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merchandise or ticket order

This guiet, monthly Alive! feature comes into its own with a 10-year retrospective. Plus: Meet Dominique Daito, LAPD, frequent Picture Perfect contributor.

## **Holiday Recap**

From Hollywood to downtown and Olvera Street, the City threw several events to usher in Christmas.

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Welcome back to Alive!'s yearly recounting of the City's holiday parties.

## **Overnight Construction**

General Services/Construction Forces is rebuilding the ADA ramps on LAX sidewalks.

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## **Alive!** Behind the Scenes





## A Message From the CEO

## A Feature That's **Picture Perfect**

by John Hawkins, President and CEO, The Club

We at Alive! had added a photo feature that showed images, sometimes surreal ones, of LA scenes, and asked readers to identify them. Whether we made them too hard, or too obscure, or Alive! readers just weren't interested, I don't know. But the contest didn't take off, to put it mildly.

So we asked ourselves, what else can we do? Since I love photography, I suggested we start a photo contest. Simple as that - showcase some of the creativity that I was sure some of our Club Members had. We called the new photo feature **Picture Perfect**.

That worked. And how.

We receive many submissions for Picture Perfect. but we haven't focused a lot of attention on it. Alive! editor John Burnes brought this up in an editorial meeting last fall. The head of Alive!'s design firm, David **Jamgotchian**, looked it up, and lo and behold, we were approaching the tenth anniversary. And that's how this month's feature came about.

We wanted to make it personal, too, so we looked at all the submissions, and dozens came from **Dominique** Daito, LAPD. We decided to feature him. I'm glad we did - he told us he joined the Club just because of the monthly feature! We're delighted about this.



Picture Perfect experts comparing notes Club CEO John Hawkins and Dominique Daito, LAPD.

So we've put together a gallery of only a fraction of the most impressive photos that our readers have submitted. They're just stunning. We hope you enjoy seeing them again as much as we have. And don't forget to take out that camera you got for Christmas - or any camera you have - and just start taking photos. That's how Dominique learned how to do it. And here at Alive!, so do we – by trying different things until you hit pay dirt.

So enjoy our look back ... and start sending your best work in, if you haven't already!

Speaking of sending things in, even though we're just staring the New Year, it's time to send in your Club Valentines! Another great Alive! tradition is just around the corner. I'm talking about "Be My Club Valentine," where we invite Club Members to send in a photo and a few lines professing your appreciation for a loved one, and we print them in the February issue (next month). It's a really fun feature, so send 'em in!

In this month's issue, we feature two different departments honoring their best. We print the Airport Police's honors ceremony for its best-serving sworn and civil employees, and we cover the LAFD's Fire Marshal Awards, which honors those with longevity and those being promoted. Thanks, ladies and gentlemen, for your service to the City of Los Angeles. Know that your work is appreciated.

It's awesome that the Club's own Information Technology Manager, **Michael Anderson**, wrote about an experience he had in the snowy mountains near LA (see page 19). It's a good piece, and a recommendation to get out there into the Big Outdoors and enjoy yourself. Nice job, Michael!

Finally, as this is the New Year, that means I make a fresh commitment to serve you, our Club Members, in new and innovative ways. We celebrate your lives every day, and let's make 2015 the best of all! Happy New Year, everyone.



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"On a scale 1 to 10, with 10 the highest, I rate your claims service a 10. Monica Zamudio was very pleasant on the phone. She was prompt in returning my calls. She was able to get answers for me. Thank you!"

### - Beverly Appel, June 2014

The Club's claims service is "very good. All personnel I spoke with were caring, compassionate and very knowledgeable. And very insightful. [The Fall of Freddie the Leaf] makes an excellent reference to

### - Theresa Edwards, May 2014

"Your claims service was excellent. I really appreciate all information you gave me. Your coordinators seemed to have been understanding with my loss and were very helpful with my needs."

Jesse Ivey, April 2014

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Total claims paid to Club Members in the last 12 months:

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



Cecilia Talbot, Director of Claims, Member Advocate



Monica Zamudio, Claims Coordinator

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

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## **Letters to the Editor**

## **Club Store Makes Giving Gifts Easy**

I have no complaints with the Club Store. In fact, it has the best staff and best service. I got my girlfriend's tickets in plenty of time.

It was the easiest way to get what I wanted. The venue itself had way too many steps to

I wish the rest of our world ran half as well as you guys run the City Employees Club. Thank you very much.

- Mark Bivins, Transportation

## Yes, Alive! Is Ready for **More Holiday Photo Fun**

I am very much looking forward to seeing the holiday party pictures like every year. Seeing the smiling faces and festive gatherings remind me of my time in the City during this time of year. Fond memories they are, and I hope that everyone is doing what they can to enjoy it.

- Mildred Maynard, Retired

## The Club Store's Calm Is A Sign of Professionalism

I wish to send my thanks to Mariana and the fine staff at the Club Store. My husband, who works for LAFD, and I always have the best experiences when on the phone with the ladies there. How they keep their cool and smile when there are so many people and phone calls happening at once is beyond me. Such professionals! It is definitely about time that they got recognition in the newspaper, especially Mariana.

- Tamara Cole

## **Club's Office Depot Discount Continues Racking Up Savings**

I just wanted to report that I went to Office Depot with my credit card I linked on the Club Website, and my total of \$223.34 went down to \$189.95 when the cashier was ringing me up! I felt like a VIP when people around me saw the price change. I also felt my wallet a little heavier with the added savings. My thanks to you for making this available to me.

- Roger Larsen, GSD

## Club Softball League Keeps **Getting Better, More Features**

Please send my thanks to Sport Commissioner Lady Smith and Club Sports Dude Robert Larios for making the softball season so memorable. My kids and I especially enjoyed the All-Star Game. Things are so improved with things like the singing of the National Anthem, a DJ and public announcements as well as Club giveaways and food. Keep up the great work.

- Tina Morano, LAPD

## Sees, Honeybaked Discounts Made His Life Happier, Memorable

What a money saver you guys are! I bought See's Candies certificates and Honeybaked Ham gift cards for the holiday season from the Club Store at prices I have never seen before. On top of that, I was given coupons to take to the Honeybaked Ham Store to get even bigger savings. I am such a proud Club Member and proud employee at the Bureau of Sanitation. Thank you for making my life and the life of my family happier and memorable.

- Kyle Hampton, Sanitation



## Robert's Question of the Month BY ROBERT LARIOS, Club VP of Operations rlarios@cityemployeesclub.com

Fellow Club members answer the Question of the Month

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



attention on physical fitness in 2015." – Brian Sibert,

"I'm putting all

my focus and

Refuse Collection Truck Operator II, Public Works/ Sanitation, 26 years of City service, Club Member since 1995



"To be healthy. prosperous and more tolerant.

– Mike Derby Refuse Collection Truck Operator, Public Works/ Sanitation, 20 years of City service, Club Member since 2013



"Start a new vouth soccer program and make it successful so that the kids of the community can

- Leonardo Guerra, Refuse Collection Truck Operator, Public Works/Sanitation, 14 years of City service, Club Member since 2003



"Two things: Take great care of the people we serve in Los Angeles, and take better care of

- Armando Perez, Supervisor, Public Works/Sanitation. 16 years of City service, Club Member since 2004



"The usual: get healthy and lose weight."

- Francisco Arevalo, Refuse Collection Truck Operator, Public Works/ Sanitation, 7 years of City service. Club Member since 2008



"You are asking about my resolution? Cut it out, I don't make

- Alex Moreno, Refuse Collection Truck Operator, Public Works/ Sanitation, 7 years of City service, Club Member since 2007



"Quit smoking."

 Felix Alonso. Refuse Collection Truck Operator. Public Works/ Sanitation, 25 years of City service



"How many are going to say 'lose weight' like me?"

– Raymond Duran, Refuse Collection Truck Operator. Public Works/ Sanitation, 7 years of City service. Club Member since 201



"I would say lose weight but that never works, so the next thing is getting rid of debt.

Refuse Collection Truck Operator, Public Works/ Sanitation, 7 years of City service, Club Member since 2012

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There will be no United Agencies Reps at the Club Store in January. The Club Store visits will resume in February. Note: The Club Store will be closed Jan. 1-2 for the New Year, and Jan. 19 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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**Xavier Rodriguez** 

**LAFD** 





# **Honoring Service**

Annual Fire Marshal Awards honor and promote LAFD employees for their service.

Story by Isabel Marquez and Jackie Burciaga, Club Counselors

Guillermina Paredes and her sister, Leonor.



Capt. Jeffrey Palmer and his family.



Capt. Jeffrey Palmer receives awards from Assistant Chiefs Ronnie Villanueva and

On Oct. 8, the LAFD held its 10th annual Fire Marshal Recognition of Excellence Awards ceremony. Family and friends gathered at the Fire Commission Room in City Hall East to congratulate the award winners. Employees were awarded with their years of service pins, and new inspectors were congratulated on their

A reception followed at the Julie Bennett Conference Room.

The Club congratulates the following people on their great achievements this year and for all of their years of service to the City of Los Angeles:



Gloria Hinojosa, Club Member.



Martin Avila.



Josefina Carreon.



Armando Nunez.



Lamorris Wilcher.



Gabriela Padilla, Club Member.



Eva Bencomo, Club Member.



Guillermina Paredes.



Lawrence Kim.



Lesley Cornejo, Club Member.

## **Inspector 1 Promotions:**

Jeffrey Hudson Martin Avila Gayle Sonoda Lawrence Kim Timothy Pleasant Lamorris Wilcher

## **Inspector II Promotions:**

Cynthia Josselyn Martin Gutierrez

## **10-Year Service Pins:**

Eva Bencomo Chee-bon Fong **Rochelle Burgess** Gloria Hinojosa Josefina Carreon Marilyn Marquez Lesley Cornejo

## **20-Year Service Pins:**

Zabela Kharbertyan David Myers Marcus Look Gabriela Padilla Hani Malki Renee Ramirez Deborah Moreno

## **25-Year Service Pins:**

Susie Adamian Rosemarie Barraza Veronica Jaimez Anna Olekszyk

## **30-Year Service Pin:**

Inspector II Armando Nunez, now Retired

## **Fire Marshal Recognition** Awards:

Capt. Jeffrey Palmer Inspector John Novela Guillermina "Mina" Paredes,



Inspector John Novela receives awards by Capt. II Scott Miller and Assistant Chief John



Inspector John Novela with his wife, Dianna, and his family.



Jeffrey Hudson.



Zabela Kharbertyan.



Renee Ramirez, Club Member.



Rosemarie Barraza.



Cynthia Josselyn, Club Member.





Gayle Sonoda.





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# Holiday Happenings

**Z00** 

# Zoo Holiday Lights A Big City Hit

Big crowds welcome return of holiday lights to Griffith Park. Event ends Jan. 4.

Information courtesy LA Zoo; Photos by Jamie Pham

he evening after Thanksgiving was anything but black" Friday when the Zoo welcomed the public to the first L.A. Zoo Lights, electrifying the night as the attraction transformed the Zoo's enchanting environment into a series of awe-inspiring animal escapades rendered in led lights, lasers, 3D projections, spectacular sets and interactive displays.

Brief remarks by Mayor Eric Garcetti; Mr. LA, City Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member; and other officials kicked off the event. LA Zoo Lights brings lights back to Griffith Park for the first time since 2009

L.A. Zoo Lights is a self-guided 60- to 90-minute walking tour through select areas of the Zoo (while the animals themselves are asleep) open from 6 to 10 p.m. nightly through Sunday, Jan. 4.

In addition to City officials, other city officials, celebrities, Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association trustees, donors, the John Marshall High School Glee Club, and

other special guests were part of the debut. John R. Lewis, Zoo Director, also spoke, as did lighting designers John McGuire and Gregg Lacy.

Congratulations to the Zoo, Mayor Garcetti and Councilman LaBonge for creating what is certain to be an enduring City holiday



The dignitary group that turned on the lighting attraction (generally from left) Mr. LA, Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member, and wife, Brigid, with two young L.A. Zoo Lights guests; Mayor Eric Garcetti and his wife, Amy Wakeland, with their daughter; Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association President Connie Morgan; and Los Angeles Zoo Director John Lewis.



Crowds line up for admission on the first night of LA Zoo Lights.

What: LA Zoo Lights, an immersive display of animal hijinks in lights that guests walk through

When: Nightly through Jan. 4

**Time:** 6 to 10 p.m.

Cost: Requires a separate admission: \$13 for adults/seniors and \$11 for children 2-12; for Zoo Association members, tickets are \$11 for adults/seniors and \$10 for children; children under age two 2 are free.

