LAPD Sgt. Cathy Riggs; Councilman Dennis Zine; CHP Officer Adam Smith; LAPD Officer Brian McClary; LAPD Sgt. Douglas Winger, and Fox 11 News anchor Christine Devine, who hosted the afternoon event.

Story and photo courtesy Councilman Dennis Zine's Office

The 11th and final "Z Awards for ExZellence" luncheon was held May 16 at the Warner Center Marriott in Woodland Hills to honor public safety personnel who go above and beyond the call of duty to serve the citizens of the Third Council District and the greater Los Angeles community.

Founded by Councilman Dennis P. Zine, the "Z Awards for ExZellence" celebrated its 11th and final year in recognizing individuals for their ongoing dedication, commitment, and "exzellence" in their professional lives and outstanding contributions in the areas of law enforcement, public safety, and emergency services. At this year's Z Awards ceremony, Council District Three honored

personnel from the LAPD, the LAFD, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and the California Highway Patrol.

The 2013 "Z Awards for ExZellence" recipients were Police Officer III Brian McClary, LAPD Valley Traffic Division; Sgt. Douglas Winger, LAPD West Valley Area; Sgt. II Cathy Riggs, LAPD Topanga Area; Capt. David Rejino, LAFD Battalion 17; Firefighter III Todd Harris, LAFD Battalion 17; Dep. Darren Martin, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; and Officer Adam Smith, California Highway Patrol.

Proceeds from the Z Awards benefit local public safety youth programs including the West Valley LAPD Cadets, the Topanga Police Cadets, and the LAFD Battalion Post.

Congratulations to the winners!

THE CHEAPEST

Movie tickets in the City are at the Club!

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The *Alive!* Children's Coloring Contest



Compiled by Mariana Guevara,
Club Store Manager

Coloring with Mariana!

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

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?: _____

For parents/guardian to complete:

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Job title and department with the City: _____

Parent/guardian phone number: _____

Child's address/state/zip: _____



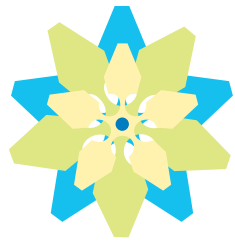
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August 5, 2013

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

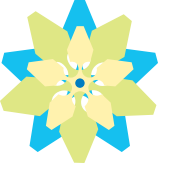
The Club will do everything it can to gather all the submissions, but it cannot be responsible for lost or misdirected mail.

Good luck, and have fun!





Life's Important Moments



Share your moments!

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



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Jorge Sandoval

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Daniel Hernandez
Enorse Jackson
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Marcos Manriquez
Maria Mata
Louise Merritt
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Denia Ruiz
Eva Sarinana
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Carlos Naranjo
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Zoo

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Irene Enriquez

Jennifer Kuypers

Stephen Morrice

Joshua Pagliuso

Marilyn Rathgeb

Deanna Rocca

Amy Rossa

Retired

Cecilia Castaneda

DWP

Joel Ackermann
Jesse Acosta
Kevin Amabisca
Federico Blanquel
Brian Chamberlain
Daniel Denning
Joseph Foreman
Daniel Garcia
Walter Lopez
Jason Morgan
Sheridan Phillips
Jose Rodriguez
Uriel Sanchez
Jeff Steinbock
Marc Swagler
Charfrey Thornton
Peng Cheng Zheng

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Ira Beaty
Charles Connor
Narina Davtyan
Guillermo De La Mora

Kathleen DeWidt

Dixie Emanuel

Rene Escobedo

Jorge Espinoza

Daphne Evangelista

Monsenior Foster

Gary Foster

Jorge Galdamez

Agustin Garcia

Ean Hargrove

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Zafar Kassai

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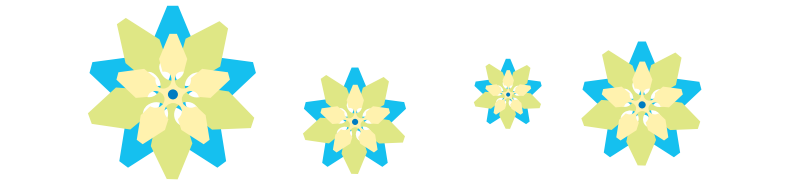
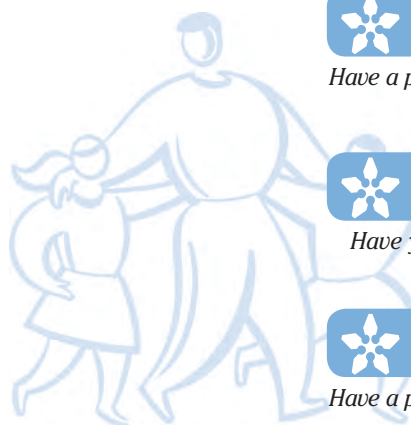
Henry Yun

Births

Have a photo of a recent newborn? Send photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Devyn Joyce Jamison, born May 20 to Garland III and Jessica Jamison. Devyn is the first grandchild of Lorenda Jamison, Retired, DWP, 37 years of City service, and her husband, Garland.



Military

Have a photo of a recent event? Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Special Achievements

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

Weddings

Have a photo of a recent event? Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Peace of Mind

by Tiffany Sy

The Club's Peace of Mind Expert



Two Special Enrollments End This Month!

July 31 is the last day to sign up for our Special Enrollment for existing DWP Club Members for our Group Short-Term Disability plan!

Special Enrollment means you are enrolled with no medical review as long as you are a Club Member working a minimum of 30 hours with the DWP. The Short-Term Disability insurance plan will pay you a benefit for any illness or off-the-job injury after being out sick for 14 days. The benefit

is a monthly nontaxable check paid up to a maximum of one full year. Please contact me to see if you qualify for this enrollment.

Our Open Enrollment for our Group Term Life insurance also runs through July 31. In addition to requiring no medical review, the Club will pay your premiums until the end of the year for any eligible Club Member age 40 and younger! We have included spouses of active City Employees in addition to DWP employees

to enroll for up to \$50,000 of guaranteed life insurance coverage per person. You must be working a minimum of 30 hours per week for DWP or the City of LA during the time of enrollment, and you/spouse must be 40 years of age or younger to qualify. Also, you must not have been previously declined coverage, withdrawn or canceled your application with the City Employees Club.

Don't delay; once this opportunity

ends, it's over. This is not an annual event. Enrolling now versus later will save you time, and you are automatically approved with no medical review. To request an enrollment kit, please contact me at the Club Store at (213) 620-0388, ext. 202.

Contact me at info@cityemployeesclub.com

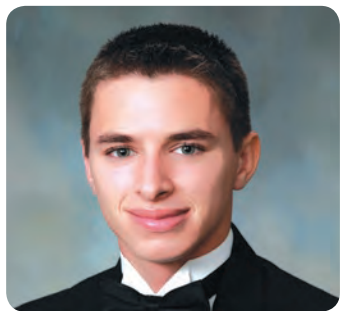


Graduations

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



Layla M. McCain is graduating from Wilder's Preparatory Academy Charter Middle School in Inglewood in June. She plans to attend St. Mary's Academy High School in August. In addition to studying the freshman academic curriculum, she plans to join the soccer and volleyball teams and join the National Art Honors Society. She plans to become an architect. She's the daughter of Valerie Brown-McCain, Airports.



Kenneth Kostiv Jr. graduates from Eagle Rock High School this spring. Kenneth plans to attend Arizona State University in the fall. He has not yet declared his major but he is leaning toward business or business administration. Kenneth is the son of Laurie Kostiv West of the City Attorney's Office



Sydney Young is graduating from St. Mary's Academy in Inglewood and plans to attend Howard University in Washington, D.C. in the fall. She has been accepted into Howard University's College of Arts and Sciences, with a major in visual/fine arts. Sydney is the daughter of Charlette Starkey, Personnel, and Fred Starkey, LAPD.



Diontre Rashaun Harris graduated from Golden Valley High School in Santa Clarita in May. He plans to attend Cal State Northridge in the fall, with plans to study kinesiology. He's the son of Bobby Harris, DWP, and L'keva Harris, LAPD.



Krystian Wilkerson graduated from USC with a Bachelor of science degree in accounting, and a Bachelor of science in business administration. She plans to work this fall with one of the big four accounting firms. She's the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Durant, LAFD.

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.

Club Members share their memories of City Employees listed in our In Memoriam section, or others who have died recently.

Their Stories

It's Time to

A new Alive! feature

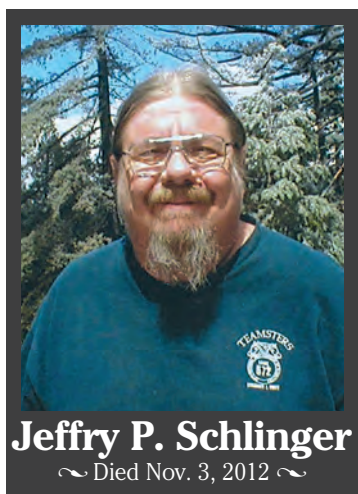
Tell Their Story

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

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



Remembering Jeffry Paul Schlinger



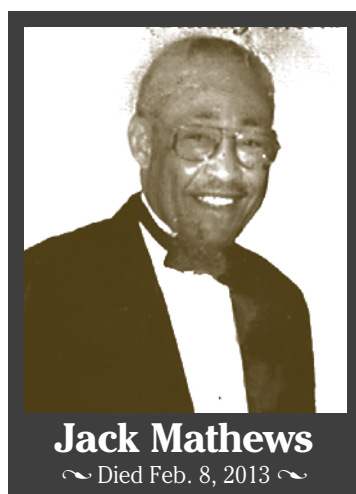
Jeffry Paul Schlinger, 57, went to rest with our Lord Nov. 3, 2012, after a one-year battle with tongue, lung and bone cancer. He passed away at his home in Crestline, Calif. in the presence of his wife, Debbie; mother, Helen Schlinger; and friend, Bob Carlson. Born on July 8, 1955, Jeff lived in Whittier for 33 years. He moved to Crestline in 2010.

Jeff enjoyed cooking and spending time with family and friends. He attended the Crestline Seventh Day Adventist Church and Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. He was a loving husband, son, brother and friend. He is preceded in death by his father, William Schlinger. He is survived by his wife, Debbie; mother, Helen; sister, Nancy; friends, Bob and Armando, and many loved ones.

He will be greatly missed. Jeff's message to all: quit smoking. Smoking kills.

– Deborah McMahon

Remembering Jack Mathews General Services

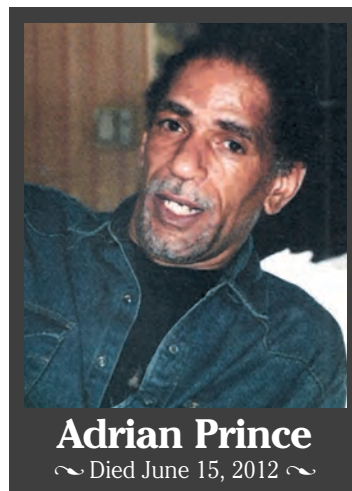


I worked for and retired from the City of Los Angeles after 36 years in 1993. Thank you for the article on Chester Mathews (Jack Mathews). I met Chester in 1963. I played fast-pitch softball in the city of LA employees overhand league with the Red Sox. We were always glad to see Chester coming to umpire the games. In those days, my ball-playing name was Rookie. Chester and I also belonged to the same church, the Fifth District, he at Grant A.M.E. church and me at Bryant Temple, A.M.E. at the corner of Vernon and Fourth Avenue. Chester also gave me my lifetime card after I retired. After I moved to Texas, I still would call him sometimes. When I called he would answer and say, "Rookie, how are you? So glad to hear from you." We have lost a very fine gentleman. God bless him.

– Beacheley (B.J.) Johnson



Remembering Adrian Prince DWP



Adrian Prince was our friend and a co-worker. He was employed with the DWP for more than 25 years.

He was special to all in that he always had a positive attitude. He made coming to work an experience. His jokes were sometimes corny, but his laughter was contagious.

Adrian was very knowledgeable on every subject. If he did not know the answer, he would get it for you. Adrian strolled the halls of the DWP and touched the hearts of us all. His tallness came in handy for reaching high places and seeing above us all.

Adrian, though you have left us, you will forever reign in our hearts as "Our Prince." We shall always remember him with joy.

– Submitted by some of Adrian's friends at DWP

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ALIVE! FEATURE

ON TOP OF EVEREST

**Airport Police Officer Doug Scarborough, Club Member,
heads back to Mt. Everest ... and makes it to the top.**



Everest photos by Doug Scarborough and Phurba Sherpa. Interview photo by John Burnes, *Alive!* editor

In 2011, Doug Scarborough's first attempt at climbing Mt. Everest came 900 feet short. Nevertheless, his spirit of incredible adventure landed him on the cover of *Alive!*

He tried again. Did he ever.

At 5:40 a.m. May 22 of this year, Airport Police Officer Doug Scarborough, Club Member, reached the top of Mt. Everest, something fewer than 700 Americans and 100 Australians have done. Doug, who is both American and Australian due to his parents, grew up in Sydney, Australia.