Location: LA Zoo and Botanical Gardens, Griffith Park, 5333 Zoo Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027

Parking: Free



A scene depicting a Hollywood red carpet welcome is a central feature of LA Zoo Lights.



LA Zoo Lights' entry plaza

Zoo

# Romp With Rudolph

**Zoo's Reindeer Romp** concludes Jan. 4.



## Reindeer Romp

What: Reindeer Romp, Los Angeles Zoo: reindeer, holiday fun, visits from Santa Claus

When: Now through Jan. 4

Time: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost: Free with paid Zoo

admission (\$19 for general admission, 13 to children 2 to 12). No ticket is required for children under age two. Admission for Zoo Association members is free.

**Location:** LA Zoo and Botanical Gardens, Griffith Park, 5333 Zoo Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027

Parking: Free

Information: (323) 644-6042 or www.lazoo.org

Photo by Jamie Pham

The Los Angeles Zoo's Reindeer Romp, which offers the only opportunity to see real reindeer in Los Angeles, continues daily through Sunday, Jan. 4, during regular Zoo

Visitors will also enjoy a flurry of seasonal festivities and yuletide flourishes. All activities are free with paid Zoo admission, which is \$19 for general admission (ages 13 to 61); \$16 for seniors (ages 62-plus), and \$14 for children (ages 2 to 12). No ticket is required for children under age two. Zoo admission for Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association members is free.

## **Rec and Parks**

# Skate Through Jan. 19

## **Downtown** On Ice

When: Now through Jan. 19 Where: Pershing Square, downtown at 532 South Olive, across from the Millennium Biltmore Hotel

Admission: \$9 per person; one-hour skating session

**Skate rental:** \$3 (figure/hockey) Purchase tickets at the rink or in advance at:

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**Hours:** Monday –Thursday: 11:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. Friday -Saturday:

Info:

10 a.m. – 11 p.m. Sun.: 10 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

holidayicerinkdowntownla. com or call (213) 847-

Facebook: facebook.com/ PershingSquareLA

## **Rec and Parks**sponsored skating venue still open for City fun.

Celebrating its 17th season as a favor-ite holiday tradition, the Downtown on Ice community rink is open every day through Jan. 19.

Framed by towering skyscrapers and stunning historical landmarks at Pershing Square, the spacious rink is sponsored by Rec and Parks, and the 14th Council District.

Downtown on Ice is easily accessible by car, bus or Metro (Pershing Square stop). A partnership with Metro and Metrolink allows riders to receive a \$1 skating session discount by showing their Metro/Metrolink transit receipt/ pass. Montebello Bus lines also feature a \$1 discount coupon available on buses. Underground discount parking is available with rink validation.

# Holiday Happenings



**Z00** 

# January Forecast: Snow!

**Zoo plans post-holiday** snow event.

Photo by Tad Motoyama, L.A. Zoo

Early weather reports predict a snow-storm at the Los Angeles Zoo on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 24-25, but the chilly conditions will last only through the weekend during Snow Days at the L.A. Zoo.

The wintery fun will feature a rare opportunity to watch inquisitive animals exploring snowy wonderlands in their habitats and more. All activities are free with a paid zoo admission.

## Snow Days at the L.A. Zoo

When: Jan. 24-25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Free with paid Zoo admission, which is \$19 for general admission (ages 13 to 61);

\$16 for seniors (ages 62-plus), and \$14 for children (ages 2 to 12). No ticket required for children under 2. Admission for Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association

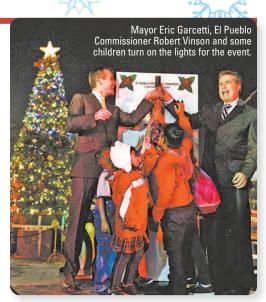
members is free.

Where: The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens, Griffith Park, at the junction of the

Ventura (134) and Golden State (5). (323) 644-6042 or visit www.lazoo.org El Pueblo

## Christmas On Olvera Street

**El Pueblo Historical Monument celebrates** with Holiday Tree Lighting.



Story and photos courtesy El Pueblo Historical Monument

l Pueblo Historical Monument – Olvera Street – kicked off its Christmas season Dec. 5 with a Holiday Tree Lighting.

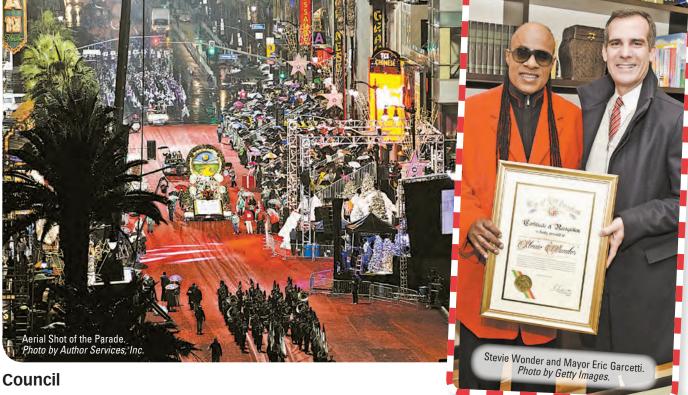
The event included food, mariachi music, dancing, costumes and of course officials throwing the switch to illuminate the tree on Los Angeles' historic district.



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# Parade 'Rains' Supreme

**Hollywood Christmas Parade a success despite** downpour. Tom LaBonge honored.

While it may have been much needed, a downpour Nov. 30 threatened to put the damper on the 83rd annual Hollywood Christmas Parade, sponsored by the City Council and Councilmen Mitch O'Farrell and Mr. LA, Tom LaBonge, Club Member.

But the spirit of Christmas came shining through as the parade went on as scheduled. Before the event, Councilman LaBonge, whose strong efforts revived the parade during the economic downturn, was honored for his leadership. This edition was LaBonge's last as a sit-

ting Councilman, as he will be termed out this summer. If you missed the parade in person or during December on TV, organizers say it will be archived on the parade's Website for streamed viewing. Go here: www.thehollywoodchristmasparade.org

Mr. LA, Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member (center), was honored before the parade, as it was his final one as a sitting Councilmember. Flanking him are hosts Erik Estrada and Laura McKenzie. Photo courtesy of Associated Television International.

# History Comes Alive!



A daily

bulletin

February

Some History Comes Alive! columns can be heard on 89.3-KPCC's Off-Ramp, online at www.kpcc.org/offramp/  $\sim$  Tales From the City Archives  $\sim$ 

by Michael E. Holland City Archivist

Images courtesy the L.A. Archives

he roll call at the beginning of a police officer's day in The roll call at the peginning of a point 1922 was critical. It was the time to find out what he had missed from the previous day and what he needed to know while walking his beat on the streets of Los Angeles. One of the tools that kept those important details literally within reach was the handout the officer received when

The City Archives has almost all of these bulletins from 1907 through 1949. Almost every day of the year, LAPD would compile a single sheet of paper that represented many individual reports about all manner of crimes. There would be useful information about education opportunities that an officer could take advantage of between shifts. There were also not-so-subtle reminders of how an officer should conduct himself from the Chief of Police himself. News of heroic deeds or tributes to a fallen officer was also present in these documents.

The fact they survive at all is amazing in itself. Meant for only a day's use, the paper used to print the bulletins was very close to newspaper stock of the time. Our collection is bound into volumes that have allowed some of them to last more than a century.

There is not a lot of information about the actual bulletins themselves. The only details were found in the 1912 Police Department annual report describing the "paper policeman" as follows: "645 copies issued each day for a total of 235,425 placed in daily circulation...1,986 descriptions of persons, bicycles, automobiles, horse drawn vehicle, watches..." Copies were also mailed to the mayor, City Auditor, Heath Department and all the police commissioners.

Outside agencies throughout the country police chiefs and sheriffs received sets every four days. These numbers come from 1912. a full decade before our sample year of 1922, certain to have greater numbers in every category.

They were filled with the language of the day and illustrate what details were important to know if a stolen car was to be recovered. While he had access to call boxes to request backup, the cop on the street had to know his territory and the people in his neighborhood.

So how would the bulletin assist the street cop?

Let's consider how a stolen car would have appeared. A list of stolen vehicles - a typical list included a dozen would describe the car as a "Ford Touring, 1921 model, license No. 399-709, motor No. 4557-877, Goodrich tires, black body, gear and wheels." Sometimes the brand of battery was listed or the manufacturer of the speedometer was named. Although cars had many fewer parts and simpler systems in those days, the use of serial numbers and brands was directly connected to the use of vehicle identification numbers (VIN), tire brands with distinctive treads and the endless variety of parts known by barcodes, which still play a role in auto-related crime investigation today.

The cop on the beat was supposed to be well informed about the businesses in his area. There were regular bulletin items listing pawnshops and second-hand dealers all over town up for license renewals that were issued by the Police Commission. The cop was asked, "Do you know of any reason why a permit should not be issued to any of them?" by the sheet of paper in his hand.

News about his brother officers was a common feature. One example is a tribute to a 27-year veteran who died off-duty, included this item: "His kindly nature made him beloved...by the newsboys amongst whom he worked for many years..." Newsboys knew their neighbors and could cooperate with the local cop as their eyes and ears.

Police officers were expected to be the professionals in

the 1920s as they are today as it related to personal conduct. Bulletins would carry items of officers being removed, as in the March 9, 1922 edition:

"Removal of [officer name] for the following cause: Conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman; in living in a state of adultery with Mrs. [X], within the last twelve months" and "Removal of Emergency Policeman [name], for the following cause: Intoxicated and in such a condition as to

# The Daily Bulletin For the Beat Cop

**LAPD** daily bulletins from the early parts of the last century are a treasure trove of details on the daily life of the police officer.

necessitate being locked up in A daily bulletin from February 7, 1922. carried a person missing or

the City jail on March 5, 1922 at 8 a.m." Likewise, the bulletin of

Feb. 11 carried this memo from the Chief's office:

"Smoking while in uniform, entering pool halls in uniform when not on duty, remaining seated in street cars when pay passengers are standing, are things that bring discredit to the uniform.

> This attention to detail has not changed over the decades.

> > the

Besides descriptions of stolen property, the bulletins usually

being sought. Runaway boys and girls were common events, with many photos included. The majority of persons being sought were criminals of every type and description, including kidnappers, robbers and murderers. Petty criminals were also highlighted, including bank swindlers and embezzlers. Many felons were wanted by other agencies in other cities throughout the country. The chronological nature of the volumes allows one to follow the progress of the notice to a capture or a last stand that ends the pursuit of a wanted man. Some missing persons had several postings and perhaps never were found. There are a lot of interesting questions raised by the bulletins. Some of those answers could be uncomfortable.

A notice to all officers appeared in the April 28 bulletin that read, "If you belong to any organization, society or lodge...political, organized or unorganized, the teaching of which conflict[s] with your oath of office or your duties as a police officer...you will immediately sever your connections...or in justice to all at once resign from the police department." What triggered this memo from the Chief? The May 1 bulletin offers some clues: The Ku Klux Klan had

created a violent disturbance in Inglewood some months earlier. The inquest revealed the fact that some civil servants had taken part in the lawlessness. The City Council passed a resolution on April 28 - the same day as the Chief's memo – that ordered every City Employee who belonged to a similar organization to either resign from that group or leave their City job. Given the problems of police corruption at the time – this was during Prohibition – we'll probably never know how well the rule

was ever enforced.

The bulletins reflected the ideal of what a police officer should be on the beat and elsewhere. What they can't reveal is more of the common reality everywhere in America in 1922. Prohibition, as one example, thrived because a great deal of law enforcement looked the other way or were actively involved in the liquor trade. Racism and sexism is hard to squeeze out of a bulletin with its generic descriptive language, but it wasn't hard to find ill treatment of women and minorities everywhere else in daily life at that time, and it persists in some circumstances in our time as well.

But the humble daily bulletin served a noble purpose in a profession that still is one of the most dangerous and has gotten only more specialized over time. Perhaps a future column will show up about some of the other elements unique to the LAPD. I'm open to suggestions for topics and areas that you would like to have brought to this page. Please let me know!

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT

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# **Know Thy Stuff**

aking inventory of all that you possess Taking inventory or all that your first critically important and, best of all, much easier than it used to be. So get

Here's a test: Think about all the stuff you have at home. Now write it all down. Every. Single. Item. Impossible, right?

Unless you're like Monica Geller from Friends, you might not prioritize hyperorganization. But when the going gets rough — e.g., a house fire, robbery or natural disaster — you'll want to be prepared, at least to make an accurate insur-

Even if you feel prepared for a disaster with an emergency plan and homeowners insurance, experts recommend having an accessible home inventory list.

"A lot of times when a disaster happens, people don't have an inventory, and trying to reconstruct what you owned can be quite a challenge — you might overlook things," says Andréa Basora, Sr. Vice President at the Insurance Information Institute. "So you might end up getting less of a settlement than you would otherwise, because you just didn't report everything.

Gone are the days when you'd need file boxes full of instruction manuals,

printed photos and receipts. Go digital!

recommends Basora downloading and using home inventory apps on your smartphone that let you input an item's details, such as a receipt copy, a picture, a description, how much it's worth, how much you paid and where you bought it. She also says to consider reliable storage for your digital home inventory (e.g., cloud storage). "That's going to be very important, especially if a disaster occurs and all your stuff is destroyed. Make sure you have a way to get to it."

The co-founder of the Home Inventory app for Mac, Diane Hamilton, recommends avoiding stock photos and taking actual pictures of your belongings when creating your inventory. Hamilton also says an immediate benefit of creating an inventory is realizing how much all your things are worth, so you can get the right insurance coverage.

"It's so easy to be under-insured," Hamilton says, adding that life changes and policy complexities make that easy

Taking the time to inventory your things gives you "peace of mind," Hamilton says, and also prepares you for even minor disasters — if your washing machine overflows and causes water damage, for example.

"It's not something that you'll probably sit down and do continuously for a few hours," Hamilton says. "You want to start with the basics; start with a picture and go through and do it room by room."

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

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

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

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

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

A great solution is the free Website and service provided by the Insurance Information Institute: www.knowyour-

It's a fun and simple solution to this important issue. And with a click of your mouse, you can update your list as you buy something new.

Knowyourstuff.org also has an iPhone app and an Android app to make it even



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

Expensive items like jewelry and artwork may need to be insured separately. Ask your insurance agent whether you need a floater for your homeowners policy.

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

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

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

## Be safe and have fun!

## 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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## CITY RETIREE **ASSOCIATIONS**

## **Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)**



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

## Change of Address?

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

## **Have News About Yourself?**

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

## Three Retirees Groups Hold Events; Make Sure You're at the Right One

Reservation Lines:

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

March 4: LARFPA general meeting, Grace E. Simons Lodge, Los Angeles

April 19: RLACEI general meeting, 11:30 a.m., Friendship Auditorium, Los Angeles

June 3: LARFPA general meeting and annual barbecue, Grace E. Simons Lodge, Los Angeles

June 4: RLACEI golf tournament, 7:30 a.m., Alhambra Municipal Golf Course, Alhambra

Aug. 13 RLACEI annual picnic, 11:30 a.m., Grace E. Simons Lodge, Los Angeles Sept. 2 LARFPA general meeting, Grace E. Simons Lodge, Los Angeles

Oct. 8: RLACEI annual corporation meeting and elections, 11:30 a.m., Friendship Auditorium, Los Angeles

Dec. 2: LARFPA general meeting, Grace E. Simons Lodge, Los Angeles

Dec. 3: RLACEI holiday party, noon, Friendship Auditorium, Los Angeles

**TBD:** LARFPA Christmas

## **RLACEI** Website

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

## **Contact the LA City Employees' Retirement System**

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

## **DWP Retirees Association**



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## **New Year Brings Focus** On Pensions, Getting Fit



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

ur holiday party, held Dec. 4, was a great success. We filled the Friendship Hall, and George, owner of Chris and Pitts, dished out a great lunch. We had ribs and pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans and coleslaw, fruit salad and carrot cake, and lemonade, tea and coffee to drink. We gave out about 50 door prizes, and I know that everyone enjoyed themselves.

Our annual corporation meeting will be held April 9; be sure to call for reservations. George from Chris and Pitts will come up with another great lunch for all to enjoy.

On Dec. 7, I was invited to the LARPA holiday party. There were 460 Retired Fire and Police at the Sportsmen's Lodge. The retirees had to pay for a portion of the meal, where we do not charge our Retirees anything. I can't understand it, they have no trouble filling the Sportsmen's Lodge, where we seem to always

have trouble.

On a different note, Commissioner Mike Wilkinson, RLACEI Member and Director, is doing a great job. He will soon be coming up for re-election, and I want to encourage you to be sure and vote for him. I also want you to tell any of your retired friends to vote for him.

RLACEI

In closing, I would like to thank RLACEI Directors for a job well done serving our Members

Happy New Year 2015!

## **California Pension Status Better Than Some Others**



**Legislative Report: Pension Law and** Policy, By Michael Karsch

Come of the pension battles araging near the end of 2014 give us pause to be thankful we belong to a relatively healthy pension system in the City of Los Angeles. For starters, there is a late November report from State Budget Solutions (SBS), as reported by Benefits Pro, that lists the 10 worst states for public employees' pensions. Although there is always room to dispute the methods used, SBS measures the viability of state pension systems by using a below average discount rate of 2.734 percent to calculate the unfunded status of a pension system (far more common is the discount rate of 7.5 percent, which means that a given system expects to earn

the employing agency picking up the difference if 7.5 percent is not reached). Using their method, overall funding of public pensions across the United States set a rate of a mere 36 percent, a disappointing level. The worst state is Illinois at 22 percent; second worst is Connecticut; then Kentucky, Alaska, Mississippi, Kansas, New Hampshire, Hawaii, Massachusetts and North Dakota. California is not in this list!

Illinois voters reacted to the condition of its state finances and voted in a Republican governor. That state's enacted pension reform by the former governor and legislature was just ruled unconstitutional by a circuit court judge. That ruling will be appealed to the State Supreme Court. That court could reinstate the reform, which would attempt to pay down the unfunded pension liability of \$111 billion this year; Illinois Policy reports that

complete government shutdown, during which the entire general fund went towards pensions, just to break even."

California is far better off, but there is still an unhealthy unfunded liability facing state and local governments that are part of CalPERS. The Stockton bankruptcy court held that California cities in bankruptcy could reduce their payments to CalPERS. But the cities of Stockton and San Bernardino have declined to do so. This would have forced CalPERS to reduce pensions to those involved by 60 percent. How those cities agree to pay CalPERS what they owe is a problem in their individual budget plans for the next few years, but appears to be workable. Some of the bondholders in Stockton and San Bernardino may take a reduction in what they expect from their investments, and the that much on its investments, "it would take three years of a cities may have tax increases.

## Wellness Tips for the New Year



Wilkinson

**LACERS Board** Update, By Michael R. Wilkinson

appy New Year to all my fel-■ low retirees!

I may not be the only one who could not say "no" to that extra slice of pecan pie with "just a little" ice cream on top or did not keep up the exercise plan during the holidays. Now is the time for a healthier New Year!

The following are health tips for the New Year from our enthusiastic LACERS Well Program Coordinator Tara Miller.

"My top three tools for a healthy holiday and beyond:

1. "Measure twice, cut once."

You may want to lose weight or be more active, but these are not measurable goals unless you assess, track and define them. Identify what you want to achieve and how you will get there in realistic terms. For example, set a walking goal for three days out of the week – not all seven, since life will likely thwart your efforts on some occasions. Eat healthier by adding two servings of vegetables on Monday, Wednesdays and Saturdays - and plan your grocery list accordingly. Keep track of your progress and anticipate barriers. Before you know it, you'll be ready to set new measurable goals that are successful and sustainable.

2. Enlist help from friends.

Change is hard. Period. So why not get a little help from your friends? Whatever your goals are, let friends and family know what you are trying to achieve and how they can help. This may be in the form of encouragement, a willingness to be a "fitness buddy" or even by not being a health saboteur. It may seem hard to ask for assistance, but you'll likely find that you are not alone in a desire to make improvements.

**3.** "Those who do not find time for exercise will have to find time for illness." - Earl of *Derby.* Studies show that physical fitness is the only true "fountain of youth." Movement is the single

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## LACERS Board Update

## By Michael R. Wilkinson - continued

best thing one can do to improve health and the quality of one's life. Although as a dietitian I value the importance of nutrition, I also know there is no better

way to feel better than to be more active in ways that you love. This can be in any form that gets blood circulating, breath deepening, and muscles responding. Not sure where to start? Consider what you did for fun as a child and adapt it for your life today. "Playing" is just a former word for "fitness."

## **LACERS Update**



Mary Beetz

**Open Enrollment Ends** and Retiree Health **Plan Changes Become Effective January 1,** 2015

LACERS' Open Enrollment period ended December 1 and health plan changes can no longer be made for the 2015 calendar year. Unless there is a qualifying event, the next opportunity to make changes to your LACERS health plan will be during the Open Enrollment period for 2016. For more information about qualifying events, contact efits through the Kaiser Permanente LACERS at (800) 779-8328 or visit www.lacers.org/retired to view the as currently scheduled.

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Anthem Blue View Vision<sup>SM</sup> is the new vision provider for the 2015 plan year, replacing VSP. Current VSP subscribers have been automatically enrolled in the Blue View Vision plan and coverage for your annual eye exam, eyeglass lenses, and frame allowance or contacts resets on January 1, 2015. Therefore, all Anthem Blue View Vision<sup>SM</sup> Members can take advantage of this coverage right away. Kaiser Permanente subscribers will continue to receive vision benvision plan and will receive benefits

## LACERS

**Remember:** Any health plan changes you made during the Open Enrollment period become effective January 1, 2015 and your first monthly health plan premium deduction for 2015 will begin with your December 2014 LACERS retirement allowance.

## **Basic Medicare Part B Premiums To Remain** The Same In 2015.

Please note that upon turning age 65, all Members and eligible health plan dependents must enroll in Medicare Part B to continue receiving coverage through a LACERS medical plan.

James Morgan Sr.



## **CONTACT THE CLUB:**



**Tiffany Sy** Club Member Services Counselor, In-house (800) 464-0452, Ext. 202

TSy@cityemployeesclub.com www.cityemployeesclub.com

# Retiremen

## As a Reminder:

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

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 confidentiality 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

## **Member News**

## **Sanitation** Supervisor **Passes Away**

. Kim Troy has written to us to notify current and Jormer City Employees of the passing of James Morgan Sr., a Retired Supervisor, Public Works/

"James Morgan Sr. went to be with the Lord Nov. 18. His memorial service was

"The Morgan family is asking in lieu of sending flowers, please donate to Crenshaw Christian Center and note on your check: the James Morgan Sr. Scholarship."

Sanitation, 35 years of City service.

held Nov. 25 at Crenshaw Christian Center. James was a supervisor for Public Works/ Sanitation for 35 years.

Should you have any questions please, contact Kim Troy, (626) 233-0978.

## LARFP A

## **Pension Percent** On the Way Back Up



Lee Kehler

We received some great news of the system for doing such a great job during these trying times. And, and Police Pension System. There were all kinds of statistics, demographics and other information, but the most important news is that our pension is now funded at 86.3 percent, up from 83.1 percent. This is the first rise since 2007, when the "Great Recession" began and the fund dropped seven consecutive years from 99.2 percent to 83.1 percent. We thank the entire staff

a special thanks goes to to Chief Investment Officer Tom Lopez and his team for having an investment return of 17.86 percent for the last fiscal year. Wow!, what great news.

You retirees might have missed two great events over the holidays. First was our general meeting, where our guest speaker was Chief of Airport Police Patrick Gannon. Chief Gannon gave an outstanding

explanation of the Airport's security facilities and how they handled the terrorist attack at Terminal 3. Next was the annual Christmas party at the Sportsman's Lodge. More than 440 members enjoyed a delicious dinner, dancing to a great disc jockey, many great door prizes and tons of camaraderie with old friends. Don't forget to be at the next general meeting, March 4. It starts at 10 a.m. at Grace E. Simons Lodge in Elysian

# **Show Us Your Grandkids!**



Retirees: Alive! wants to show off your grandkids! So send in those photos! Here's how:

- 1. Make sure to have the permission from their parents. If you send in a photo. Alive! assumes you have already received that permission.
- Photos with you in them are better, but if not, that's okay, too.
- Make sure you list the names of your grandkids.
- Tell us, in a sentence or two, a lit-

- tle bit about them - their school, their accomplishments. what they love to do, how proud you are of them, etc.
- 5. Digital photos are best! Send them to: talkback@ cityemployeesclub.com

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

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

## RETIREMENT HELPLINE

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

**Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System:** 

(800) 779-8328

(213) 367-1722

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Gary Mattingly	Ext. 702
Phillip Orland	Ext. 709
Neil Ricci	Ext. 714
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Ken Spiker	Ext. 705
Tom Stemnock	Ext. 708
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DWP Retirement	

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# For Retired Club Members



By Hal Danowitz Secretary, RLACEI

# The Hills Were Alive With Hal and Evelyn

Hal and Evelyn enjoy an anniversary cruise down the Danube.