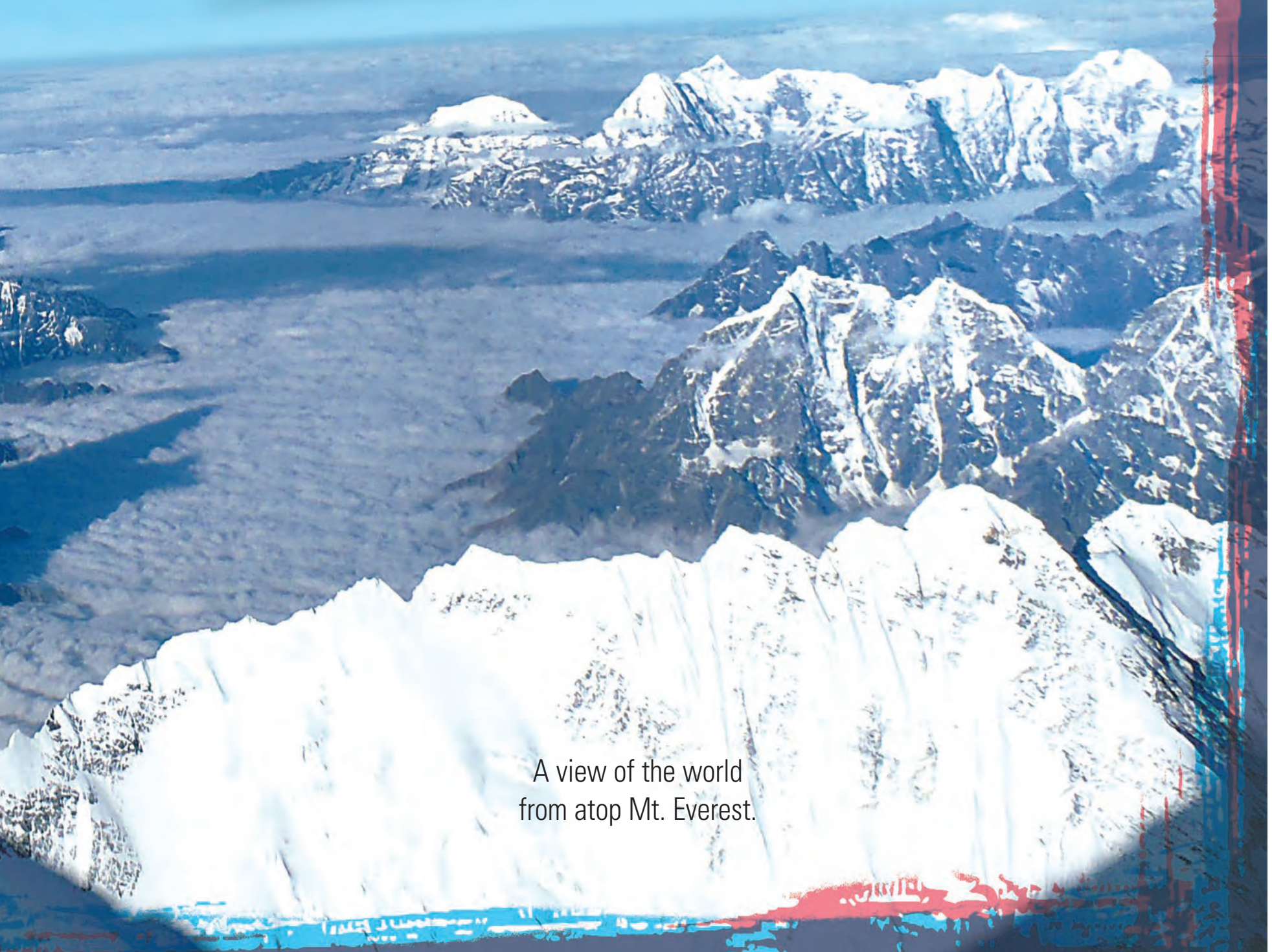
In this issue of *Alive!*, Doug tells the harrowing tale of summoning up his courage and his resources once again, and this time making it to the top.

In terms of dangers, there aren't many adventures more fraught with it. This time there was sickness; serious frostbite; nine deaths (one along the trail ahead of him before he summited; Doug had to climb around the body, which was frozen on the trail); missed phone connections; bad food; daunting weather; his body going "haywire," a climber who died in the tent next to Doug's at Camp IV; a marriage proposal (not Doug's); a Sherpa who, while indispensable, forgot to turn on Doug's oxygen during a critical part of the climb; nearly dead camera batteries at the top; the final triumph; and on and on. He has a lifetime of stories, and he shares them with fellow Club Members here.

The Club is astonished and delighted that Doug would have remembered to bring a copy of *Alive!* with him, handling it carefully during the two months it took to reach the summit, and then unfurling it proudly upon reaching the top. We thank him for sharing his unmatched experience on top of the world, and we salute him for his courage, his dedication, and his unflinching sense of adventure.

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A view of the world from atop Mt. Everest.

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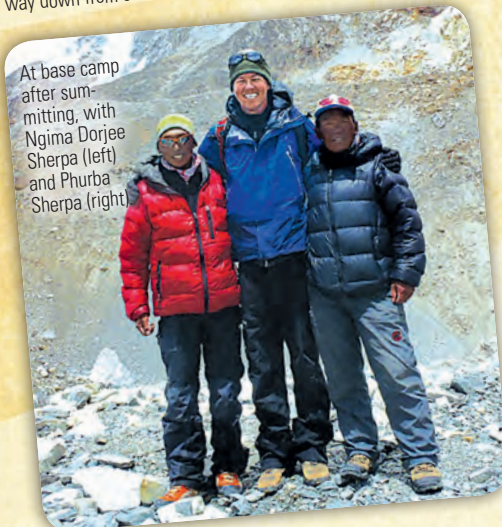
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Doug holds an Airport Police patch at the summit.



Doug holds his ice axe at Camp IV on the South trail, on his way down from summiting.



At base camp after summiting, with Ngima Dorjee Sherpa (left) and Phurba Sherpa (right).

BELOW: Club CEO John Hawkins (left) listens as Doug Scarborough recounts his successful climb of Mt. Everest.



Doug successfully traverses the famous and extremely harrowing Khumbu Icefall.

Doug Says Thanks



I would sincerely like to thank my mum and dad, for their understanding and support throughout this journey; **John Hawkins** and **John Burnes** of *Alive!*, for their continued interest, encouragement and generosity; **Madeleine Flanagan** and **Sgt. William Handley** of the Airport Police Department, for their interest and keeping followers posted of my team's location; **Barnabas Borbely** and **Sahana Vajracharva**, for their friendship on the mountain and for all the laughs we had together (Barnabas, congrats on summiting and for your engagement; Sahana, thank you for allowing me to film an episode of your TV show, *Frame By Frame*); **Nisha Adhikari**, for being the first celebrity I've ever kissed (and congrats for being the first Nepalese actress to summit!); **Dawa Steven Sherpa**, for your friendship, your time and effort that you put into organizing this expedition and the tremendous amount of logistics that must have gone into it, and also for your translation skills when I needed to communicate vital plans with the Sherpas; **Ngima Dorjee Sherpa** and **Phurba Sherpa**, for doing an incredible job getting me to the summit and back and for finally following my plans to stay at Camp IV for two nights when most people won't even stay one night at that altitude; **Roger Denniston**, for lending me his PSP, which I used for maybe 10 minutes the entire trip; and of course **Aaron Shamblin**, for being the most unreliable and useless friend that I have, especially after it was he who asked me to call him from the summit when I spoke to him the day before from Camp IV, way to go champ!

ABLE!

— Doug Scarborough, Airport Police Officer

The famous prayer flags at the top of Mt. Everest.



Doug Scarborough recalls his difficult, triumphant ascent to the top of Mt. Everest.

By Officer Doug Scarborough, Airport Police

Firstly, I'd like to thank everyone for their support and encouragement on this expedition. After I returned from Mt. Everest in 2011, I was not expecting so many people to be interested in my little journey, but I appreciated all the comments and interest that people took in my trip.

Just like my first attempt on Mt. Everest two years ago, I arrived in Kathmandu, Nepal, in early April to begin my two-month climb and acclimation. However, unlike the first time when I went up the north face in Tibet, I was now attempting the south face in Nepal. The south side of Everest was a completely different experience to what I had seen two years ago. This time, we flew in a small propeller airplane from Kathmandu to a tiny airport in the Himalayas called Lukla (which is also the world's most dangerous airport). Situated high in the mountains and on the edge of a cliff, Lukla was an exciting little place to land. Two years ago in Tibet, we were able to drive straight to base camp, stopping in villages to acclimate. This time, it would be a nine-day trek from Lukla till we finally reached EBC (Everest Base Camp) on the south side. As soon as we landed in Lukla, we began the more-than-week-long hike to EBC, which took us through the Sherpa villages of Phakding, Namche, Khumjung, Thyangboche, Dingboche and Lobuche.

Along the way, you get to know your expedition teammates pretty well, and by the end we were all close friends. A familiar face among our group was David Liano of Mexico. David climbed with me in 2011 but had to turn around at Advanced Base Camp when he became ill with a cerebral edema. He had been attempting a world record by climbing both the south and north side of Mt. Everest in one season. He had attempted this multiple times but something always caused him to turn around.

Another teammate was Barnabas Borbely of the UK, whose entire reason for climbing Everest was to propose to his girlfriend, Megan Wheeler, from the summit. Megan was waiting back in England clueless of his ambition. Other teammates in the group came from Argentina, Brazil, Canada, India, Poland and Austria.

We arrived at Everest Base Camp on April 12 and began the long and sometimes tedious work of getting in our rotations to acclimate our bodies to the altitude. The first rotation began with a climb through the Khumbu Icefall. This is a large glacier that sweeps down the Khumbu Valley from Camp I. It is a dangerous, foreboding place, and was the reason I chose to climb the north side in 2011. During each rotation, we would wake at 2 a.m. and prepare to climb through the Icefall in the dead of night as it is too dangerous during the day when the sun heats the ice, causing enormous blocks to crash down. To get through the Icefall, we had to cross at least 25 ladders that never looked in the best of shape. One section had three ladders tied haphazardly together, which caused everyone to rush because no one wanted to be stuck on it for much time.

Camp I was more like a rest stop at the top of the Khumbu Icefall and was used only on rare occasions when someone wasn't feeling well or couldn't continue on to Camp II. Once we reached Camp II, we stayed for two nights and then headed back to base camp. We had to do a total of three rotations before our bodies had adjusted enough to attempt a bid for the summit. Our last rotation had us climb the Lhotse Face to Camp III, where my Sherpa and I camped for one night with no oxygen.

Bad weather was forecast the day my Sherpa and I decided to climb up to Camp III, so we were prepared to hunker down and spend an uncomfortable night in windy conditions. When we arrived at Camp III, we were a little nervous to see that we were the only people there. During the afternoon the winds picked up and my Sherpa started grabbing his emulates that the Dalai Lama had given him, and he soon began chanting. After a while he started scratching his head, and then took his shirt off and began picking lice off himself and throwing them out of the tent. My skin had never crawled so badly, and I just covered my head with my sleeping bag and thought about something else.

After finishing all the rotations and returning back to base camp, we prepared to make the summit push. My Sherpas and I arrived at Camp II May 18, where we rested for a day and then headed up the Lhotse Face yet again. From there, we needed to wear oxygen 24 hours a day. We arrived at Camp IV on the South Col on May 21, and spent the night in the extremely thin air. The following evening at 7 p.m., my Sherpas and I left Camp IV and headed for the summit. The weather was bad; snow was coming down hard and it was very windy, making visibility nonexistent. As we trudged through the snow, a fresh dead body appeared right in front of us. The body was no more than a day old, and it gave us quite a scare, especially the look on the deceased climber's face. Sherpas are extremely superstitious, and I was nervous this might cause them to turn around. We all unclipped and sidestepped around the body and continued up toward the Balcony and the South Summit.

Because we had left on such a dismal night, we had the mountain to ourselves. I had always read about long lines at the South Summit and the infamous Hillary Step, but we were the only ones there. By 1 a.m., the weather had cleared up and it became a perfect night. The stars were the brightest and clearest I had seen them, and I saw the best shooting star of my life. One of the Sherpas pointed across to the Northeast Ridge, and I could see headlamps of climbers coming up the north side. It was a surreal moment as I realized that almost two years to the very day I had been on that ridge climbing when we were told to turn around before reaching the summit.

The moonlight was so powerful that we could see everything around us, and the views were unbelievable. By 4 a.m., the moon had gone and it was pitch black again. As the Sherpa in front of me blazed the trail, I looked up to the horizon and through the black. I saw a beam of light cross the entire sky. It was the sun's first light hitting the edge of the earth in some far-off land thousands of miles from where we were standing. It was unbelievable.

By 5 a.m., we reached the Hillary Step, where we stopped to change out our oxygen tanks. The Hillary Step is a large rock that protrudes out of the mountain, and at any lower altitude it wouldn't be very hard to climb at all. But the altitude plays havoc on the body and by the time I had climbed to the top, my heart and respiration rate were going crazy. From here, it was only a short distance to the summit, and I could already see the prayer flags adorning the mountain tip.

We reached the summit at 5:40 a.m. May 22. The feeling was incredible. My good friend and co-worker, Aaron Shamblin, had asked me to call him from the summit, so I pulled out my satellite phone and made the call. He didn't answer. I called again, with no answer. I



At the summit, Doug called his Airport Police partner, Aaron Shamblin, twice, and he failed to pick up... twice! Right: Ngima Dorjee Sherpa. Photo by Phurba Sherpa.

think he got the highest cuss-out left on his voicemail. Then one of the Sherpas pulled out my camera and realized that the freezing air had drained the battery, and it was now saying "battery empty." He placed the camera up to his skin and was soon able to get the camera working again. We quickly took all the photos we had wanted to take, and just like that it was time to go. We spent a total of maybe 20 minutes on the summit, but to stay longer would have been risky.

Over the next few days we made our way down to base camp, where I learned that David Liano had successfully summited both sides of Everest, earning him a spot in the Guinness Book of Records. My other teammate had successfully proposed to his girlfriend from the summit, and luckily she said yes. I was only at base camp for an hour to pack my things and then a helicopter came to pick us up and take us back to Lukla. The following day I was back in Kathmandu and immediately thrust back into the real world.