PART 3



**T**e are off again! Our most recent trip included a visit to Berlin, a cruise on the Danube (from Budapest to Prague) and a stop on the way home in Paris.

Last month we visited Budapest and began our seven-day Danube River cruise on the MS AmaCerto, then spent three days in Prague and six days in Paris before coming home.

When we awoke that morning (Oct. 29, 2013), we were sailing towards Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. The country is only 20 years old and about 140 miles north of Budapest. During our time on the Danube, we would pass though more than 25 locks. The Gabcikovo Lock, which we sailed though that day, is the

We had a presentation from our cruise manager, Lisi, on the program for the rest of the cruise. We then signed up for the various tours that are part of the cruise. This got out of control and we seemed more like a bunch of out of control children than senior citizens.

The dining room offered open seating, and we had been very lucky in meeting new and interesting people. At breakfast we talked to a couple that was going to Israel after the cruise as volunteers; it was their 18th year of

We docked in Bratislava about 2 p.m. We took the Jewish Heritage (JH) tour. Our boat was docked in the middle of the old city. The walking tour had about 20 people. We used hearing devices that allowed us to hear the guide with no problems.

Our guide was a young woman who did a very good job. There wasn't enough Jewish history in the city to fill two hours, but she tried her best. We saw the Holocaust Monument at the New Bridge, the site of a former synagogue. We also visited the tomb of Rabbi Sofer, a leading Orthodox rabbi in the early 19th century. Before World War II there were about 100,000 Jews in the area; now there are 2,000, of which 500 live in Bratislava.

The weather was cool, with a few sprinkles.

Lunch and dinner included wine, beer or soft drinks. We drank a lot. That night we had a before-dinner drink (not free) in the lounge, the common area for passengers, or we could go to the outside top deck. It had a number of sitting areas and tables, and a small swimming pool.

After dinner we were entertained by Aphroditem, an all-female musical quintet. All the evening's entertainment was local.

We docked in Vienna the next morning (Oct. 30) about 7 a.m. The weather was overcast and cool, but so far there was no rain. We had been so lucky with the weather that we couldn't complain. The distance from Bratislava to Vienna is only 38 miles.



Hal in front of the ship



Hal in Mirebelle Park in Salzburg

We had another Jewish History tour starting at 9 a.m. (this time in Vienna) and were to return to the boat at 1:15 p.m. We had the rest of the day free. We looked for Starbucks and we sought out a Sacher torte.

The morning traffic was heavy, and it took us about a half-hour to reach the central city. It was a short walk from the drop-off point to reach the old Judengasse Synagogue. We walked though the old Jewish quarter, and we saw signs of the Jewish culture. Prior to 1938, there were more than 200,000 Jews in Vienna, about 10 percent of the population. There were now about 10,000 Jews in Vienna, and not many more in the rest of Austria. The old synagogue was the only one to survive the "crystal night," when all the Jewish business and religious places were vandalized and burned. This synagogue was not burned, though it was vandalized, because the attackers (Germans and Austrians) were under order not to burn anything unless they could control the fire and also not to destroy records that could be used to identify Jews for deportation. This synagogue was inside a very large building, and they were afraid of burning down the whole first district of Vienna. The sanctuary could hold 6,700 worshippers, but there were usually only 120 for a Friday night service.

We then walked to the Judenplatz, where the Holocaust Memorial was located. We then visited the Jewish Museum to view its collection of religions artifacts that survived the Holocaust.

We left the tour, and the tour guide directed us to Cafe Sacher, which just happened to be across the street from a Starbucks. Evelyn was able to get her mug; it read Austria and not Vienna, but it was what it was. We then had our Sacher torte at the cafe. It was much better than what I expected; the cake was very light, not too rich with a great semisweet chocolate taste served with unsweetened whipped cream. We each had a piece of torte and coffee, and the bill was€18.

The central area was a walking street, and we walked toward St. Stephen's Cathedral, the seat of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese

> of Vienna. We then took the subway back to where to boat was docked.

> The next morning (Oct. 31), the sun was shining and the temperature was in the low 50s. Max and I went on the Durnstein walking tour, and Evelyn and Linda booked a culinary delight tour that tasted the local apricot brandy and other foods using apricot. Durnstein, Austria, has about 400 citizens but more than a million visitors a year. The walking tour took about an hour within the old city. The "Old Town" appeared to have been

walled many years back and there was still evidence of the walls and gates. The buildings dated from the 15th century. One of the highlights was the watermarks from the flooding of the Danube, which had a very large flood the previous May. The area was a large producer of Austrian wines, mostly whites, but there was one red that we tasted.

Evelvn and Linda took the culinary tour. It was similar to the walking tour above, with tastings of apricot schnapps, apricot brandy, apricot preserves with and without brandy,

chocolate covered dried apricots and even apricot gummies.

This area was in the Wachau Valley. The distance from Vienna to Durnstien was 49 miles, and then another 17 miles to Melk.

We walked back to the boat and it was time for lunch.

After lunch we sailed to Melk. There was also a three-and-a-half-hour bike ride, which a number of passengers took. Periodically we



Evelyn outside the church where they filmed the wedding scene in The Sound of Music.

the river. They got to Melk before us. That day was a great day for a bike ride; it was sunny with no wind and not too warm.

We were now on the sundeck outside. watching the towns go by. Our cruise manager narrated while we cruised the area. This was her home area, and she had a lot of knowledge. The boat was cruising about six mph, and it was very pleasant sitting on the open deck. The staff served kaiserspritzers (white wine and soda water) and onion tarts as we sailed.

We reached Melk around 4 p.m., and we visited Melk Abbey, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Founded in the 11th century, it is one of Europe's largest baroque monasteries. It has a famous library with many medieval manuscripts. The inside of the church was the most decorative I have ever seen. It took your breath away. Benedictines monks run the abbey. There is high school there open to all children of Melk.

Before dinner, we were entertained by a trio of classical musicians. Just prior to the beginning of the concert, a woman came in looking strangely like my wife, except she had a black and lime green witch hat on. Did I mention it was Halloween, and Evelyn was

the only person on the boat to wear a costume? She was the hit of the evening.

The next day we had a 10-hour day with a tour to Salzburg. We left the boat in Linz and picked it up in Passau.

We left (Nov. 1) early for our all-day tour to Salzburg. It was about 120 k.m. from Linz (where we docked) to Salzburg. Our first stop was in Modsee (Moon Lake). The church here was used for the wedding scene in *The* Sound of Music movie; the actual Von Trapp wedding took place in Salzburg.

We drove though the Lake region, which has more than 70 lakes. It was a beautiful area with forests and small villages centered on small and large lakes. Moon Lake is a glacial lake and very deep. The whole area is a big summer vacation area, and we were told the real estate is quite expensive.

We arrived in Salzburg about 11:30 a.m. FYI: Linz is the second largest city in Austria, with a population of 250,000; Salzburg is the fourth largest at 150,000. Our first stop off the bus was the restroom. After that we walked through Mirebelle Park, famed for the "Do-Re-Mi" song and dance in The Sound of Music. We then walked over the Salzack River into the old town. It had a medieval feel, too, with narrow streets and passageways

> between the streets. We saw where Mozart was born and where he lived as a young man. He is a very important product for this town, that and The Sound of Music. The movie was not a hit in Austria, but is an uncontested tourist attraction. The weather was very good, with sunshine and a temperature in the low 60s.

> We now had three hours of free time. Our guide recommended a restaurant that was close by for lunch. We ordered four beers and two entrees to share. The food was very good. The service was very leisurely, and we always had to ask for the check.

That day (Nov. 1) was a national holiday, All Saints Day, so a lot of the shops were closed, but the tourist places were all open. Lots of

locals mixed in with the tourists because of the three-day holiday weekend. We all met up with our guide about 3:30 p.m.

We started our bus ride to Passau at 4 p.m. and got back to the boat at 6 p.m.

We had dinner that night in Erlebnis, the specialty restaurant on the boat; it had a special menu and wine. It was big enough for about 25 people. There was no charge, and you were allowed to go once on the cruise. The food was the best we had had on the boat.

We continue our trip next month.



Evelyn in Bratislava.

Public Works, 28 years of City service.

## For Retired Club Members





Vince and Dolores Foley, representing the DWP Retired Employees Association.



From left: RLACEI President Ed Harding and the Club's VP of Operations, Robert Larios.



Victor Aprea, Retired, Transportation, 32 years of City service, and his wife, Pat.



Representing LACERS were (from left) Heather Ramirez, Alex Rabrenovich and Tara Miller.



George Schaad, Retired, General Services, 36 years of City service.



From left: Jeanetta Adams, LAPD, 35 years of City service,





Henry Starks, Retired, Public Works/Street Maintenance, 40 years of City service, with his wife,

# Retirees **Holiday Party**

**Retirees Association hosts annual reception.** 

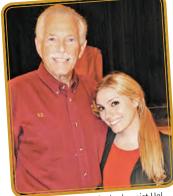
The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) celebrated its annual holiday party Dec 4, at Friendship Auditorium. Longtime friends and past co-workers had a chance to catch up, share a meal and win prizes. Live music and table decorations added to the festivities.

Half of RLACEI's board, which was elected at the October meeting, was sworn in. Half of the board is elected in successive years.

Thanks as always to Edward Harding, President of RLACEI, for welcoming the Club.



From left: Cliff Cannon, RLACEI Director; and Michael Wilkinson, RLACEI Director, LACERS Commissioner and Alive! columnist.



RLACEI Director and Alive! columnist Hal Danowitz with the Club's Member Services Coordinator, Noelle Kauffman.



From left: Santos Ybarra, ITA, Retired, 20 years of City service; and Sam Ybarra, guest.



Norma and Bill Turner, Public Works/Street Maintenance, 39 years of City service.



Martha and Ed Harding, President, RLACEI.



Julian Torres, Building and Safety 16 years of City service, with his daughter, Debra Charney, and wife, Rose.



Roobik Gorjian, Retired, Public Works/Engineering, 24 years of City service.



Miriam and Phil Skarin, Retired, Public Works/ Engineering, 40 years of City service.



Steve Archer, Retired, Building and Safety, 30 years of City service.



From left: John Mills, Retired, General Service, 35 years of City service; Pete Torres, Retired, General Services, 32 years; and Monica Carrilo, guest.



The Club's VP of Operations, Robert Larios, provided holiday gifts for retirees in attendance.



LACERS Assistant General Manager, Lita Payne, swears in RLACEI Board Members for another term, from left: Mary Beetz, Ed Harding, Ken Spiker and Cliff Cannon.

# BestYears



Heather Ramirez, Management Analyst II, and Shane Vongchaissare, Management Analyst II.

**LACERS** 

Story by Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor In-House; Photos by James

# **Benefit Fairs Offer Options**



Retirees System hosts series of benefit fairs to explain 2015 options to retirees.



CERS staff members, from left: Linda Sahagun, Sr. Clerk Typist and Angela Hayes, Sr. Clerk Typist.

Club Members

oward the end of 2014, the Los Angeles City Temployees' Retirement System (LACERS) held six Open Enrollment meetings spanning across LA and neighboring areas to inform City retirees of the latest and greatest health plans affecting the 2015 plan year.

Attendants included carriers, and each plan representative was allowed a block of time to deliver presentations to address benefits and changes reflecting the new year. Knowledgeable LACERS staff was available on site to assist retirees and ease the enrollment process. Insurance carrier representatives were present to clarify benefit coverage and plan utilization. Among the attendants sat the representatives of Retired Los Angeles City

Employees, Inc. (RLACEI). The City Employees Club was also present to show member support and gave out multiple raffle prizes to lucky

The fairs were held in Ontario, Nov. 3; San Pedro, Nov. 5; Las Vegas, Nov. 10; Ventura, Nov. 14; Universal City, Nov. 18; and downtown, Nov. 19.

Alex Rabrenovich, LACERS Division Manager of Health Benefits Administration and Communications, gave retirees the updated fiscal news regarding LACERS role in administrating investment returns affecting retirement pensions and healthcare benefits. Details regarding contributions toward wellness benefits subsidized by the City were also presented.

LACERS Well, a new program for retirees headed by coordinator Tara Miller. MS RD/N, delivers the hard facts of retirement and illustrates the importance of taking care of your health. Tara gives retirees tools, resources, and a plethora of reasons to participate in the many wellness programs offered, including taking a simple health assessment online for a \$50 gift card.

If you are a City retiree and attended any one of these meetings, then you may have already learned that the biggest change to your LACERS plan is the selection of your new dental insurance carrier.

Delta Dental is the new provider for 2015 as it replaces both MetLife PPO and SafeGuard HMO.

The Club gives special thanks to Heather Ramirez, Management Analyst II, Club Member; Jason Harris, Sr. Management Analyst I; and Juan Garcia, Sr. Management Analyst II, Club Member, for their coordination in event planning. Recognition also goes to the following Team Leaders per corresponding location: Asya Hickman, Benefits Specialist, Ontario; Angela Hayes, Sr. Clerk Typist, San Pedro; Gilda Solorzano, Sr. Clerk Typist, Las Vegas; Linda Sahagun, Sr. Clerk Typist, Ventura; Shane Vongchaisaree, Management Analyst II, Universal City; and Ken Keene, Management Analyst I, Downtown Los Angeles.

Last but not least, thanks go to James Aceron and Wai Jung for their ace photography!

If you were unable to attend the Open Enrollment events or need a refresher to your retirement benefits, the LACERS Website can be accessed at www.lacers.org



Alex Rabrenovich, LACERS Division Manager, Health Benefits Administration and Communications



Silver Sneakers representative led the retirees in stretching exercises.



LACERS staff members, front row, from left: Wai Jung, Benefits Specialist; Adrienne Hobbs, Benefits Specialist; Tara Miller, Wellness Coordinator; Ken Keene, Management Analyst I; Alex Rabrenovich, Chief Benefits Analyst; Shane Vongchaissare, Management Analyst II; Heather Ramirez, Management Analyst II; and Bernadette Molina, Clerk Typist. Back: Edwina Valencia, Accounting Clerk II; Jason Harris, Sr. Management Analyst I; James Aceron, Management Analyst II; Asya Hickman, Benefits Specialist; Mandi Tom, Sr. Clerk Typist; Angela Hayes, Sr. Clerk Typist; Bella Cabulong, Executive Administrative Assistant III; Sheree Wu, Programmer Analyst IV; and Lydia Garcia, Executive Administrative Assistant II.



LACERS staff members, from left: Heather Ramirez, Management Analyst II; Angela Hayes, Sr. Clerk Typist; Asya Hickman, Benefits Specialist; Rhodora Silverman, Benefits Specialist; and Shane Vongchaissare Management Analyst II.

# 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. YE	ARS
Alcaraz, Dolores	Crossing Guard	Transportation	10
Axtell, James	Dep. City Attorney	City Attorney	28
Bustamante, Elizabeth	Gardener Caretaker	Public Works	13
Carney, Lanie	Sr. Clerk Typist	Airports	12
Chang, Frank	Lab Tech	Public Works	25
Cortez, Martin J.	Storekeeper II	General Services	30
Daugharty, Monte M.	Tree Surgeon	Public Works	23
De Leon, Pedro	Equipment Operator	Airports	26
Diego, Victor	Truck Operator	Public Works	28
Enriquez, Mario L.	Accountant II	Building & Safety	13
Galdamez, Rosa E.	Custodian	Airports	11
Garcia, C. R.	Dep. City Attorney	City Attorney	15
Gierst, Donna G.	Park Maint. Super.	Public Works	8

NAME	TITLE	DEPT. YE	ARS
Gonzalez, Raul	Hvy. Duty Truck Oper.	Public Works	29
Greene, Kelley K.	Sr. Animal Keeper	Zoo	31
Gsell, Gary M.	Street Ser. Supt. II	Public Works	46
Harris, Ronald S.	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	25
Hinkson, Winfield	Building Inspector	Building & Safet	y 14
Jason, Carla	Clerk Typist	LAFD	12
Johannes, Lois A.	Animal Keeper	Rec and Parks	9
Johnson, James K.	Maintenance Laborer	Public Works	28
Lee, Duane F.	Maintenance Laborer	Transportation	28
Lorenzana, Richard	Wharfinger II	Harbor	35
Manocchio, Therese	Secretary	LAPD	27
McFadden, Leslie	Legislative Repr.	Mayor's Office	11
Miller, Gerry F.	Chief Leg. Analyst	Council	29

Dep. City Attorney Solid Res. Mgr. II	City Attorney	32
Solid Res. Mgr. II		
•	Public Works	37
Clerk Typist	General Services	12
Maintenance Laborer	Public Works	25
Mayoral Aide	Mayor's Office	3
Rec. Asst.	Rec and Parks	4
Police Sgt.	Airports	36
Airport Guide II	Airports	1
Motor Sweeper	Public Works	30
Airport Guide II	Airports	11
Investigator II	City Attorney	9
Chemist	Public Works	21
Plumbing Inspector	Building & Safety	27
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## For Retired Club Members

## Ask the Dietician

Do you have a question for Tara, the LACERS Registered Dietician/Nurse? Write to her: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Tara Miller MS RD/N (Registered Dietitian/ LACERS Well Program

## "How much Vitamin D do I need? I've heard I can get enough from the sun."

- LACERS Retired Member, Ontario, Calif.

Titamin D, also known as the "sunshine" V vitamin," is indeed a *haute* topic these days. Among its many important functions, Vitamin D aids in calcium absorption, helps reduce inflammation, and helps in the prevention of bones becoming brittle and soft, (osteomalacia and osteoporosis). There is also new evidence that suggests that it may help prevent or treat diabetes, cancer, heart disease, memory loss, seizures and more. While we do absorb some Vitamin D from the sun, don't go running out in your bathing suit just yet. Most dermatologists and dietitians agree that the risk of skin cancer that results from unprotected exposure to UV radiation is not worth the small gain in Vitamin D especially since there are more delicious ways to get it!

Vitamin D is one of the few fat-soluble vitamins (hooray, a reason to eat healthy fats including avocado and olive oil) and is often found paired naturally with foods that contain calcium. This means that fish, low-fat milk and yogurt are all excellent sources of the "sunshine vitamin," minus the sunburn. Plus, many foods, including cereal and orange juice, are fortified with Vitamin D, so getting enough isn't as hard as it might seem.

As we get older, our recommended daily intake of vitamin D is 600-800 international units (IUs), but more may be needed if you have poor digestion, a restricted diet, kidney dysfunction, or take certain medications, including steroids. If in doubt, be sure to consult with your doctor or registered dietitian to find out if a vitamin supplement is right for

With a little planning, a healthy diet can contain enough Vitamin D to reach the recommended daily allowance and keep bones strong. Try the following meal plan as a guide to get started:

## **Sample Meal Plan**

### **Breakfast:**

6 oz. lowfat (not non-fat) yogurt, regular or Greek variety: 80-100 IU or 1 cup fortified soymilk: 100 IU 1/2 cup fortified cereal: 40 IU

1/4 cup fresh or frozen blueberries

## Lunch:

3 oz. salmon: 450 IU

1/2 cup brown rice

1 cup steamed broccoli

## **Dinner:**

1 cup pasta

Grilled garlic, onions, and **one-half cup Portobello** mushrooms: 315 IU with 1 tbsp. olive oil

Baby spinach salad with two tbsp. balsamic vinaigrette

Total: approx. 905 IU of Vitamin D

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# RETIREES

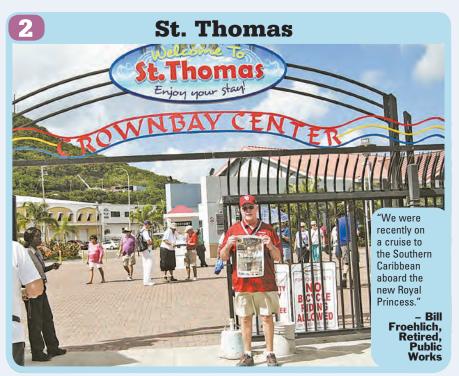
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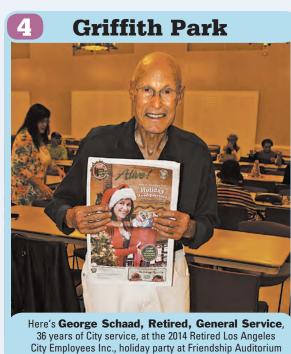












## Take the Club with you, wherever you go!

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## **Club Discounts**





The Mountains Are Calling

**Club IT Manager Michael Anderson says now is the time** to head to Big Bear. Take advantage of Club ski deals!

ook out your window- do you see the mountains? No? Are you looking out the right window? Is it cloudy? Are you not in Southern California, because if you're in Iowa this won't work. But if you are in the LA area and the day is clear and you look east, and if there's not something blocking your view, you should see them. They call to you majestically: "Why don't you visit me any more?" Or, "How come you've never driven my winding roads and taken in my fresh air?" Or, "What the heck,

it's been like a week, when are you coming back?" The longer you look at their snowcapped peaks, the more you're drawn to their steep winding roads and conifer treesthe views of distant San Bernardino and the high desert that stagger you. The way when the marine layer blankets the valley below, it looks like you're standing on the shore of an ocean and the clouds are the water lapping against the beach of the mountain slopes. The way that only an hour and forty-five minutes from Los Angeles' crowded streets, can be found pristine snow, clear lakes and clean air.

At eight in the morning on a Saturday, you can leave behind the asphalt, the concrete, the steel, and by ten, be soaring over the southland more than a mile high taking in the crisp air. You know you want to, put down the paper, find a cabin online and book a weekend away from the hectic Hollywood lifestyle.

I've done it. My wife, daughter and I spent the weekend in Big Bear at a recently remodeled cabin that sleeps seven and charged less than \$250 a night. This place was walking distance

to Big Bear Lake and a five-minute drive to Snow Summit. It snowed that Friday morning, blanketing the San Bernardino Mountains in creamy white powder. There was snow, snow, snow everywhere we looked. With a fireplace, a flat screen, a hot tub and Direct TV, the only reason to leave the house was the stunning views and the snow-covered

slopes. I stayed in and worked with only the uninterrupted silence of the mountains to keep me company, while my wife and daughter spent the day snowboarding. If you're trying to get your kids away from the Xbox or the PlayStation, there are fewer more alluring activates than sliding down the side of a mountain strapped to an oversized skateboard with

On the way to the slopes, you'll pass Big Bear Village on the right. There is a hill covered with snow upon which children of all ages slide downward on inner tubes—laughing and screaming with delight. Next to these slopes is the Magic Carpet, a covered escalator that takes the riders from the bottom to the top, where they leap off the hill and sled fearlessly to the bottom again. Whatever you're looking for: quiet, staggeringly beautiful views, excitement, or just quality time with your family, the mountains of Southern California have it all, and they're waiting for you fewer than two hours away.

As a word of caution, if you do not own a four-wheeler or all-wheel drive vehicle with snow tires, be prepared to ride up with chains. We were asked by Caltrans to pull over to put on our chains at the base of Snow Valley Resort. Motorists may telephone for up-to-the-minute information by calling (800) 427-7623. The Caltrans network is updated as conditions change.

Upon arriving at Snow Summit or any ski resort, be prepared and layer up! Bring bottled water, sunblock, and your youthful spirit. You're going to need all that energy to carve snow.

If you are an early bird, there is plenty of parking available at Snow Summit, although you would have to pay \$20 in the VIP section. The parking lot leading up to the lifts is on a slope, so this is worth the cost, especially if you are hauling your heavy equipment uphill. There is free parking if you want to park in an adjacent lot and ride the free trolley into the park. Riding the rough and bouncy trolley is an adventure on its own!

Snow Summit's sister property, Bear Mountain, is a convenient shuttle ride away. The free shuttle operates every 10 minutes between parks, and your lift ticket is valid to both parks. From the top of the runs, you can view Big Bear Lake and lush snow-capped trees in the background. The runs are long and views are spectacular. On certain nights, the parks stay open for night boarding or skiing until 9 p.m. Updates are posted on their Website and subject to cancellations.