Since I have been home, I have never eaten or slept so much in my life. It's a great feeling to have this goal accomplished. Again, thank you all for your support and for following my story. Now, onto the next challenge.



From left: Asst. Chief Sandy Jo MacArthur; Sr. PSR I Todd Austin; Councilman Dennis Zine, Club Member; PSR II Bettina Allen, Club Member; and Chief Charlie Beck.



Lt. Vic Dennis, Club Member, welcomes everyone to the PM watch Roll Call.



From left: Commander Andrew Smith, Club Member; John Harowicz, PSR II, 23 years of City service, Club Member; Scott Goldstein, Management Analyst II, 19 years, Club Member; Augie Loya, PSR II, 19 years, Club Member; Daniel Uzomah, PSR II, 7 years, Club Member; and Asst. Chief Sandy Jo MacArthur.

LAPD

National Dispatchers Week

Both LAPD call centers celebrate those who take and handle the City's 911 emergency calls.



LAPD Chief Charlie Beck personally thanks the men and women of LAPD Communications for their hard work and attention to detail.



Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager; Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Director of Sales

The City celebrated National Dispatchers Week April 9-14. The week focuses on the work of PSRs (Police Service Representatives), those who answer the 911 emergency calls.

The Club donated prizes and was on hand for the Metro Communications Open House.

During the PM watch roll call, Police Chief Charlie Beck expressed his gratitude to the PSRs

assigned to both the Valley and Downtown dispatch centers. Councilman Dennis Zine was also in attendance, highlighting the fact that in 2011, 3.9 million calls were answered, and in 2012, four million calls were answered.

Special guests in attendance included Commander Andrew Smith and Capt. Anita Ortega, both previous Command Officers of LAPD Communications.

The event included giveaways, an open house, catered lunches and much more.

Five employees were also honored:

- Supervisor of the Year: Todd Austin;
- PSR III of the Year: Marsha Meyers;
- PSR II of the Year: Kim Hunter;
- Administrative Employee of the Year: PSR II Bettina Allen; and
- The Charles Mealey Humanitarian of the Year: Sue Le Pre

Congratulations to all! And thanks go to Maria Moreno, Lt. Singh, Capt. Joel Justice, and Lt. Vic Dennis for their assistance.

PSR II of the Year, 2012

Kim Hunter

During her 28 years of service at Communications Division, Police Service Representative II Kim Hunter has worked various floor positions. She was also assigned to the Administrative Projects Unit. As part of her responsibilities in the Projects Unit, she has testified at numerous criminal, civil and administrative court actions as to the content and authenticity of the tapes and computer records.

Kim is an exemplary employee who consistently performs at a high level. She completed her assignments with attention to duty, dedication and a positive attitude. She has been acknowledged on several monthly monitoring for her effective interview techniques, teamwork and commitment to duty. Since 1988, Kim has been recognized for her exceptional attendance record, a record that has continued to this date.

Kim has consistently demonstrated a continued commitment to the LAPD core values in her daily encounters with the community, supervisors and her peers. This was demonstrated when MCDC needed someone to take charge of the tribute to the department's servicemen and -women overseas holiday gift drive. Kim took on the responsibility, and her efforts resulted in large donation of items from MCDC personnel.

Due to Kim's tenure and experience, she has been selected several times as a WCA. As a WCA, she assists management in the Watch Commander's office with daily operations of the Division. The WCA must maintain a high level of confidentiality and effective interpersonal skills. She also proved to be able to make sound decisions and handle stressful situations independently.

Kim is a tremendous asset to the Supervisory Staff. She was selected to supplement for supervisory deployment and graciously accepted. Kim is detail oriented and paid attention to the special needs of each supervisor while she works the bridge. Kim has been assigned every supervisory position and shown a proficiency at each position. She has displayed extensive knowledge of the operations, functions and goals of the Department. She has the maturity, tenure and willingness to stretch beyond to assist the seniors at the bridge.

Communications Division is proud to recognize Police Service Representative II Kim Hunter as PSR II of the Year 2012.



From left: Margaret Peters, Sr. PSR I, 25 years of City service, Club Member; Capt. Anita Young, Hollenbeck, 29 years; and Yvette Bentley, Management Analyst II, 25 years, Club Member.



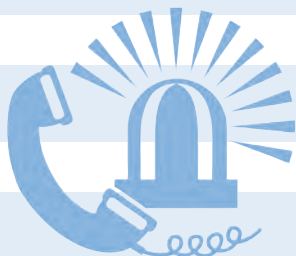
John Craig, PSR III, 10 years of City service, Club Member.



Adrian Smith, PSR II, 10 years of City service.



Benjamin Harris, PSR II, 10 years of City service, Club Member.



Vanessa Sanchez, PSR II, 10 years of City service; and Chris Dale, Sr. PSR I, 10 years.



From left: Lisa Scutaro, PSR III, 8 years of City service; Larry Gates, PSR III, 9 years, Club Member; and Christina Campos, PSR III, 6 years, Club Member.

Administrative Employee of the Year, 2012

Police Service Representative II
Bettina L. Allen



Bettina Allen, PSR II, Club Member, with Councilman Dennis Zine, Club Member.

PSR II Bettina Allen has been with the Department and Communications Division (CD) for approximately 12 years. She was assigned to the Operations Floor and worked the traditional Radio Telephone Operator, Emergency Board Operator and Auxiliary Telephone Operator positions. She performed her duties exceptionally well in those assignments. Given her exemplary work ethic, attendance history and strong interpersonal skills, she was selected to work as the Watch Commander's Aide for an extended period of time.

In January 2006, Bettina was assigned as Assistant to the Wellness Coordinator. This new assignment called for her to quickly learn and apply new processes as they related to City Sick Leave usage, provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act, Leave of Absence, Bonding Leave and Injured-on-Duty paperwork. Besides being conversant with the completion of a slew of required documents, Bettina established a close working relationship with personnel assigned to the Medical Liaison Section, Personnel Division, City's Personnel Department, City Attorney's office and third-party private vendors contracted by the City. She also has regular interaction with the staff of private physicians and City-contracted medical facilities. She is very articulate and has created a positive and long-lasting impression with her ability to communicate in both written and verbal form.

Besides handling a high volume of telephone calls from medical service providers, Bettina also addressed such enquiries from CD employees in need of clarification on issues related to their absences and benefits. Having developed a vast pool of expertise in this area, Bettina handled all enquiries adroitly and efficiently.

Bettina has an easygoing personality and is readily able to handle all work-related demands placed on her. She smiles easily and is constantly responsive to request from all supervisors. Besides being a success at her job, Bettina is an accomplished working mom. She has successfully raised two children, son Samuel, a semi-professional basketball player, and daughter Sydney, a freshman at Whittier College.

Communications Division is proud to recognize Police Service Representative II Bettina Allen as its Administrative Employee of the Year 2012.



Assistant Chief Sandy Jo MacArthur speaks to a packed roll call room.



Sal Tillit, PSR II, 4 years of City service; and Ellison Cheng, PSR, 1 year.



Angelina Ortega, PSR III, 14 years of City service, Club Member; and Chance Chavez, PSR II, 7 years, Club Member.



From left: Deirdre Fonseca, PSR II, 4 years of City service, Club Member; Kim Antol, Sr. PSR I, 33 years, Club Member; and Keyshae Paylor, PSR II, 4 years.

Supervisor of the Year, 2012

Senior Police Service Representative I Todd Austin



Todd Austin, Sr. PSR I, with Councilman Dennis Zine, Club Member.

Senior Police Service Representative (PSR) I Todd Austin began his tenure with the LAPD in June 1999. He brought with him an interest in technology and outstanding communication skills. In 2012, Austin successfully transitioned from his role as a floor supervisor to the Assistant Officer-in-Charge of the CD Training Unit. Austin hit the ground running as he immediately put his technical knowledge to work. Austin serves as a liaison between the LAPD and a number of organizations, including the Joint Regional Intelligence Center (JRIC), Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LARICS) and the LAPD's Information

Technology Division. Through these ancillary assignments, Austin received daily intelligence information on suspicious activity, developed a CD generic email account, and obtained daily statistical 911 call printouts from both LAPD communication centers. Austin's knowledge, input and insight were foundational in the formation of divisional policies and strategic planning for 2012 and beyond.

Senior PSR Austin served as an adviser to both LAPD command staff and General Services personnel during the recent absorption by LAPD of the City of Los Angeles General Services Division (GSD) Security. In fact, his operational and technical expertise changed the trajectory of the project and put the merger back on schedule for the 2013 implementation.

Despite the demands his expertise and initiative cultivated, Austin found time to assist the DWP with critical facilities and infrastructure issues, including the communications tower at Mt. Lee. As a subject matter expert in radio communications and interoperability, he also provided radio expertise during the drafting of the Los Angeles Kings Stanley Cup Championship Communications Plan.

Austin's commitment to community service is clearly demonstrated through the relationship he established with representatives from Language Line Services, the LAPD's contract language interpreter service. A byproduct of his work was the establishment of a toll-free, LAPD direct line that has dramatically improved community translation service.

Communications Division is proud to select Senior Police Service Representative I Todd Austin as Supervisor of the Year 2012.



From left: Listening in on a call is Christina Madrid, guest of Todd Austin, Sr. PSR I, 14 years of City service; and Sharon Katona, PSR III, 25 years, Club Member.

PSR III of the Year, 2012

Marsha Myers

Police Service Representative (PSR) III Marsha Myers has been a member of Communications Division for more than 18 years. Marsha has been recognized by her peers and supervisors for her leadership and commitment to the division. She is a consistent professional with all her encounters with the community and co-workers.

Marsha has been assigned to BCC, RTO and RTOTO. She has handled all of these assignments with the utmost professionalism and knowledge. Marsha's instructor style lends her to work with trainees who were in need of extra assistance. She has a way of motivating trainees and raising their confidence. Her instructor evaluations from her trainees are always positive.

As the RTOTO, a position she readily accepted, she consistently adhered to policy and procedures. She also provided vital information to TCO to better assist with the needs of instructors and trainees. Marsha is very committed to providing training to other PSR IIIs, and she was recognized by her peers for her ongoing commitment to the training program.

Marsha was recognized for being one of the top call takers during 2012. She has been a member of the Care and Concern Committee (CACC) for several years. She has organized the training day for the CACC and has been a part of Bereavement Team Committee. This committee and her efforts has been a great benefit to helping our division through some very difficult times.

Communications Division is proud to select Police Service Representative III Marsh Myers as PSR III of the Year 2012.



Eleonor Medina, PSR III, 16 years of City service; and Quincy Mirage, PSR II, 12 years, Club Member.



From left: Shannon Pahnong, PSR II, 8 years of City service, with the Club's special guest, Carla.



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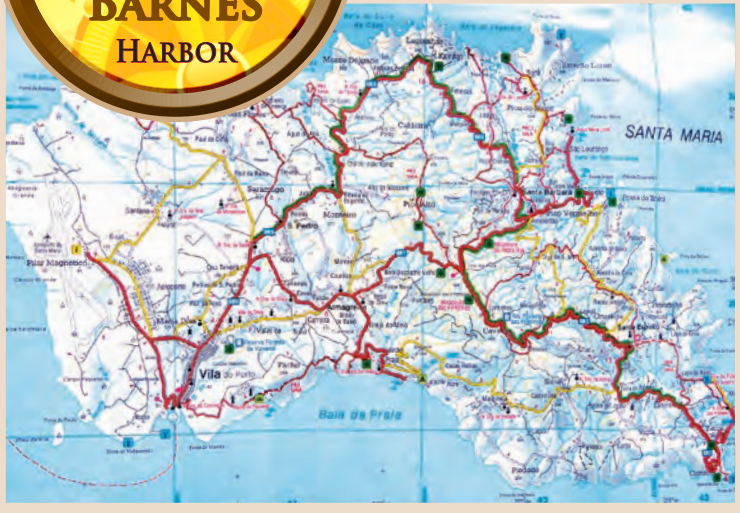
Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



THE ADVENTURES OF MICHAEL BARNES HARBOR

1 Portugal & The Azores

Here's the latest from our other intrepid traveler, **Michael Barnes, Harbor**, in Portugal and the Azores. "As always, I look forward to reading your great publication. I take it everywhere I go. Ha!"



"Christopher Columbus first stopped here on his way west. He even named the island [Santa Maria] after one of his ships. There was not enough action, so he moved on."

"The church in this photo is famous for people old or the sick climbing on their knees to receive a miracle." [This Chapel of Nossa Senhora de Fatima, Our Lady of Fatima, is on Santa Maria Island in the Azores and is not to be confused with the more famous shrine on the Portuguese mainland. - Ed.]



Here's Michael on the rocks.

"I just took a trip to the Portuguese island of Santa Maria in the Azores, which for your information is in the middle of the Atlantic. The island had 20,000 people living here at one time, but because the U.S. Air Force built an airfield here during World War II, 18,000 left and went to Boston. So now this 10-square-mile old whaling base island is just about deserted, but there is a fairly large European (Bavarian and Austrian) retirement population living here now. Just like Hawaii, it's a great place for the newlyweds or nearly deads. Nothing happens when the sun goes down.

"The Island of Santa Maria has a constant temperature day and night of about 63 degrees in the spring and fall, and a humidity of 80-plus, so it's not tropical and it's not cold, but being an island, the weather can change at the drop of a hat, from being sunny one minute, to dense fog or cloud the next, and always rain or dampness. Other than that, we had a great time!"



"I stopped over in Lisbon on our way to Santa Maria, so needless to say I also took photos. Lisbon gets overlooked in everybody's rush to visit Europe. People are really friendly. There are lots of inexpensive places to stay and, even though the food is pretty bland, it very cheap to eat and drink out.

"Lisbon itself is a town to walk around and explore. That said, it has a really good public transportation system. When visiting a new city, on the first day we always ride any bus or tram to the end of its route and back, just to capture the smells and feel for the place. Lisbon is no exception, and anybody going there must ride tram 28."

2 The Caribbean



"Here are a few pics of some of the stops on my Caribbean Cruise to St. Maarten, Antigua, St. Lucia and Barbados for a birthday celebration with family and friends."

- Kizzy Bryant, Security Officer, DWP

3 Germany



Richard and Phyllis Mendoza traveled to Germany. In the smaller photo, Richard is at Ramstein Air Force Base, a major military facility in southwestern Germany near the French border.

4 French Polynesia



"Here we are in the South Pacific at the St. Regis resort."

- Leonel and Ruth Chacon

5 Ireland

Here's *Alive!* editor John Burnes behind St. Colman's Cathedral in Cobh (Cove), Co. Cork, Ireland. "This is the last Irish church many hundreds of thousands saw who emigrated out of Ireland through Cobh after about 1885. (There was another, smaller church here during most of the famine emigration in the late 1840s.) *Titanic* made its last stop at Cobh, just out to sea at left, before it met its fate on an iceberg in the Atlantic."



6 Yellowstone



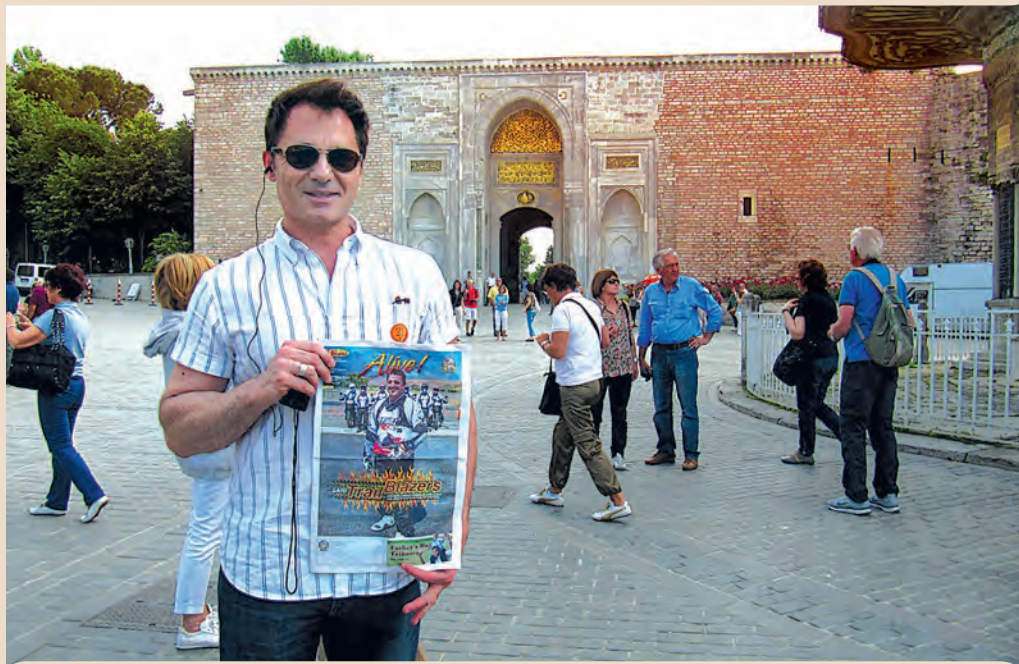
"This photo was taken on a recent family trip to Yellowstone National Park."

- Kevin Chatman, DWP

7 Turkey



"On our recent Mediterranean cruise, my wife, Marie (taking the picture) and I visited Istanbul, a city with layers of history to explore. Here, I'm standing in front of the Sultan Ahmed Mosque, known as the Blue Mosque for its intricately beautiful tile work interior. Amazing!"



In front of the ornate entrance gate to the Topkapki Palace, home to the Ottoman Sultans for more than 400 years. Built over a former Roman palace, it's now a museum that houses a priceless collection, including an 86-carat diamond!

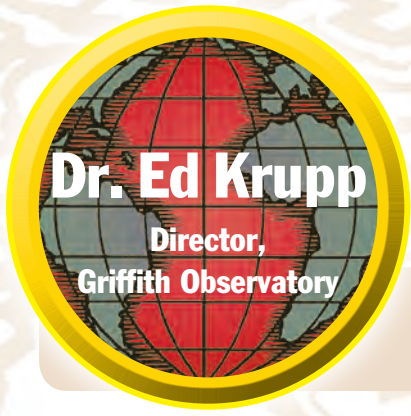
- David Jamgotchian, JILA Associates (designers of *Alive!*)

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



Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



8 'Bringing 'em Back Alive!' – Baja, California

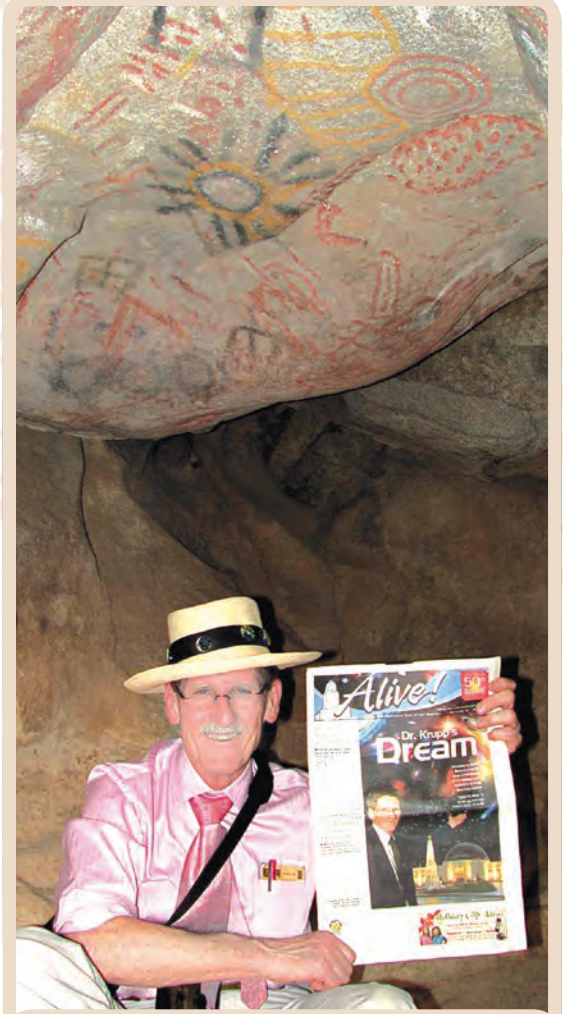
Here's our intrepid traveler **Ed Krupp, Director of the world famous Griffith Observatory**, sharing his adventures.



"I am consorting with *Forever Marilyn* during her limited engagement at the corner of Palm Canyon Drive and Tahquitz Canyon Way in downtown Palm Springs. While there is nothing obviously astronomical about Marilyn, she is a star."



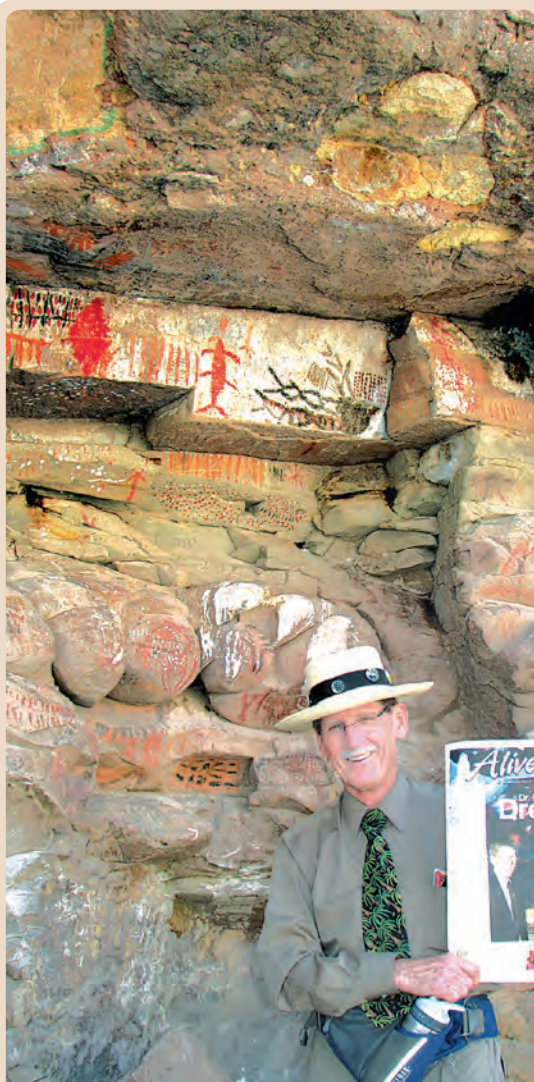
"I am consorting with one of the celebrated Cabazon dinosaurs. Clearly, this tyrannosaurus rex was not a victim of the globally catastrophic asteroid impact 65 million years ago on the tip of the Yucatán peninsula. It complements the statue of Marilyn."



"South El Rosario in Baja California: I revisited this wonderfully polychromatic rock art site at Cataviña. It is believed that the paintings were done by Yumano and Cochimi Indians who lived in the area as far south as Loreto. It is impossible to interpret the pictographs, but the fine-rayed disk on the ceiling may be a celestial touch."



"The cirio, or boojum (*Fouquieria columnaris*), is a distinctive succulent found almost only in the southern part of northern Baja. They are said to be something like upside-down carrots. In time, some boojums bashfully bend all the way over to form an arch and nearly put their head in the ground."



"Now *Alive!* reaches Pinguica, another multicolor pictograph site south of Mulegé and inland. The route there is a mostly rocky streambed with boulders and sand."



"San Borjitas, a Baja Great Mural rock art shelter in the Sierra de Guadalupe of Baja California, also requires four-wheel drive. I've done three mule trips to many of the painted sites in the Sierra de San Francisco, but this one has a lot more of the human figures than those in the Sierra de San Francisco."

THIS MONTH AT THE

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Family Sandcastle Building Day

Saturday, July 27
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Relive your favorite memories and create new ones during CMA's Family Sandcastle Building Day.

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HARBOR

Goodbye, Ken

Port Police Sgt. Ken Huerta retires after 32 years of City service.



Retiree Sgt. Ken Huerta and his family.



CHP Sgt. Sid Belk presents Retiree Sgt. Ken Huerta with an award.



From left: Vance Lommen, CEO; Retiree Sgt. Ken Huerta, Club Member, 32 years of City service; and Port Police Chief Ronald Boyd, Club Member.



From left: Jay Hunter, Retired, 19 years of City service; and Scott Shorts, Retired, 9 years.



Retiree Sgt. Ken Huerta receives the Board of Harbor Commissioner Award; "This is an honor well deserved," said John Holmes, Assistant Director, Port LA.



From left: Capt. Mike Graychik, 30 years of City service; Lt. Rosa Reynoso, Club Member, 24 years; and Det. Victor Morales, 6 years, Club Member.



From left: Claudia Romero, Port Police Sr. Clerk Typist, 12 years of City service, Club Member; Mary Ramos, Port Police Sr. Clerk Typist, 8 years, Club Member; and Eloina Gonzalez, Port Police Sr. Clerk Typist, 8 years, Club Member.



From left: Orlando Aguilar, guest; Al Garcia, Planning Officer, 25 years of City service; and Maurice Jacobs, Construction Equipment Service Worker, 15 years, Club Member.



Capt. Al Rosario, Club Member, presents Ken Huerta with a certificate on behalf of then-Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.



From left: Det. John Joyce, 7 years of City service, Club Member; and Det. Roberto Redondo, 7 years, Club Member.



From the California Highway Patrol, from left: Det. Roy Garcia, 18 years of State service; Det. Terry Bealey, 18 years; Officer George Perez, 8 years; and Officer James Decello, 15 years.



California Highway Patrol members wish Ken Huerta a happy retirement!



From left: Capt. Leon Nixon, 18 years of City service, Club Member; Erika Cabrera, guest; Det. Albert Alvarado, 12 years; Capt. Leon Nixon, Club Member, 17 years; and Det. Byron Culberston, 8 years, Club Member.

Story and photos by Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor

Port Police Sgt. Ken Huerta, who impressively served the City of Los Angeles for 32 years, was honored April 2 by friends, family and those whose lives he touched within the City.

The luncheon was held oceanside at the San Pedro Fish Market Ports O' Call Village Restaurant.

Everyone from Senators, Congressmembers and fellow CHP officers/detectives were on hand. And even "Elvis Presley" turned out, dressed to impress to honor Sgt. Huerta.