If you get hungry, there is no need to leave the park. There is dining on site. During warmer seasons, you can take a chair lift ride to the top to have lunch.

Most of the staff is pretty laid back but attentive, and always friendly and willing to offer assistance. The park is great for beginners (classes are taught) and intermediates. If you don't have your own gear, you can rent skis, bindings, boots, boards, and helmets at the park for a reasonable cost.

We had a fun and exhausting day at Snow Summit. My muscle soreness continues today, days later, as I write this article. And if you were to ask me if I'd like to go back, I'd reply, "Absolutely – in a heartbeat!"

If you are planning a visit to the Big Bear area, stop by the store for your discount lift tickets (valid weekdays only). You can also check out Snow Summit on the Web at www.snowsummit. com. If you like the cabin described in this article, call Kelly at (951) 500-7044 to book it now

Listen to the mountains, and do what they tell you.





# PAYROLL OR PENSION DEDUCTED

# **Funeral Pre-Planning Service**

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~ Part 1 ~

Special Holiday Party Section

It's an annual Alive! tradition!

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

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

Happy New Year!

Library

# **Central Library**

I town held its Christmas party for employees Dec. 3. The event took place at the Getty Gallery.

Employees enjoyed door prizes, a 50/50 raffle and an abundance of delicious food. Happy Holidays from Central Library!

> Lucia Odono and Theresa Gonzalez from Access Services Dept enjoy the Central Library employees holiday party



**Public Works** 

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operation



# **West Valley**

The West Valley Sanitation Yard held its annual holiday party Dec. 10 at the yard.

Toys were collected for Toys for Tots and Spark of Love. These toys eventually made their way to the LAFD Training Center for the Spark of Love program. This event was organized by the West Valley Sanitation Chapter at Sanitation. The Officers are: Richard Guzman, President;



Brian Sibert, Vice President; Felix Alonso, Treasurer; and Kevin House, Sgt.-at-Arms.

The party was organized by staff members, including Jovana Cowart, Kevin House, Lenore lones, John Diaz, John Elizondo and Ray Cruz. All employees helped with donations and participation. Special thanks to Brian Sibert for inviting the Club.





Story courtesy Harold Johnson, Airports, Club Member; Photos courtesy Los Angeles World Airports

# **Santa Stays Dry At LAX**

Santa makes a rainy-day visit to kindergartners at LAX.

On Dec. 12, Santa Claus took a break from his work at the North Pole to visit preschool and kindergarten students from Gardena and Hawthorne's Zela Davis, and Wiseburn School District's Cabrillo elementary schools.

Due to the weather, Santa met with the students at the Westchester Senior Center near Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and treated them to holiday fun and entertainment. Traditionally, the event is known as the Santa Fly-In, and Santa makes his appearance via

helicopter. The event is hosted by Airports/Community Relations.

"We are happy the rains did not affect this holiday event for the local students," said Maria Tesoro Fermin, LAX Community Relations director. "Part of our outreach program is to bring young travelers to the airport and expose them to the wonderful world of aviation. We are also thankful to the staff at the Westchester Senior Center for allowing us to move our event indoors."

The students were entertained by "Silly Sally" the clown and Airport Police Officer Michael Garzon with K-9 Arco. Officer Garzon talked about his career and reminded the students to be extra careful during the holiday season.

Santa, who resembled Mark Adams, Airports, arrived and read A Visit From St. Nicholas (The Night Before Christmas) to the students. Even though there was a lot to do at the North Pole, Santa posed with the students before departing.

"Silly Sally" the clown entertains students at the annual LAX Community Relations Santa Fly-In event for kindergarten students in communities that surround the

> Santa, who resembled Mark Adams, Airports, meets with kindergarten students at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). LAX Community Relations Santa Fly-In is an annual event for kindergarten students in communities that surround the airport.



**Airports** 

## Story and photos by Jackie Burciaga, Club Counselo

# **LAX Children's Party**

On Dec. 6, Airport Employees and their families gathered at Golf 'n Stuff for the airport's traditional children's holiday party. Employees enjoyed music, face painting, miniature golf, go-karts, arcade games and much more.

Santa Claus came to visit and took pictures with all the children. It was great to see all the children's eyes light up as they raffled off gifts! It was truly Christmas in Norwalk!

Special thanks to Jimmy Sparks for his assistance.



Rudy Coleto, Electrician, 2 years of City service, with his family - Brianna, 9; Sofia, 5; and Rudy, 10.



From left: Marilyn Wells, Maintenance, 32 years of City service; and Nicole Granger, TSA, 10 years, with twin sons, David and George



Jackie Jones, Risk Manager, 33 years of City service, with her family.



Jonathan Scranton, Custodial Supervisor, 16 years of City service and his wife, Stella Scranton, Clerk Typist, 7 years, with children Royce, Jacob and Tyson.

Jose De Loera, Maintenance Supervisor. 27 years of City service, Club Member, with wife, Rocio, and daughters Elizabeth, 3, and Sofia, 5.



Wendy Lopez, Construction and Maintenance, 17 years of City service,



Kevin Le, System Programmer II, 12 years of City

Linda Butler, Clerk Typist, 13 years of City service, and her



Ricardo Jimenez. Carpenter, 15 years of City service, with his







**Public Works** 

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Vice President, Operation



# **Time Out for** The Needy

**West Valley Sanitation hosts** Thanksgiving food drive.

Public Works/Sanitation's West Valley Yard held its annual Thanksgiving food drive on Nov. 25.

West Valley Sanitation annually provides food to the Guadalupe Community Center. The center was founded in 1950 and is a not-for-profit program of

Catholic Charities of Los Angeles serving the poor and low-income

individuals and families from Canoga Park, Woodland Hills, West Hills, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Chatsworth, Northridge, Winnetka, Reseda and Tarzan. The center provides programs including the Loaves and Fishes Pantry, a clothing store, ESL classes, senior citizen programs, a Christmas Adopt-a-Family program, tutoring, recreation, sports and cultural activities, pre-school and Refugee Employment Program. This event was organized by the West Valley Sanitation Chapter at Sanitation. The Officers are: Richard Guzman, President; Brian Sibert, Vice President; Felix Alonso, Treasurer; and Kevin House, Sgt.-at-Arms.

Club Members are welcome to make donations by contacting the Guadalupe Community Center at (818) 340-2050.

The Club congratulates Brian Sibert at the West Valley Sanitation Yard for his hard work toward this excellent program.



From left: Miguel Cornejo, RCTO, Club Member since 2009; Julio Cruz, RCTO; Margaret Pontius, Guadalupe Center Director; and Charles "Skip" Wrightson, Community Outreach Worker.



West Valley Sanitation sends trusted City Employees to deliver the food collected at the Sanitation Yard. The food was provided by the employees there.

Story by Ralph Morones, Airports; Photos by Lori Teague, Airports



The children and their families thank West Valley Sanitation for their help.

**Airports** 

# **Ontario AAE Breakfast**

On Dec. 11, Airports/Ontario held its holiday breakfast for all Ontario employees and retirees! The event was sponsored by Ontario Construction and Maintenance Services and the Association of Airport Employees. The yummy food was prepared by supervisors and staff.



West Valley Sanitation sends trusted City Employees

food was provided by the employees there.

to deliver the food collected at the Sanitation Yard. The

Chowing down at the Ontario breakfast.





At the Ontario breakfast.







**LAFPP** 

Story by Stephanie Clements and Jennifer Shimatsu; Photos by Yukari Iwa

# **Fire and Police Pensions**

The Los Angeles Fire and Police Pensions (LAFPP) Dept. held its annual holiday party Dec. 4 at X-Lanes. This was the The Los Angeles Fire and Police Pensions (LAFP) Dept. Held its armost horizon, party 25. Second year LAFPP hosted its party at X-Lanes, and everyone had a blast! Approximately 90 employees, retirees, family members and LAFPP Board of Commissioners attended.

The festivities included a delicious lunch, raffle prizes, a Department-wide bowling tournament, billiards, and games at the video arcade. Great job, LAFPP! LAFPP extends well wishes and holiday cheer to the entire City of Los Angeles.



From left: Susan Liem, Investment Officer I, 23 years of City service; Ronald Mowrer, Management Assistant, 9 years; Elizabeth Lopez, Sr. Clerk Typist, 19 years; Erika Tiedge, Investment Officer II, 15 years; Cielo Castro, Board Commissioner; Teresa Guerrero, Systems Analyst II 9 years; Eddie Guerrero, guest; and Mark Shin, Sr. Management Analyst II, 13 years.



From left: Sylvia Whelan, Systems Analyst II, 34 years of City service; Teresa Guerrero, Systems Analyst II, 9 years; Barbara Nobregas, Commission Exec. Asst. II, 30 years; and Moira Gomez, Relief Retirement Worker, 1 year.

From left: Jennifer Barnych, Management

Assistant, 9 years of City service; and Lindi Willhite, Sr. Personnel Analyst I, 7 years.



From left: Diane Barragan, Benefits Specialist, 27 years of City service; and Laura Navarro, Clerk Typist, 15 years.



May Simmons, Management Analyst II, 26 years.



Laura Ellis-Gonzalez, Benefits Specialist, 22 years of City





Jorge Saenz, Benefits Specialist, 12 years of City service; and Carol Tayares, Sr. Management Analyst I.



James Pineda, Clerk Tynist 8 years of City service.



From left: Jorge Saenz, Benefits Specialist, 12 years of City service; Moira Gomez, Relief Retirement Worker, 1 year; Erin Kenney, Departmental Audit Manager, 11 years; Bob Yan, Information Systems Manager II, 25 years; Lynda McGlinchey, Sr. Management Analyst I, Public Works; and Ray Ciranna, General Manager, 25 years.



Kien Trieu, Programmer Analyst

III, 8 years of City service.

Miki Shaler, Management Assistant, 7 years of City service.



Paul Guevara, Clerk Typist, 7 years of City service.



Management Analyst I, 26 years of City service; Barbara Williams, Executive Secretary III, Retired; and Erika Tiedge, nvestment Officer II, 15 years.

From left: Tina Zipper. Sr.



Back row, from left: Yukari Iwai, Management Analyst II, 13 years of City service; Stephanie Clements, Chief Management Analyst, 18 years; Erika Robinson, Management Analyst II, 18 years; Greg Mack, Sr. Management Analyst II, 13 years; and Lindi Willhite, 18 years; Erika Robinson, Management Analyst II, 18 years; Greg Mack, Sr. Management Analyst II, 14 years; and Erin Kenney, Departmental Audit Sr. Personnel Analyst I, 7 years. Front: Anthony Torres, Sr. Management Analyst II, 14 years; and Erin Kenney, Departmental Audit Manager, 11 years.



From left: Marni Tabangin, Accountant II, 18 years of City service; and Annett Anderson, Payroll Supervisor I, 35 years.



From left: Carmen Steward, Management Analyst II, 30 years of City service; and Yukari Iwai, Management Analyst II, 13 years.



From left: Elizabeth Lopez, Sr. Clerk Typist, 19 years of City service; and Martha Zambrano, Executive Assistant III,



From left: Ramiro Lopez, Sr. Clerk Typist, 8 years of City service, and Paul Guevara, Clerk Typist, 7 years.



# YEARS OF JOHN'S

The Club

# Picture Perfect

"John's Picture Perfect," our monthly reader-submitted contest, celebrates a decade of great photos.

It's one of Alive!'s most consistent and popular features, continuing every month with little fanfare. Yet it brings to Club Members great beauty and stunning images, thanks to fellow Club Members who snapped their shutters at just the right moment.

It's "John's Picture Perfect," begun and hosted every month by Club CEO John Hawkins, whose own love of photography and dedication to great Club service inspired him to begin the feature.

It's been in Alive! ever since, with nearly 120 installments, more than 500 winners and thousands of submissions.

Yet it's been mostly unheralded. Until now, its 10th anniversary.

"I love receiving and commenting on all the reader submissions," John Hawkins says. "It's one of my favorite duties each month as head of the Club.

"I hoped it would be popular, but this is awesome! The quality of the submissions has been phenomenal."

Hawkins explains its origins.

"We had started this feature called 'Where Is This?', where we took a photo somewhere in LA, and asked readers to say where it was. That worked for a while, but it faded away. So we said, let's ask readers to send in their own photos. That's when 'Picture Perfect' was born, in January 2005.

"As long as Club Members keep sending them in, we'll have a 'Picture Perfect.'"

So enjoy this look back at a staple of Alive!, and one of its most enjoyable monthly features.