He was awarded various certificates. Here's the text of a City resolution honoring Ken's career:

Whereas Kenneth L. Huerta is retiring following 32 years of service with the City and Port of Los Angeles Police Department, serving most recently as a Port Police Sergeant; and

Whereas he began his career as a Special Officer with Los Angeles Airport Police, and in 1982 joined the Los Angeles Port Police as a Special Officer, where through hard work and diligence he excelled in multiple capacities, including Sr. Lead Officer and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant; and

Whereas he has maintained a high and ongoing standard of training throughout the entire course of his law-enforcement career, including Field Training Officer, Narcotics Officer, and Water Rescue Training; and

Whereas he has worked on numerous long-term and complicated theft investigations and as a task force officer has assisted by means of his extensive knowledge in the cargo theft field in investigations that have netted millions of dollars in recovered stolen merchandise; and

Whereas he has been assigned as a Port of Los Angeles Police Department Sergeant in a multi-agency cargo theft task force as a supervisor of both LAPPD and outside agency detectives, tasked with prevention and investigation of cargo theft, including search and arrest warrant preparation and execution, liaising with industry representatives, cargo recovery and filing of cases; and

Whereas he is an internationally recognized authority on cargo theft and the preventive interdiction of intellectual crimes; and

Whereas he was a key founding member of the Port Police Dive Team and received a Diving Credential from the College of Oceaneering, as well as numerous Peace Officer Standards Training Certificates; and

Whereas he has always been acknowl-

edged as a dedicated and committed employee, highly spoken of by peers, the Port of Los Angeles Customer community, and superiors, demonstrating a professional caliber of supervisory principals, strong management and leadership skills, and a wide knowledge of the Port and its operations; and

Whereas in 2001 he received a Certificate of Appreciation from LA County Sheriff Lee Baca in recognition of exemplary efforts in his part in the successful team effort and capture of a dangerous and desperate escapee; and

Whereas in 1997 Chief of LA County Sheriff Detective Division acknowledged him for efforts in an outstanding criminal investigation, which resulted in the arrest of two suspects, the recovery of several million dollars of stolen property and the identification of a major cargo theft organization operating throughout Los Angeles; and

Whereas in 1986, along with a partner, he entered a burning apartment building to notify residents while awaiting the arrival of fire units, in the process evacuating an elderly blind resident who would not have escaped otherwise; and

Whereas in 1985 while off-duty, he assisted the LAPD in apprehending an Assault with a Deadly Weapon on Peace Officer suspect, in a circumstance where the suspect may not have been captured but for his pursuit, earning him the City's Career Achievement Award; and

Whereas he has served his country honorably as a member of the United States Marine Corps;

Therefore be it resolved that the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners wishes to extend its sincere appreciation to Kenneth L. Huerta for his 32 years of dedicated service to the City and Port of Los Angeles, and extends to him and his family its heartfelt best wishes for health and happiness in the years to come.

Thank you for your service, Sgt. Huerta, from the Club! And the Club thanks Julie Wichmann Huerta and Stacey Xenios for their assistance.

Results of

Baker to Vegas: Great Results!



Club sponsors five City teams in annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup race.



Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager; Photos by Arlene Herrero, Fitz Mora and Daniel Wang

For stamina, dedication and physical fitness, there's nothing like the annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay, held in the desert April 13-14.

This amazing foot race is an annual event for public safety organizations throughout the world. The relay race is a 120-mile, 20-stage foot race between Baker, Calif., and Las Vegas and is considered the "Super Bowl" of law enforcement; the champions are the best, in terms of physical fitness and logistics the police world has to offer. The race was created by and is managed by the Los Angeles Police Rotary and Athletic Club, and the City Employees Club is grateful for their leadership.

This year was the Club's ninth covering this amazing event, going out on the

racecourse through dusty winds, cold and 100-plus degree temperatures to deliver to *Alive!* readers what goes on during the 120-mile foot race.

This was an exceptional year for LAPD's Department Team as they celebrated a back-to-back victory, capturing the coveted title of first place overall at 13 hours 2 minutes and 32 seconds, with LA Sheriff's Dept. County Wide in second place at 13 hours 15 minutes and 52 seconds. LAPD Women also came in first place in the all-women team, finishing at 15 hour 50 minutes and 17 seconds. In total, 260 teams participated including the Hamburg Police from Germany, Queensland Police Service from Australia and a team from Calgary, Alberta, Canada. It was Calgary's 25th anniversary as participants.

By Saturday race day, the road conditions were 95 degrees at start of the first run – not as hot at last year, when 798 runners were treated for some type of dehydration.

New this year were bibs, which easily identified the team, and some bibs even had photos as a tribute to a fellow colleague.

Again this year, the Club sponsored five teams, and here are the results:

- Team 106 LA Port Police, 17 hours, 16 minutes and 37 seconds, no penalty;
- Team 172 LAPD Jail Division, 17 hours, 50 minutes and 45 seconds;
- Team 81 LA Airport Police, 16 hours, 15 minutes and 45 seconds;
- Team 145 LA DOT/LAPD, Sec SD 17 hours, 43 minutes and 10 seconds;
- Team 183 LAPD ESD/FSD, 19 hours, 11 minutes and 47 seconds.

Congratulations to the LA Airport Police and LA Port Police teams for "mugging" (winning a coveted mug) while the rest of the teams improved overall. "This is the second year that we mugged. We took 10th place in a very competitive category and

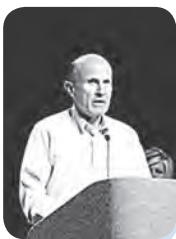
lowered our team number from 81 to 54," beamed Officer Mark Corral, LAX PD.

Other honorable mentions: Team 112 LAPD Training Division, 17 hours 8 minutes and 32 seconds; Team 139 LA City Attorney, 16 hours 59 minutes and 35 seconds; Team 138 LAPD Communications (the awesome team that started it all by introducing the Club to such a great event), 17 hours 55 minutes and 41 seconds; and Team 249 LA Regional Crime Lab, 19 hours 52 minutes and 36 seconds.

City public safety employees, mark your calendars, March 22 – 23, 2014, for the 30th annual Challenge Cup Relay. It's never too early to start training!

Special thanks go to the following, for helping *Alive!* produce this article: Chuck Foote, Race Coordinator; Jim Katapodis, Race Director; Officer Tony Adler, Club Member; and Capt. John Incontro, Club Member.

RUNNING RUNNING RUNNING



LA County Sheriff Lee Baca talks about the possibility of a team specialized for his age group.



LAPD Chief Charlie Beck welcomes the participants.



LAPD Department-wide took first place overall, finishing in 13 hours 2 minutes and 32 seconds. The team took the coveted title and trophy again from LA County.



LAPD Department Team on stage along with Chief Charlie Beck accepting the trophy.



LA Port Police on stage accepting their mug and taking third overall in their category.

Winners!



LAPD Chief Charlie Beck on hand for LAPD Women's Division taking first place at 15 hours 57 minutes.



From left: Sgt. Jim Katapodis, Race Director; Chuck Foote, Race Coordinator; and Joy Matlack, Communications Coordinator.



Crowding to see who was awarded the coveted mug.



LAPD 77th came in second place in their category, finishing at 16 hours 15 minutes and 33 seconds.



Team 106 Los Angeles Port Police took third place in their category.

the Big Race

**OFF
THEY
GO!**



Team 81 LA Airport Police Officer makes his way down the exchange chute.



Team 145 LA DOT/LAPD.



From left: Officer III Robert Morales, 15 years of City service, Rampart, Leg 1 Runner, Club Member; Officer III Sandra Carlisle, 25 years, Rampart; Officer Jim Zourek, 16 years, Central; and Det. III Eric Bixter, 17 years, Olympic, Leg 1 Runner.



Team 109 LAPD Mission Station.



Team 183 LAPD ESD/FSD.



The Club again was there to capture it all!



Team 106 Follow Vehicle ensures the runners' safety.



Team 114 LAPD Metro Black.



Officer Joshua Casanova, LA Airport Police, Club Member, kicks off Leg 1 for his team.



Team 145 LA DOT/LAPD Leg 1 runner.



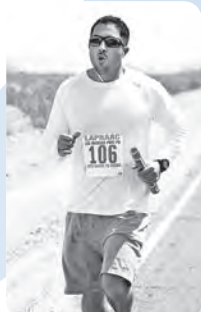
Team 134 LAPD Valley Traffic.



Team 140 LAPD Pacific Station.



Team 109 LAPD Mission Station.



Team 106 LA Port Police Officer Flores, Club Member, on Leg 1.



Team 215 LAPD Gang/Narcotics.



Team 138 LAPD Communications: Anita Yang, Sr. PSR I, Club Member.



Team 97 LAPD Northeast.



Team 183 LAPD ESD/FSD support and runner.



Team 106 LA Port Police Sgt. Jerome Niles, 6 years of City service, Club Member, enters the handoff chute.



Team 180 LAPD Major Crimes.



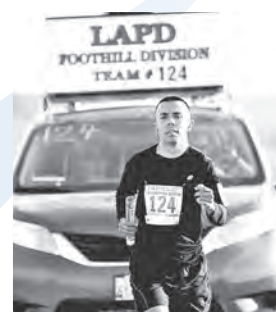
Team 43 LAPD 77th Street.



Team 172 LAPD Jail Station's follow vehicle.



Team 152 LAPD Harbor Sharks.



Team 124 LAPD Foothill.



Team 145 LA DOT/LAPD.



Team 81 LA Airport Police follow vehicle.



Team 49 LAPD Southeast being assisted with water from Team 109 LAPD Mission's Follow Vehicle.



Team 117 LAPD Topanga Station.



Team 101 LAPD Central.



Team 76 LAPD West Valley.



Team 172 LAPD Jail Station runner and catcher PDO Alan DeLeon, Club Member.



Team 81 LA Airport Police runner with Chief Pat Gannon as his catcher.



Team 112 LAPD Training Division.



Team 96 LAPD Metro Blue.



At the baton meeting.



From left: Officer III Ryan Ilagan, LAPD Training Division, 11 years of City service, with his wife, Mae.



Team 106 LA Port Police Officer III John Joyce, 7 years of service, Club Member.



Team 183 LAPD ESD/FSD.

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Team 138 LAPD Communications.



Team 81 LA Airport Police.



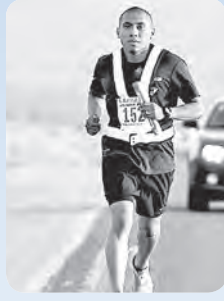
Team 123 LAPD Retired Old Blue.



Team 135 LAPD Newton Station.



Team 183 LAPD ESD/FSD.



Team 152 LAPD Harbor Division.



Team 180 LAPD Major Crimes.



Team 114 LAPD Metro Black.



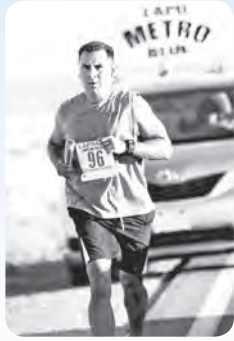
Team 106 LA Port Police Sgt. Jonathan Octeva, 8 years of City service, Club Member.



Team 172 LAPD Jail Station Detention Officer Jorge Carpio, Club Member.



Team 215 LAPD Gang/Narcotics.



Team 96 LAPD Metro Blue.



Team 212 LAPD West LA.



Team 145 LA DOT/LAPD Sec.

THE HOME STRETCH



LA Port Police celebrates at the finish line.



Even Batman crossed the finish line! LAX Police Officer Ray Woods, 13 years of City service, Club Member, with Capt. Ray Maltez, LAPD, and his wife, Yvonne.



Team 208 LAPD RHD/CCD/PA: Capt. III William P. Hayes crosses the finish line, baton in hand.



From left: Chuck Foote, Race Coordinator; and Dave Wells, Finish/Starting Line Coordinator.



Team 53 LAPD Hollenbek's runner and catcher.



Team 81: Airport Police Officer Ray Woods, Club Member, as Batman.



Handshakes await Chief Charlie Beck, LAPD, as he crosses the finish line representing LAPD Metro Black.



PSR II Maria Coronado, Club Member, as she crosses the finish line representing Team 138 LAPD Communications.



Team 172 LAPD Jail Division at the finish line.



From left: Officer Farnia Faramarz, 7 years of City service; Officer III Jerome Evans, 27 years, Club Member; Officer Ray Woods, 13 years; Officer Charles Yoon, 3 years, Club Member; and Airport Police Chief Pat Gannon.



From left: Commander Bill Murphy, Club Member, with his catcher, Sgt. Yasir Hillani, Northeast, 14 years of City service.



Team 112 LAPD Training Division.



Team 43 LAPD 77th Street.



Team 123 LAPD Retired Old Blue.



Team 76 LAPD West Valley member catches her breath as she crosses the finish line.

FINISH LINE

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From left: Officer III Patrick Rudolf, 31 years of City service, Club Member, 31 years of City service; Lt. Tony Lemedico, 27 years; and Officer III Andy Pedersen, 27 years.



From left: LAX Officer Ray Woods, 13 years of City service, Club Member, dressed as Batman, with LA Airport Police Chief Pat Gannon.



Team 183 LAPD ESD/FSD.



Team 145 LA DOT/ LAPD at the finish line.



Team 172 LAPD Jail Station member Officer Melissa Zarris, Club Member, proudly holds up her baton.



Team 106: Port Police Officer Jose Magana, Club Member, crosses the finish line.



Commander William A. Murphy, Personnel and Training Bureau, Club Member, as he comes across the finish line.



From left: Officer II Elias Aguayo, 5 years of City service; Sgt. II Michael Seguin, 25 years; Officer II Jose Pedroza, 3 years; Capt. Jeff Bert, Northeast Station, 17 years; Officer II Kevin Moore, 3 years; and Officer II Amanda Kruse, 3 years.



Team 48 LAPD Olympic Station.



Team 124 LAPD Foothill Station.



Team 139 LA City Attorney.



Team 109 LAPD Mission Station.



From left: Sgt. II Delaney Jones, ERG, 27 years of City service; Chief Charlie Beck; and Club Products Manager Arlene Herrero.



Celebrating her successful finish line, representing LAPD Harbor Division.



Gary Newton, LAPD Security Section, Club Member, runs on the joint 145 Team LA DOT/LAPD.



From left: Officer II Jacqueline Lopez, 5 years of City service; and Officer III Adrianna Bravo, 14 years.



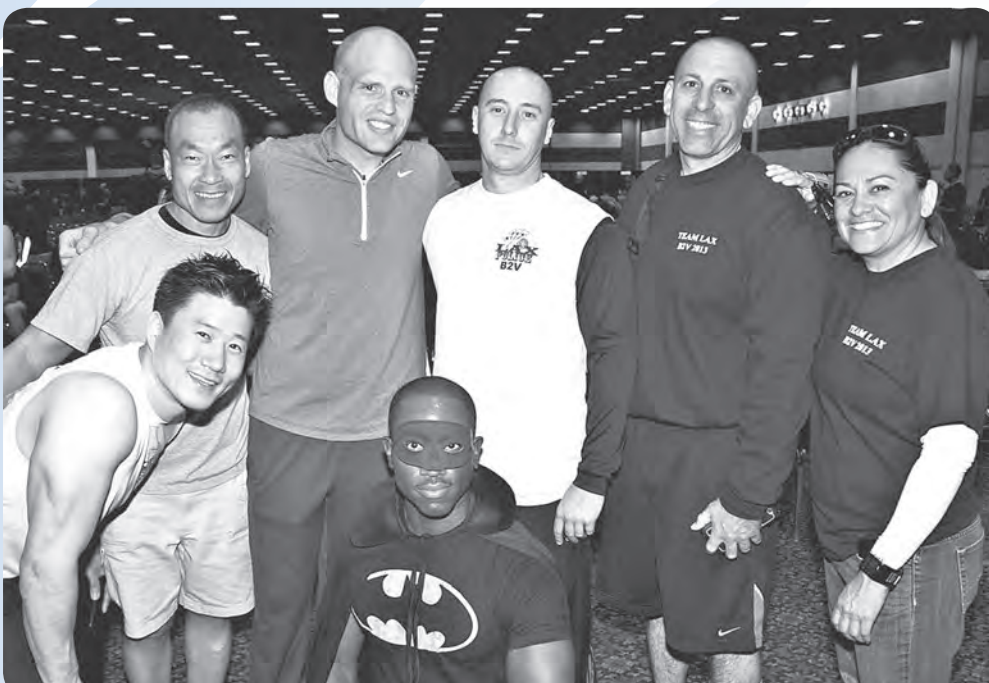
LAPD Communications celebrates at the finish line!



Team 117 LAPD Topanga Station.



From left: Representing LA Port Police are Sgt. Kenneth Huerta, Retired, Club Member, and Retired Capt. Ralph Tracy, Club Member.



Back, from left: Officer Charles Yoon, 3 years of City service, Club Member; Officer Long Nguyen, 5 years, Club Member; Officer Chad White, 3 years, Club Member; Officer Chris Faytol, 4 years, Club Member; Officer Mark Corral, 14 years, Club Member; and Officer Kimberly Ojeda, 10 years. Kneeling: Officer Ray Woods, 13 years, Club Member, as Batman.



At the finish line: Team 66 LAPD Women's team, which came in first place in its category.



Team 215 LAPD Gang/Narcotics.



From left: Chuck Foote, Race Coordinator; Janet Gnerlich, Volunteer; and Lena Brady, Volunteer from Germany.

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PUBLIC WORKS

Open House Roundup: West Valley

Sanitation hosts its annual yard open houses, focusing on recycling.



Residents take photos with Recycle Robot and his friends.



Richard Guzman 19 years of City service, Club Member, cooks hot dogs and hamburgers.



Miguel Lopez, RCTO, 22 years of City service, show Anto Chahmelikian a semi-automated vehicle.



Ray Rice, Sweeper Mechanic 29 years of City service, Club Member, with Edley Rondinone, Parts Store Keeper, 27 years.



Learning how to planting tomato plants are residents Michael, 5, and Tylea, 4.



Barron, 7, and Byron, 6, enjoy some hot dogs.



Juan Tabares Truck Operator, 12 years of City service, Club Member, gives Daryl Crone and his family a ride around the district yard in one of the satellite vehicles.



Refuse Collection Truck Operators, from left; Rick Miner, Retired, 30 years of City service, Club Member; Al Guidry, Retired, 33 years; Chris Gomez, 25 years, Club Member; Richard Guzman, 19 years, Club Member; and Felix Alonso, 24 years, with West Valley Supervisor James Moore, 24 years, Club Member; Supervisor Daniel McKay, 18 years; and Supervisor Kenney Lampton, 30 years, Club Member.



LA's Clean Mascot, Robbie Recycle, dances with a refrigerator.



Jaden and Mason 3, enjoy the open house.

Story by Kenney Lampton, Supervisor, Public Works, Club Member; Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager

Sanitation's West Valley Yard held its annual Open house May 18.

The annual open house is set up mainly to educate the public on Sanitation's operations. The importance of the Open House is to have an open dialogue as well as letting the public bring family and friends to just enjoy themselves while sharing in "giveaway" game prizes, food and drink, rides and music. It's just a great day out!

The great thing about who comes to our Open House is, Sanitation never knows how many different people will show up, from the daily resident customers to City Council representatives, newspaper reporters, neighborhood representatives, or church groups.

Those who helped setting up – the West Valley Supervisors and drivers and mechanics, also gave tours of the yard and equipment, cooked the food, and welcomed the guests. LA Conservation Corps volunteers helped with various jobs from setup and distribution of trees, also cleaned up and did a wonderful job. Radio Disney was also present.

The West Valley Yard extends a simple thank you to everyone who attended and participated.

General Services/Fleet Services (West Valley District) also participated.

Thanks to all the West Valley employees, who each and every morning get up to do their job. This includes the box truck operators picking up E-waste and white goods, to the

semi-auto drivers and full-size automated truck operators, our front loader drivers picking up bulky items, and our D.A.C. vehicle operators. It also includes maintenance laborers, truck operators, clerical staff, frontline supervisors, and General Service maintenance staff, shop mechanics, sweeper mechanics and the supply storekeeper. All of these people are vital in keeping the operation running fluidly with professionalism.



Daniel Denering, Superintendent, Solid Waste, talks about mulch and its many uses.



Neighbors Sally Wood and Henry Wood enjoy the open house with Truck Operator Tim Moen, 22 years of City service, Club Member.



Roy Jimenez, Mechanic, General Services, 13 years of City service, Club Member, in front of one of the automated trucks on display. Also shown: visitors Natalie, Peter, Jerod, David and Nathen.



With Steve Tennet driving, Nathen, Rob and Blake Santos ride the DAC truck.



Steve Tennet, Truck Operator, 6 years of City service, demonstrates the "Lightning Loader" to Fletcher B., 9.



Sanitation trucks give residents a short ride in the yard. A line is forming.



The Radio Disney kids at the West Valley open house.



Truck Operator Tim Moen, 22 years of City service, Club Member, shows the front loader to Mattan Firouztala and Dad Payam.



Kyle and Aiden Colavitti 2, enjoy a ride around the yard with Miguel Anguiano, Mechanic, General Services, West Valley 7 years of City service, Club Member.



David Rader, 3 years of City service, shows the operations of the rear loader to Tom Walker and Johannie Walker, 3.



James Moore, Supervisor, 24 years of City service, Club Member, gives a tour to the Boys Scouts of America Pack 229 from Encino.



Hector Juarez, 18 years of City service, Club Member, helps demonstrate a semi-automated vehicle with Dominique and Anthony, 3.



From left: Edith and Gary Sibert, parents of Brian Sibert, Refuse Collection Truck Operator, 25 years of City service; and Yvette Moore, wife of Refuse Collection Supervisor James Moore, 24 years, Club Member.



From left: Tony Morris and Kirk Johnston from the LA Conservation Corps, with neighbors Amy Crofoot and Cameron, checking out the full-size automated vehicle.

Reviews by Fellow Club Members

ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies

• *In the cinema***The Great Gatsby**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Baz Luhrmann has written and directed another remake of F. Scott Fitzgerald's "great American novel" of the Roaring '20s, *The Great Gatsby*. It is the story of a returning World War I veteran (Toby McGuire) whose millionaire neighbor, Gatsby (Leonardo DiCaprio), greatly influences his life.

I saw the film in 3-D, and while it is horribly miscast (DiCaprio!) and overproduced, I was surprised at how much I enjoyed Carey Mulligan (Daisy) and the way the 3-D worked to make this tragic love story interesting and engaging.

– Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

The Great Gatsby**My Score: 2 (out of 5)**

I don't think *The Great Gatsby* is the best choice for the latest and most deluxe of Baz Luhrmann's famously wearying, over-the-top mash-ups. "Oh, there are party scenes in the book!" I can hear Baz saying. "Wait till they get a load of the parties after I'm through with them!" Well, not so much, Baz.

The problem – at least a major one – is that I simply don't care about Gatsby or his story. I don't care that there are parallels between the story and the original author's, F. Scott Fitzgerald. I'm supposed to revere Gatsby because he makes a play for the girl he loves, even though she's already spoken for. Gosh, don't we all hate it when that happens! But most of us chalk it up to experience, and we move on. And yet that admiration is supposed to be the foundation upon which Baz can layer his hundred pounds of overproduced schmaltz. It worked in *Moulin Rouge*. It doesn't work here.

This marks two failures in trying to adapt this book to film. I hope it lays it to rest.

– John Burnes, editor, *Alive!***Fast & Furious 6**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

To be honest, with the exception of the first film in this series, I have hated all of them. They are nonsensical and geared only toward the action car freaks out there. That being said, and I can't believe I am about to type this out – I actually really enjoyed *Fast & Furious 6*. It had just the right amount of humor and action to appeal to a wider audience and had some amazing performances by the actors, mainly Vin Diesel and Dwayne Johnson. This is a fun and adventurous summer film, and I highly recommend it.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Fast & Furious 6**My Score: 4 (out of 5)**

The sixth installment of the *Fast & Furious* franchise is faster and definitely more furious than the previous ones. It is very intense and true. With Dom (Vin Diesel) and his entire crew all in hiding with their riches, they reunite for one last job as they strike a deal with US Marshal Hobbs (Dwayne Johnson) to expunge their criminal records in return for helping him capture a rogue British Special Forces member

named Shaw (Luke Evans). The street racing takes a back seat; it's more about what crazy things you can do with a vehicle. There is too much action to absorb, which in this case is the objective, plus the hand-to-hand combat scenes are legendary. Stay for the credits as there is a small scene that sets up the next installment.

– Chuck Beas, DWP

Epic

Rated PG

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

If you have seen either the 1992 classic animated title *FernGully* or James Cameron's massive box office hit *Avatar*, you can guess what the basic premise of the computer-animated film *Epic* is all about. Just be sure to remove any of the fun and whimsical pieces of the other two movies. The film tries to make a point, but it just never really delivers the message with any sense of flair or fun. Of course my kids loved the film, and it really is geared towards them. I just wish it was a bit more entertaining for viewers older than 12.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Star Trek Into Darkness

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

If you are an action nut or a sci-fi geek, than you have to make your way to the theaters to see *Star Trek Into Darkness*. While it remains respectful to the original *Star Trek* series, the added action sequences that should capture the imagination of even the most jaded of moviegoers opens up the film to whole new audiences. JJ Abrams has done a magnificent job opening up the series to viewers, and this is by far the better of the two films in the reboot. This film is a definite "can't miss."

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Star Trek Into Darkness**My Score: 4 (out of 5)**

This, the second movie in the reboot, sees the crew of the *Enterprise* venturing into Klingon territory to smoke out the villain, John Harrison (Benedict Cumberbatch). Of course, he is not who he seems; of course Kirk is emotional while Spock is rational; and, of course, the crew and ship of the *Enterprise* will win the day. All of that merely adds to the excellent entertainment already on offer here. A stand-alone success, *Star Trek Into Darkness* carries added resonance for Trekkies.

– Dearbhla McNulty Burnes, Club wife

The Hangover Part III

Rated R

My Score: 2 (out of 5)

What seemed like a fun, debauched adult comedy to end the unforgiving and unapologetic series, *The Hangover Part III* is devoid of any sense of real fun and instead places the group not in a setting where they were once again trying to find out mysterious and hilarious circumstances of the night before, but in a long and bizarre chase setting, where they clumsily and luckily find their way to the end. If this is indeed the way the series is going to end, this is about the saddest and most pathetic way to end it.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Book Reviews

The Storyteller

Jodi Picoult

Fiction, 460 pages

Atria

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Sage Singer, a lonely baker, bakes at the local bakery at night and attends a grief support group while struggling with her mother's death. She meets an elderly man, Josef Weber, in her grief support group. Josef stops by the bakery and strikes up a friendship with Sage. One day Josef tells Sage about his deep dark secret past and asks her for a favor, which will change her life forever.

This powerfully intense book of suffering and endurance of surviving the Holocaust is not to be missed. I couldn't put the book down.

– Linda Rorex, Personnel

The Fallen Angel

Daniel Silva

Thriller fiction, 460 pages

Harper Collins

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This book is about Gabriel Allon, a spy and assassin who restores art. Gabriel, summoned by Monsignor Luigi Donati, goes to St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican to help solve a murder of a woman's body found beneath Michelangelo's dome. Gabriel discovers that the woman discovered a secret, which could threaten the Vatican. Gabriel travels to Istanbul, Jerusalem and other cities to uncover the mysteries of valuable antiquities being stolen and sold at private auctions. Gabriel teams up with a master art thief to try and uncover the criminal smuggling network.

This suspenseful thriller is spine-tingling novel to the very end.