John Hawkins, Club CEO



Here's a culmination of the best of ten years of "John's Picture Perfect." We've organized this gallery according to showing photographers by some of the most regular contributors, and then including others. Enjoy!



Yves Didier, Nov. 2014



Dominique Daito, Jul. 2014

THE ALIVE! INTERVIEW

# **Capturing the Moment**

Dominique Daito, PSR/911 Operator, LAPD Communications, 12 years of City service, Club Member, talks to Alive! about his interest in and skills with photography. (His name is pronounced "Dominic.")

Dominique, thanks for joining us. Are you from LA?

DOMINIQUE: Yes. I'm from just a little east of Fairfax and Venice.

Do you always have a camera with you?

DOMINIQUE: Yes. Before this I always brought a compact camera. And then I bought the Canon S90. Literally, it goes everywhere I go – either in my jacket pocket, in my coat pocket or cargo pants or regular jean pants. It's compact enough and it's got a fast enough lens.

**Dominique** 

Daito, LAPD,

long-time contributor

to Picture Perfect.

How much time do you devote to taking pictures? Is it just around family time? Or do you set aside time to take these amazing photographs?

DOMINIQUE: Well, I bought an expensive compact camera that has a fast enough lens that I don't have to set time for it: I can just carry it anywhere. So whenever I have a chance, if I'm outside work or on a break I'll take pictures. I'm on a break on day watch, I go up on the roof of the building and some-

times I can just appreciate the clouds after the rain, and I'll take that. And at night time, you know, I'll take the lights, and if I can, I walk on the street and take pictures of people if there's enough light.

How many photos do you take in a week?



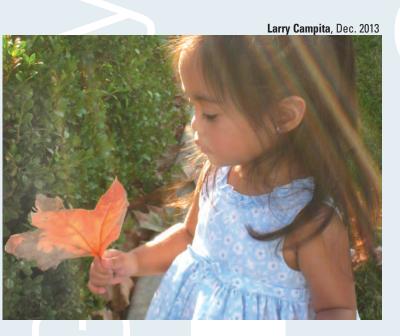
Photographers Dominique Daito and John Hawkins talk shop at the Club Store.

DOMINIQUE: Probably averaging at least 10 to 15 during the day. Once I get home, then an additional 10 to 20, 25 pictures of my kids or around the kids, of the front yard or whatever. If I'm visiting their grandma who is babysitting their cousins, that's another set of maybe two dozen pictures of what they're doing. If I'm not going anywhere else, if I'm not on vacation, the kids are my primary subjects.

## **Origins**

## How did you get started?

DOMINIQUE: I wanted to take pictures before my son was born. So that's around 2000. And I bought my first film camera, a Canon Rebel. I was happy with that, but at the same time I couldn't take as many pictures because I couldn't afford developing film all the time. Another thing, everybody wanted to pose, but I just wanted to take candid pictures. So when digital cameras appeared out of the woodwork and I was able to have enough money to pay for a \$350 Fuji FinePix 1.3 megapixel camera, I grabbed it. And my son was born, and that's when I started taking pictures left and right because I didn't have to develop



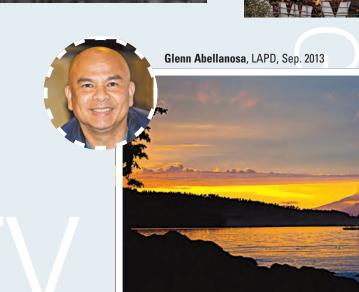
Rhys Pilapil, Oct. 2012



Gregory Park, Dec. 2012



Rhys Pilapil, Aug. 2013



Burt Nemcher, Oct. 2013

## What does your wife say about all this?

DOMINIQUE: Well it's a split decision. My wife doesn't like it because she sees me with lots of gadgets in the room. But at the same time she can't complain because the subjects that I take pictures of are the kids. And thank goodness for me and Photoshop, because I was able to get final printouts acceptable enough for her taste.

## Have you had any formal training?

DOMINIQUE: No.

## You're all self-taught?

DOMINIQUE: Trial-error guy, that's what

## That's the best kind.

DOMINIQUE: I subscribe to magazines. That's how I learn. I see other people's samples and I drool over the places they go, which I can't get to, and their gear, which I don't have. But at the same time, this is my hobby. They do it for a living. So I realize that I'll take what I have because it is just what I do for a hobby.

My brother-in-law was also my adviser in terms of the technical aspects of the aperture, the shutter speed and the type of lenses, whatever I need to use. He's the one who introduced me to using prime lenses instead of those zoom lenses and all that

## **Locations and Subjects**

## What are your dream locations?

What are your dream locations?

DOMINIQUE: I want to go back to the Philippines for the stuff that I didn't take pictures of, especially the non-city areas like the meat markets, where all the produce and meat are all on the table. And for the nightlife in that area where people are eating on the street because there are restaurants and food carts all over. It's just a natural life to struggle to make a living.





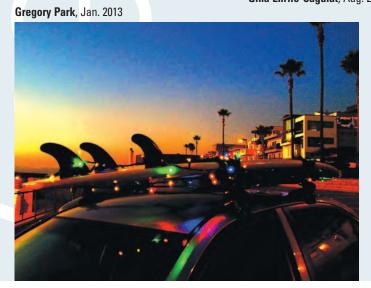
Ken Kochakji, Nov. 2014



Gina Enrile-Caguiat, Aug. 2012



Dominique Daito, Sep. 2013



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That's one. In terms of anything in Europe, probably the cathedrals. I would love to take pictures of those. And I don't remember the name of the third location, but I saw it on a Rick Steves' Europe video. It looked like a shot from Brigadoon. He was on a mountain. It was on a hill with lots of cottages. Green grass was all over the place.

### You were talking about the grass, but you really like faces.

DOMINIQUE: Yeah. And that's the reason why I always like to have a fast-focusing camera. And landscapes - I haven't traveled

They don't look at the camera. But I never ask them to look at the camera, so they aren't bothered as much. It's when you start bugging them, "Look at this," that they won't look at it. It's even worse that way. I just leave them alone.

## **Secrets and Tips**

## So what's your secret in taking good photography?

DOMINIQUE: Not to be there. Meaning, I want to be stealth enough that I can be hid-



From left: Club CEO John Hawkins and Dominique Daito, LAPD, talk about taking great photos

that much given my work and our schedule with my wife and all. Whenever I can, I'll do landscapes. But most of the time the easiest access for me are facial expressions of people, and that's why I try to do as much as I can whenever I have the time

Are your kids sick of you taking their picture? "Dad, please put it away. Dad, no more." Do they say that to

DOMINIQUE: They ignore me.

den away and take pictures of people doing natural stuff. Or I'm obvious enough that eventually they don't pay attention to me, that every time I point it at them they don't

I don't like frontal shots of people subjects. I just like side shots or whatever. People's natural expression is what I'm looking for. The secret for me is to use fast-focus cameras as much as I can. I can't stress enough how I need to have a fast-focusing camera, because the brief moment will just change in the snap of a finger. I can't have anyone posed. That's the thing.

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# A 'Picture Perfect' Gallery



CT Feng, Aug. 2006



Frank Avila, Sep. 2005



## Meet Dominique,

Photographer Extraordinaire

Dominique Daito, LAPD, joined the Club so he could contribute to "John's Picture Perfect" contest in *Alive!* (really). Since then, Dominique (pronounced Dominic) has become the contest's most frequent contributor.

By Alive! estimates, he's submitted nearly 50 photos. Here, read all about his photographic adventures, and descriptions of his favorite submissions to the contest.

Here are some of Dominique's Favorites:



## Wires

"I took this photo just walking around in my wife's province, Solano, in the Philippines.

"I didn't have my camera with me. I couldn't bring it with me because of customs; I wasn't sure if they would hold it. But we were just walking around near a meat market, and I borrowed a point-and-shoot. I think it was my wife's phone or her friend's camera phone. I could take only one shot and then I had to give it back. And I said, Well just give me a conv of shot eventually.' And they did.

## Church



"My daughter, like most kids, doesn't like church because they think it's boring, so they were really testing us. This was at Christmas. The only time they quieted down or simmered down when people started passing out candles and singing "Silent Night" with just voices. That's when the kids paid attention. I didn't care how loud my shutter was. I started snapping away and being noisy. I didn't care; I just had to take a picture of this little girl, and that's how I got it. That's a shot of my daughter.'

## Light Trim



"I took this picture in my brother-in-law's backyard. He asked us if we wanted to have my kids' and the other kids hair cut because he is a part-time barber. So every chance we get, he cuts their hair. It saves me money

"Two cousins were already ahead in line. It was past six o'clock when it was my child's turn. He goes back to his garage and takes out like a tripod-style stand with like a floodlight on it. And instead of sitting behind my son's back, and he starts snipping away. So I said, 'I gotta get my camera!' He's got his dog running around. I'm taking a picture of his dog. It was at the dog's eye view when I took

## Cousins



"I took this with the Canon S90. I had just parked the car

"I had just picked up the kids from school, and I was going to drop them off at their grandma's house. For some reason they were still singing after they got out of the car. I told them to wait for me. They didn't bother. They were skip/ hopping. So I grabbed my camera and took a picture of their back. And I did not notice, thank goodness, that the camera was set for black and white. I started running past them to get a frontal shot of all three of them. But they were right at the front porch and I couldn't do it."v

## Close Encounter



"This one was simple. It was my daughter; I believe she was about one. She was playing in the living room and she was reaching out. There was a window, of course. I didn't know at first what she was reaching for - I was sitting down on the couch when I realized, it's a sunray. And she didn't know what it was because it was lighting up her hand and her arm. And then I said, 'I gotta go get my camera.' She's one of the most self-conscious people ever If she sees somebody taking her picture, she's going to be disinterested and start walking away. I pointed somewhere else, pretending that I was doing something else while she was doing this. She paused. I had to get that shot. It was just one shot. Everything was against me in that shot because the sun was against me. I just touch-focused to focus on her face. It automatically snapped the shot, and that was the shot.

## Alive! Feature





Brent Tuttle, Nov. 2008

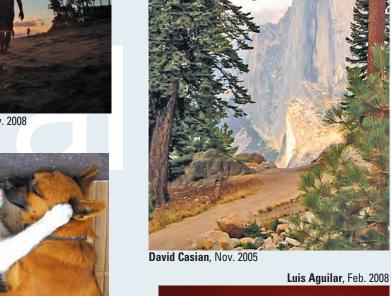


George Cormany, May 2007



Vernon Tabirara, Nov. 2008

Carlos Ojeda, Sep. 2007







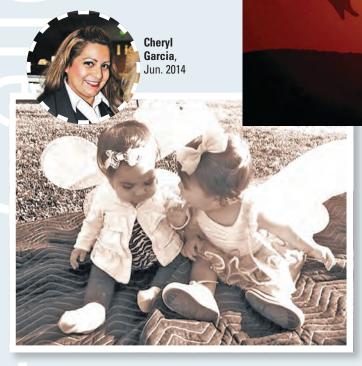
Martin Alarcon, May 2014



John R. Sanchez, Nov. 2007



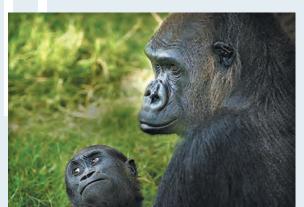
Gary Glade, Jul. 2008



Daniel Saucillo, Jul. 2012



BELOW: This photo, taken by the father of Club CEO John Hawkins, depicts a young John Hawkins (right) and his brother, Joe Hawkins.



Gonzalo Guerrero, Convention Center, Feb. 2008



Neil Rivas, Oct. 2007



Robert Hawkins, Retired, LAPD Crime Lab Consultant, Apr. 2007

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## **Picture Perfect**

What made you want to start submitting them to John's Picture Perfect? Did someone suggest it to you or did you just say, "I want to do this"?

DOMINIQUE: I wasn't a subscriber during that time but I saw Alive! at the workplace.

## Oh, so you weren't a Club Member at that time?

DOMINIQUE: At that time, no. I looked at the feature, and by that time I was already into pictures. I was looking at other people's pictures. Then I realized, I think I could do this. My first submission luckily won, and that was a picture of my son on the couch. He looked like a monk because he had a shaved head.

## Did you join the Club because of **Picture Perfect?**

DOMINIQUE: Yes, I did. That's the main reason.