– Linda Rorex, Personnel

Video Gaming

• *Videogames online, rental or purchase***Transformer Prime: The Game**

Rated 10+

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

I am really happy with having purchased *Transformers Prime: The Game* for my sons on the Wii U. This Nintendo-exclusive *Transformers* game is a fun brawler-style game with diverse driving and action sequences cut in. Even by my standards, this game is definitely a fun romp and offers a surprising amount of variety when it comes to a brawling game. It isn't the most intelligent of game designs, but it is diverse enough to keep the entertainment and fun factor levels pretty high throughout the majority of the game. This is definitely one for action fans.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

ZombiU

Rated M for Mature

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

When I first played *ZombiU* last year I noted that it was this game that sold me on the capabilities of the Wii U. Playing a preview build of the game was enough to sell me on it. Now that I have played the full release, I can say that I was right in guessing at how good the game is. There are some technical flaws with *ZombiU* but nothing that detracts from the gameplay too much. The full spectrum of all the Wii U's capabilities is in full display in this game.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD



Megan Recommends

Theatre recommended by Megan Evanich,
Customer Service Associate at the Club Store

**Heart Song**

Fountain Theatre

Through July 14

This month I bring you a heartfelt story of a middle-aged Jewish woman who finds herself lost in the depression of a midlife crisis. Rochelle (Pamela Dunlap) is pressured into taking a flamenco class with other middle-aged women, after finding herself lost and alone. What follows is a journey of self discovery and friendship through dance that leaves everyone feeling better than when they walked in.

Heart Song is written by Stephen Sachs, who has previously written the Ovation award-winning adaptation of *Cyrano* for the Fountain. The theatre is in

Hollywood, just off the beaten path of theatre row. It runs many original productions, many of which are highly recognized in the Los Angeles theatre community. They actually have the honor of winning more Ovation awards than any other intimate theatre in Los Angeles, which is not a small feat in a city filled with small theatres.

Heart Song plays through July 14 but may be extended. It is directed by Shirley Jo Finney, and also stars Juanita Jennings, Mindy Krasner, Elissa Kyriacou, Sherrie Lewandowski and Tamlyn Tomita, with Denise Blasor and Maria "Cha Cha" Bermudez (who choreographed the dances as well as performing in the show). Tickets are available at www.fountaintheatre.com

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AIRPORTS

Special Olympics Torch Run

Airport Police participates in annual Special Olympics Torch Run.

Story and photo courtesy Sgt. Karla Ortiz, Airport Police

On June 7, Airport Police officers took part in the 2013 Southern California Law Enforcement Torch Run to promote and raise funds for the Special Olympics. It was the 11th year Airport Police Officers carried the "Flame of Hope."

The Law Enforcement Torch Run included more than 2,000 officers from local, county, state, federal and military agencies, along with Special Olympics athletes who carried the flame to the Opening Ceremony of the Special Olympics at California University, Long Beach State June 8.

The torch run began May 28 and covered more than 1,500 miles in more than 200 communities. The southern leg began in San Diego and traveled through Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties before entering Los Angeles County.

Runners from the FBI passed the torch to Airport Police at the intersection of Pershing Drive and Imperial Highway on the southwest corner of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) June 7. Airport Police participants were comprised of Emergency Service Unit officers and other Airport Police officers who were led by Lt. Robert Rios. The group ran approximately 3.5 miles along eastbound Imperial Highway to the intersection of La Cienega Boulevard, where the torch was passed to members of the Hawthorne Police Department.

Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon, who was present for the hand-off of the torch to Airport Police, wished everyone the best as



Participating in the Special Olympics Torch Run were, from left: Lt. Jesus Dominguez, Lt. Robert Rios, LAPD Officer Tom Davoren (Bomb Squad), K-9 Officer Daniel Keehne, Officer William Lara, Officer Daniel Krockel, Cadet Leighton Mays, and Officer Ericka Holliday.

they ran "for God's special people."

Three main legs (North, Central, and South) joined together June 8 in Long Beach for the 2013 Summer Games. There, the three torches were "unified" into a single flame that lit the opening ceremony cauldron.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run was created in 1981 by Chief Richard LaMunyon of the Wichita (Kansas) Police Department as a way to involve his officers in the community by supporting their local Special Olympics organization.

Now, more than 30 years later, the event includes more than 125 separate runs in more than 48 nations. Since the event's inception, more than 90 law enforcement agencies nationwide have raised more than \$414 million to support community-based sports programs for people with intellectual disabilities.

SEEN

Around Town

By Jennifer Shackelford
Club Application Coordinator



The Ranch at San Simeon

In the hills overlooking California's central coast, sits the Ranch at San Simeon. At least, that's what Hearst called it. Beloved of its owner, we all know it today simply as Hearst Castle.

Aside from serving as William Randolph Hearst's favorite home, it became a living museum, showcasing his incredible art collection. Tapestries, sculpture, paintings and more, he was a prolific collector. His love for arts and antiques lead him to gather together, under one roof, the largest single collection of antique ceilings in the world. Centuries old, painted and carved, they adorn every ceiling in every room of his home. But the antiques are not only inside. Carved teak and stone grace the exterior as well. The gargoyles and wildmen give the building a look similar to a gothic church. It is little wonder people began to call it a castle.

Pictures will only begin to give you a sense of what it's like to be on the estate. Sprawling gardens offer shaded



places to sit and look out over the valley to the sea. The pools are so inviting with their clear waters. My favorite is the mosaic Roman Pool. 24-karat tiles were used because... well, because he was Hearst and he could. Heck, I would have.

There is far too much to say about the beauty of Hearst Castle. I recommend taking a drive up the coast and seeing it for yourself. You may even get lucky and see the descendants of Hearst's own zebra roaming the land and mingling with the descendants of Hearst's cattle. It's a real adventure!

Hearst Castle is located just off the 1 freeway in San Simeon.

Visitor info can be found at www.hearstcastle.org

Honoring Public Works

City department celebrates national Public Works Week quietly.

Story and photos courtesy Richard Lee, Public Works

One of the City's biggest departments, Public Works, participated in a national celebration of public works projects by accepting a resolution from the City Council.

The resolution read:



Public Works Commissioner Capri Maddox (holding certificate) accepts the City Council resolution along with Public Works Bureau Directors and staff.

PUBLIC WORKS

Whereas, National Public Works Week celebrates the many men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works, and

Whereas, National Public Works Week was instituted in 1960 as a public education campaign to call attention to the importance of public works in community life, and

Whereas, National Public Works Week seeks to enhance the prestige of the often-unsung heroes of our society: the professionals, who serve the public good every day with quiet dedication, and

Whereas, National Public Works Week is an opportunity for public works agencies and professionals to make their stories known in their com-

munities, and

Whereas, National Public Works Week is marked each year with resolutions and proclamations from mayors and governors, a United States Senate resolution affirming the first National Public Works Week in 1960; letters of acknowledgment from Presidents (Dwight Eisenhower and Lyndon Johnson); and a Presidential Proclamation signed by John F. Kennedy; and

Whereas, from the inception of National Public Works Week, a Top Ten list of exceptional public works professionals selection has identified more than 400 men and women who reflect the highest standards of professional conduct for public works officials, and

Whereas, National Public Works Week is observed each year during the third full week of May to raise public awareness of public works issues and to increase public confidence in pub-

lic works employees who are dedicated to improving the quality of life for present and future generations, and

Whereas, the City of Los Angeles' Department of Public Works is the City's third largest department, comprised of more than 5,000 employees responsible for the construction, renovation, and operation of City facilities and infrastructure, and

Whereas, the Department of Public Works' five Bureaus (Contract Administration, Engineering, Sanitation, Street Lighting and Street Services) build the City's streets; install sewers and public lights; and construct storm drains, public buildings, rights-of-way, and service facilities;

Now therefore be it resolved, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby declares May 19-25, 2013, as National Public Works Week in the City of Los Angeles.



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Cooking with the Club

with Chef Robert Larios



SUMMER COLESLAW

Coleslaw is a staple side dish to any summer grilling. There are many different ways it can be made, and the flavors can be tweaked to accommodate your taste preferences. In this recipe, the preparation time is probably under 15 minutes before it goes in the refrigerator for cooling. Placing it in the refrigerator also helps the other ingredients – the vinegar, salt and sugar – to penetrate the slaw for enhanced taste.

I have also included diced onion, and a Hawaiian variety at that. This variety tends to be sweeter and less pungent than the typical white onion. Also, I use almond slices to add a certain crunchy texture, which you will find adds character to the recipe.

Happy Fourth of July! Cook and eat well!

Summer Coleslaw

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups shredded cabbage coleslaw; it can be found at the grocery store in the non-frozen food section as a bag
- 1/4 cup almond slices
- 1/4 cup shredded Brussels sprouts (optional)
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup finely diced sweet white onion; Hawaiian onion is preferred
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons rice wine vinegar
- Pinch of dried parsley for garnish

Cooking TIDBIT

You may also use a product called broccoli slaw, which can be used instead of cabbage. Secondly, you may use brown sugar as part of the ingredients.

[A Cook's Dictionary]



Coleslaw:

From the Dutch koolsa, meaning "cabbage salad" – kool ("cabbage") plus ("salad"). Coleslaw is a salad of shredded red or white cabbage mixed with a mayonnaise, vinaigrette or other type of dressing. Other ingredients including chopped onion, celery, sweet green or red pepper, pickles, bacon or herbs may be added. There are probably as many variations of coleslaw as there are cooks.

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Food Fact

"Statistics show that, of those who contract the habit of eating, very few survive."

– George Bernard Shaw

DIRECTIONS:



- 1** In a large bowl, combine the shredded cabbage (or broccoli slaw), almond slices, shredded Brussels sprouts, mayonnaise, diced onion, olive oil, sea salt, sugar and vinegar. Mix all ingredients until they appear well distributed. Mayonnaise may clump, so extra care must be taken to mix it throughout the bowl.



- 3** The coleslaw can be plated and served as a complement to hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, ribs or anything else that can be cooked over the grill.



- 2** Place the bowl with the ingredients into the refrigerator for cooling and marinating. It is ideal to let sit for about an hour.



- 4** Add a pinch of dried parsley for garnish. Serve and enjoy!

Serves 4



John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins,
Club CEO

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"This picture was taken on vacation at the Albuquerque Museum of Natural History two years ago. I call it 'You Don't Scare Me.'"

- Douglas Dow

John's comment: Ha! I love this picture; the expression on your little boy's face says it all! Nice work, Douglas!



"I was hiking at Buck Gully Reserve in Newport Beach when I looked over and saw this beautiful creek along the trail, so I walked over, put my foot on a rock, and leaned over as much as I could, to get a close-up. This is my best shot."

- Aden Gomez, Club Member since 2003, son of Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager



"Our little cowgirl. This picture captures my three-year-old niece, Jacqueline Mia, exhausted at the stables after a long day of horseback riding."

- Rebecca Pereida-Lantz, LAPD Communications Division

John's comment: How cuuuute! That is just simply a precious photo, Rebecca, simply precious! Thanks for sharing!



John's comment: Aden, you are a chip off the old block! The colors are extremely rich, the depth of field you captured gives it an almost 3D effect, and you were able to show the water in motion with just the right shutter speed. Nice work!

Here is a shot that Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager, took of his son, Aden, taking this picture.



"On our way home from the American River Resort, I saw this beautiful tree. My husband was driving, but I was determined to get a picture of it. I got it... but I also managed to get a road sign in the shot, too!"

- Yuri Zaich, Personnel

John's comment: The road sign is perfect; it fits perfectly. It's almost saying, pass this tree with car." I love it! Thanks, Yuri!



"This is a picture of City Hall taken June 5. The picture was taken with my cell phone."

- Renee Ramirez, LAFD

John's comment: Renee, you really captured the beauty of City Hall in this picture, with the blue sky, puffy clouds and the rich greenery of its landscaping. Nice shot, and the fact that it was with your cell phone is even more amazing!

"I took this picture from the headquarters, across City Hall from the seventh floor. I work for Central Division."

- Juanita S. Campos

John's comment: What an intriguing photo, Juanita! It has a very retro feel to it, mixed with a side of film splicing. Thanks, Juanita. I just love this shot!



"I took this picture from inside a hospice, where my co-worker, Dion, is resting. He's not doing too well. I wish him comfort, peace and blessings."

- Cecille Consebido, Public Works/ Sanitation

John's comment: What a peaceful photo, and it's even more peaceful knowing your friend, Dion, gets to view this as he is resting. Thank you, Cecille.



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- You must certify (if asked) that you indeed took the picture. No ringers!
- Photos can be submitted either on paper or digitally. Please don't send both.
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- We want you to look your best, so send us the original digital file, please! Thanks!
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Comes with 2nd day free to use within 90 days of 1st use.					
Sea Life Resort Hopper	Adult \$95.00	\$67.00	X	=\$	
	Child (3-11) \$85.00	\$67.00	X	=\$	
Pass includes admission to Legoland, Sea Life Aquarium and the new waterpark. Ticket comes with a second day free to all 3 attractions.					
Madame Tussauds Wax Attraction					
Adult	\$25.00	\$13.00	X	=\$	
Child (4-12)	\$18.00	\$10.00	X	=\$	

Only available online through our Website as E-Tickets

Attraction Tickets, continued

	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Magic Mountain				
General Admission (3 and up)	\$64.99	\$34.99	X	=\$
Magic Mountain Hurricane Harbor				
General Admission (3 and up)	\$36.99	\$23.99	X	=\$
Medieval Times				
Adult	\$57.95	\$43.50	X	=\$
Child (0-12)	\$35.95	\$31.50	X	=\$
Mulligan's Family Fun Center				
All Day Pass	\$23.99	\$16.00	X	=\$
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.				
Gift Certificate	\$15.00	\$10.00	X	=\$
Pirates Dinner Adventure				
Adult	\$56.95	\$36.00	X	=\$
Child	\$37.95	\$27.50	X	=\$
Queen Mary				
Adult	\$24.95	\$18.00	X	=\$
Child (4-11)	\$21.95	\$12.00	X	=\$
Raging Waters				
General Admission	\$36.99	\$24.99	X	=\$
San Diego Safari Park				
Adult	\$44.00	\$35.75	X	=\$
Child (3-11)	\$34.00	\$27.75	X	=\$
2-Visit Pass	\$79.00	\$63.25	X	=\$
	Adult \$61.00	\$48.75	X	=\$
	Child (3-11)			
May be used for one visit at each park or 2 visits to the same park.				
San Diego Zoo				
Adult	\$44.00	\$35.75	X	=\$
Child (3-11)	\$34.00	\$27.75	X	=\$
2-Visit Pass	\$79.00	\$63.25	X	=\$
	Adult \$61.00	\$48.75	X	=\$
	Child (3-11)			
May be used for one visit at each park or 2 visits to the same park.				
Santa Monica Pier/Pacific Park				
Unlimited Wristband	\$18.95	\$12.75	X	=\$
Sea World Aquatica				
Adult	\$38.00	\$28.00	X	=\$
Child (3-9)	\$30.00	\$20.00	X	=\$
Season Splash Pass	\$69.00	\$61.00	X	=\$
	Adult \$61.00	\$53.00	X	=\$
	Child (3-9)			
Sea World San Diego				
Adult	\$78.00	\$59.00	X	=\$
Child (3-9)	\$65.00	\$59.00	X	=\$
FunCard	\$78.00	\$66.00	X	=\$
	Adult \$70.00	\$66.00	X	=\$
	Child (3-9)			
Splash Kingdom				
Adult	\$29.99	\$18.00	X	=\$
Child (3-11)	\$16.99	\$12.00	X	=\$
Speedzone				
3 Hour Unlimited Pass	\$49.99	\$25.00	X	=\$
Unlimited use of rides and Mini-golf.				
Universal Studios				
Buy 1-Day: get 2-Days free!	\$80.00	\$69.00	X	=\$
Adult/Child (under 48")	\$80.00	\$75.00	X	=\$
Walk-in purchase at Club Store only E-Ticket price, available through Website only				

Gift Certificates

See's Candies				
Gift Certificate (1 lb.)	\$17.50	\$12.90	X	=\$

Shipping & Handling

Tax (only applicable to all merchandise, not on tickets)		X	8.75%	=\$
Tickets: First Class Mail w/ Delivery Confirmation	\$2.99	x	1	=\$
Tickets: Certified Mail (requires a Signature upon Delivery)	\$4.99	x	1	=\$
Tickets: Priority Mail (2-3 Days)	\$7.00	x	1	=\$
Hats, Watches, Clothing, etc. (all merchandise)	\$7.50	(any quantity)		=\$

SUBTOTAL						\$
Merchandise						
ITEM:	SIZE	COLOR	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL	
ITEM:						=\$
ITEM:						=\$
ITEM:						=\$
TOTAL (please include shipping)						\$

**Please be aware that black-out dates and restrictions may apply to the use of discounted tickets.

To order by Credit Card visit us at
www.cityemployeesclub.com

To order by Phone:
Call (888) 777-1744

To order by Mail:
City Employees Club of Los Angeles,
120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Check or Money Order (please paper clip to order form)
Make checks payable to City Employees Club of Los Angeles

Member Information

Member's name _____

Home Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Club Member Number _____

- ALL TICKETS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY. PRICES MAY CHANGE.
- DO NOT SEND CASH – ALL SALES ARE FINAL – NO REFUNDS.
- All checks and credit cards have to be issued by the member. Third party checks and credit cards will not be accepted.
- When visiting Club offices, only the first 15-minutes of parking will be validated.
- Tickets must be mailed to your home address.
- City Employees Club of Los Angeles cannot be held responsible for money or tickets lost in the mail.
- For your convenience, the Club accepts VISA or MasterCard.
- Maximum 12 tickets per event/theatre/attraction per order.
- Allow 3 to 7 days for delivery.

CLUB SPORTS

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



FIVE YEAR ANNIVERSARY
NIKE BASKETBALL 3ON3
 AT L.A. LIVE

AUGUST 9-11
CITY EMPLOYEES CLUB OF LOS ANGELES

SPECIAL OFFER
\$100 PER TEAM*
*ORIGINALLY \$160; OFFER ONLY AVAILABLE BY PHONE

FEATURING THE
JOSH HUTCHERSON CELEBRITY BASKETBALL GAME
 AUGUST 9

STRAIGHT
but not narrow

STAPLES Center
*PRICES VARY BY DIVISION & DATE REGISTERED

REGISTER NOW AT NIKE3ON3.COM

Batter Up! Time for Softball



The next coed softball season begins this month! Submit your rosters to the Club Sports Office. Visit the Club Website or email the Sports Dude at sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com for registration forms.



The Guzzlers
 2012 Upper Division Champions

3-on-3 Basketball!



Club Members who sign up for a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, set for Aug. 9, get a great Club discount. See the flyer!



Bowling Fun!



Sign up for upcoming Club bowling leagues. The Club's Sports Dude is rounding up all those dedicated Club bowlers out there. Join a Club bowling league. There's little time to spare! Contact the Sports Dude at (800) 464-0452, or sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com



The Running Club



Team Members, here's a list of events the Running Club is sponsoring:

UPCOMING RUNNING CLUB EVENTS

AUG 24: iTRYathlon and 5K (women and youths reverse tri) Irvine

Dodgers Tickets

Giveaway!

United Agencies is giving away a pair of Dodger tickets for the Sept. 29 game vs. the Colorado Rockies (1:10 p.m. game time). These are loge level seats. Anyone who is quoted for insurance from United Agencies will be entered into the drawing. No purchase necessary. Contact United Agencies at (888) 801-5522 or email the Club at info@cityemployeesclub.com for more information.



Sign Up Mondays!

Stop by the Club Store on Mondays (8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) to sign up for any upcoming Club sports league!

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

Come meet Robert Larios, The Sports Dude



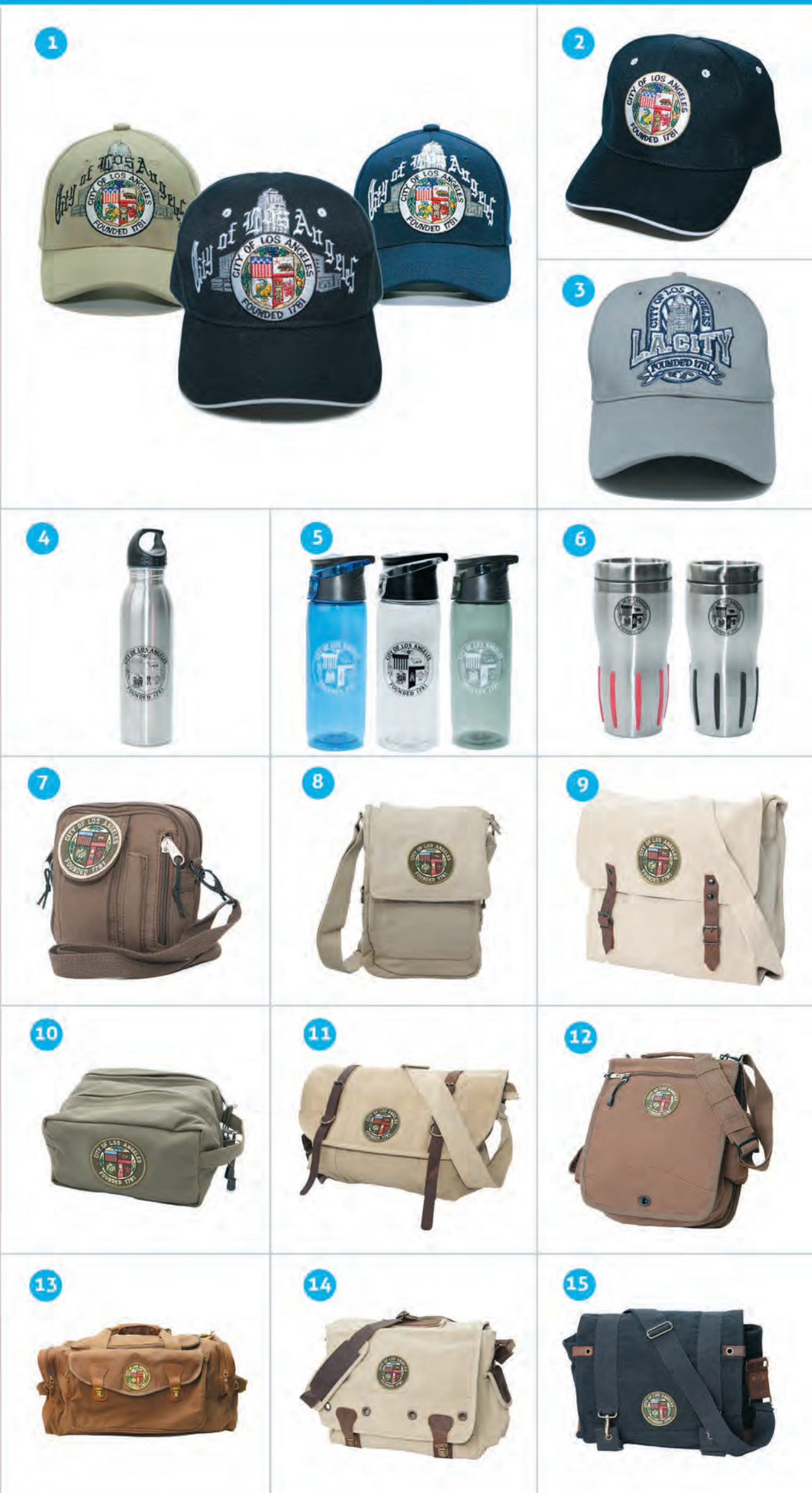
The Club Store is Your Official City and DWP Merchandise Headquarters

JULY Product Highlights

Summer is here, the Club Store has you covered!

More City and DWP Merchandise Available at the Club Store

- 1 City Seal Cap with Script**
Available in 4 other colors
\$11-Retail | **\$5 Member**
- 2 City Seal Cap**
Available in 4 other colors
\$10.40-Retail | **\$5 Member**
- 3 B-Label Cap**
Available in 3 other colors
\$10.40-Retail | **\$8 Member**
- 4 City Seal Stainless Steel Water Bottle**
Strong and Sturdy with easy twist cap
\$17-Retail | **\$11 Member**
- 5 City Seal Water Bottle**
Available in 3 colors. BPA Free
\$12-Retail | **\$9 Member**
- 6 City Seal Stainless Steel Tumbler**
Available in 2 colors
\$19-Retail | **\$14 Member**
- 7 Vintage Organizer Bag**
Available in 3 colors
\$24-Retail | **\$18 Member**
- 8 Tech Bag**
Available in 3 colors
\$24-Retail | **\$18 Member**
- 9 Vintage Medic Bag**
Available in 2 colors
\$22.10-Retail | **\$17 Member**
- 10 2 Compartment Travel Bag**
Available in 2 colors
\$13-Retail | **\$10 Member**
- 11 Vintage Explorer Shoulder Bag**
Available in 4 colors
\$55-Retail | **\$42 Member**
- 12 M-51 Engineers Bag**
Available in 4 colors
\$58.50-Retail | **\$45 Member**
- 13 Large Weekender Bag**
\$90-Retail | **\$69 Member**
- 14 Vintage Trailblazer Laptop Bag**
\$58-Retail | **\$44 Member**
- 15 Vintage B-15 Pilots Bag**
\$63.70-Retail | **\$49 Member**





Angel Gomez, Club Director of Member Services with sons, Aden and Angel Jr.; Angel currently has \$300,000 of Term Life Insurance with the Club

THE CLUB WILL PAY FOR YOUR TERM LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR THE REST OF 2013!

CLUB SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD

Enroll by July 31, 2013 and the Club will pay for your term life insurance premiums for the rest of 2013*.

Even better, this *Club Special Enrollment Program* is also available to your spouse or domestic partner if they are under the age of 40!

Many city employees often neglect to think about their future as they start out their working careers with the City of Los Angeles or DWP.

While you might be provided with insurance through your work, it's usually insufficient to cover all the expenses in your life once you are no longer capable of providing the same stream of income for your loved ones.

At the Club, we believe it's better to have a small amount of term life insurance than to not have any insurance at all. With just \$50,000 of term life insurance coverage, you can be certain your loved ones are taken care of, even if it's just temporarily.

GET AN ENROLLMENT FORM TODAY

Just let us know where to send your enrollment form



CITY EMPLOYEES CLUB OF LOS ANGELES
 Ask for a Member Services Counselor
 (800) 464-0452
 info@cityemployeesclub.com

5 REASONS TO ENROLL NOW

Take advantage of these benefits today! This Club Special Enrollment Period will be closed after July 31, 2013.

- 1 The Club will pay for your term life insurance premiums for the rest of the year!*
- 2 Available to Club members, spouse, or domestic partner age 40 or below.
- 3 Guaranteed up to \$50,000 of term life insurance
- 4 No medical exams or questionnaires to answer
- 5 Portable coverage allows you to take your insurance plan with you even if you leave the City or DWP.

ARE YOU QUALIFIED FOR THIS ENROLLMENT?

If you can answer 'YES' to all three questions, you'll get \$50,000 Term Life Insurance guaranteed!

- ▶ Are you under the age of 40?
- ▶ Do you work at least 20 hours a week for the City of Los Angeles or DWP?
- ▶ Is it true that you have never been declined for life insurance by the United States Life Insurance Company in the state of New York?

Enrollment Forms Must be Received By July 31, 2013!

*The Club will pay for approved enrollee's Term Life Insurance premiums until December 31, 2013. Club Member, spouse, or domestic partner must be under the age of 40 to qualify. Club Member must work at least 20 hours a week at the City or DWP. Applicant must not have been declined for Life Insurance previously with the United States Life Insurance Company in the State of New York. Payroll deduction for your Term Life Insurance premiums will start after February 1, 2014. Club Special Enrollment is open to all members who do not have currently pending, declined or cancelled coverage for the past 10 years. Enrollment forms **MUST** be completed and submitted to the Club by Wednesday, July 31, 2013.