## **A Real Passion**

## What do you love about photography? What is it that burns in you? Why do you want to carry a camera wherever you go?

DOMINIQUE: The main reason is I feel that I won't be able to see this again if I don't capture it now. And whether it's a moment with the kids or something outside, even landscapes or buildings or street scenery, it's something that I'll probably remember, but if I want to share it I'd better take a picture of it now. Given the inexpensive way to store it and take off whatever you don't want, and even enhance it because of the photography software out there, that's the reason why I like to take pictures and why I will always carry a camera with me.



From left: Club CEO John Hawkins and Dominique Daito, LAPD, talk about taking great photos.

What's your advice to others? What would you say to others who look at your photos in *Alive!* and the Picture Perfect contest and say, "Wow, I just don't think I can take pictures that good"?

DOMINIQUE: They should take as many pictures as they can, like I do. The only way to see what you think is best is to keep taking pictures. For every picture that is acceptable, there are at least 100 pictures that are not.

It's just a matter of practice. Somebody who says they can't draw this, well you haven't practiced. It isn't something that you have to be born with. You can practice taking photos or practice drawing, and you can master them. I'm not mastering anything. I'm not far beyond any amateur photographer at all. But I'm just enthusiastic about the pictures that I want to take. And if I'm really interested in the pictures that I want to take, like anybody else is interested in whatever they want to see or do, I'm sure they'll be good at it at some point.

### Do you enjoy other people's photos in "John's Picture Perfect" contest? DOMINIOUE: Yes, sure.

You like natural expressions, don't

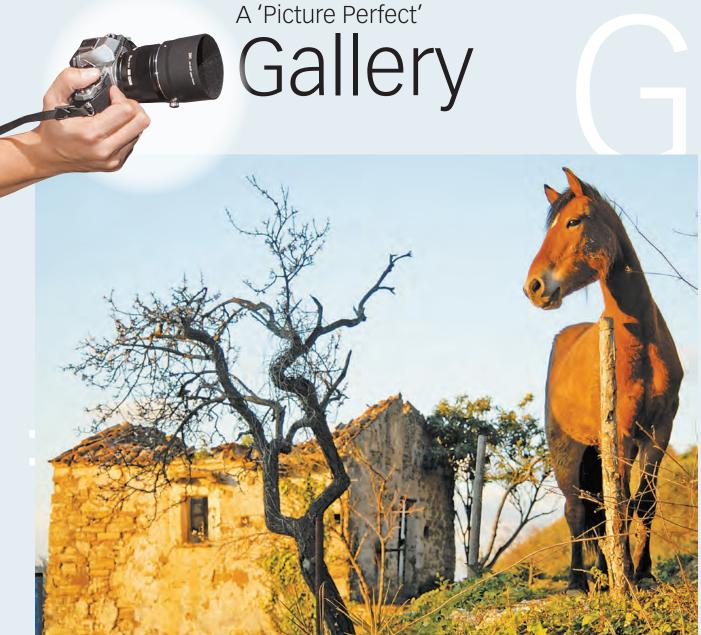
DOMINIQUE: Yes, all the time.

Natural can't be faked. And once it's done it's kind of gone.

DOMINIQUE: Exactly.

## Dominique, thank you very much.

DOMINIQUE: Not at all. Thank you very



Yves Didier, Airports, Apr. 2011





Juan Guevara, DWP, Feb. 2010



Glenn Abellanosa, LAPD, Apr. 2011





Carlos Rodriguez, Plumber, Housing, Mar. 2011



Genevieve Fernandez, Associate Civil Engineer, DWP, Dec. 2011

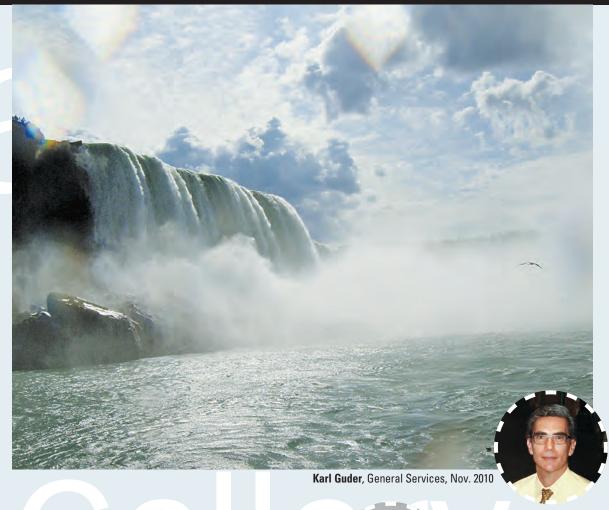
## Alive! Feature

# Picture Perfect



Sang Ham, Aug. 2011





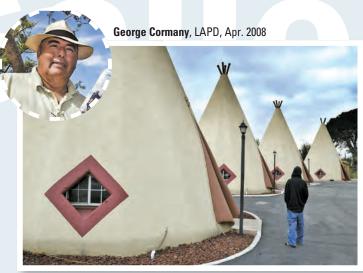


Letty Barnes, LAFD, Jan. 2009



George Cormany, LAPD, Apr. 2008

**Gina Enrile-Caguiat**, Retired, Public Works/Engineering, May 2014





Laura Gonzalez Ellis, Aug. 2009



Shaudi Pishvaie, LAPD, Dec. 2011

Tom Garber, Public Works, May 2009



Arvin Lopez, DWP, Oct. 2009



Dominique Daito, LAPD, Jul. 2011







# Alive! A





"This year on our semi-annual 'Old Dudes on Bikes Tour,' while traveling 17 states and 5,012 miles in 15 days, enduring record rain and hail outside Rapid City, SD and temps dipping into the 20s in West Yellowstone, Mont., we paused reverently to kiss the bricks, paying homage to sacred ground beneath the Harley-Davidson Museum in Milwaukee. You don't have to be crazy, but it helps!

- Tim Touhey and Ron Shepherd, both DWP



**Sonia Romero-Fuentes, DWP**, 26 years of City service went on a nine-day excursion through several cities of Israel with her mother, Narda. They visited the Jordan River, the Sea of Galilee, Masada, the Western Wall, and Bethlehem.

## **The Philippines**

Here are Club Members Sgt. Donald Salvador and Field Training Officer Martha Lopez from Metro State Police of California; Sgt. Marc Amon, Oxnard PD; and Arlene Herrero, the Club's Director of Product Development, in the Philippines



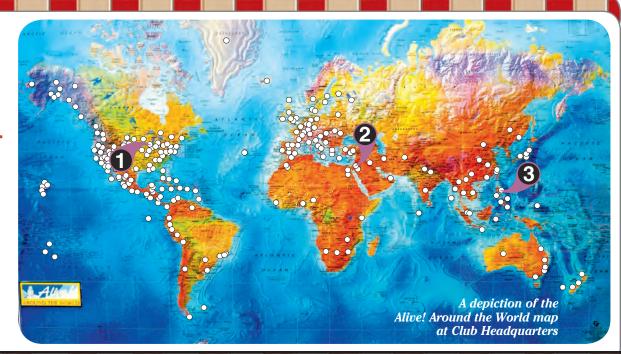


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## The Alive! Children's Coloring Contest

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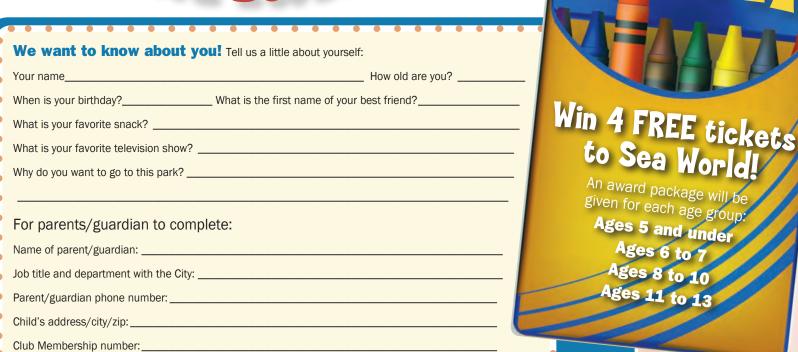
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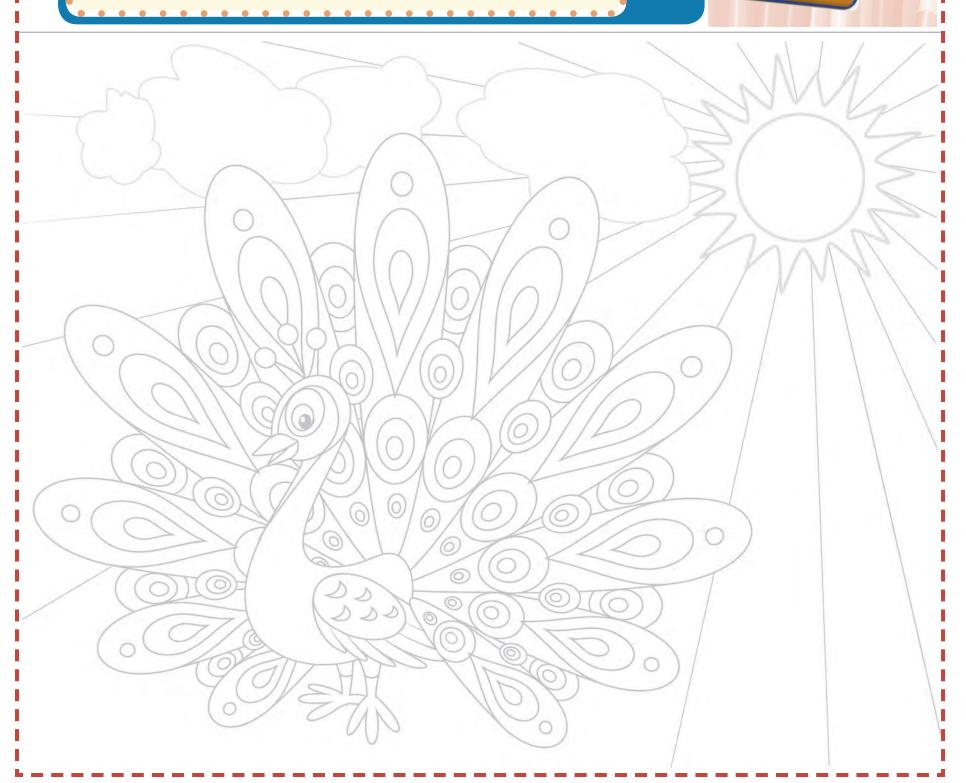
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The Club will do everything it can to gather all the submissions, but it cannot be responsible for lost or misdirected mail.

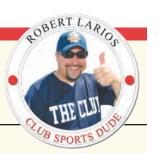
Good luck and have fun!





# LUB SPORTS

News from Sports Leagues sponsored by the City Employees Club of Los Angeles • Jan. 2015



## Lady Smith, The Commish

Returning for 2014: The Softball Commish, Lady Smith! Read Lady's comments each month in Alive! during the softball season.



## From the Commish:

# Softball Recap: What a Year It Was!

eing a part of the City Employees Club of Los Angeles' Softball League has been one of the most exciting and successful programs I have been involved in. This past season included extreme challenges, awesome showmanship of physical feats, managing high levels of adversity, strengthening old relationships and building new ones. Who knew that a softball league would produce so much? Along with all the aforementioned benefits, the Club provided free Club gear during the season, took amazing pictures, listened to new ideas and supported the 13-team league every moment of the season. Thank you, City Employees Club!

## All-Star Games

There was no place on earth to be on Oct. 29 except the Club's All-Star games, held at Downey Recreation Center. Eileen Garrido of Beating Hearts Foundation led us into the opening games with a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem. The Club provided gear for the most valuable players (MVPs), for audience participation, and pizza and drinks. Limited Edition, Co., Performing Arts (LEPA) showered the All-Star games with music and entertainment. Ladies played first and man, did they play!

Some members of the 13 teams were split between two teams, played as competitors, met new people and completely showed up. Ladies made



amazing catches in the outfield, most notably a long leap in the air catch by Mary Vega (Hotshots); dusty dirty drastic diving double plays like the ones Jenee Fluker (Guzzlers) pulled off; and saving-the-day strikeouts by MVP Marlene Cortez (Enforcers). The park was filled with supporters of the ladies games. Compliments soared about what great players they were and their excellent teamwork/encouragement. The most important goal was reached

when teammates paid homage to other ladies in the league as highly competitive contenders.

The men were very eager to get their game started. Most of them officially met one another for the first time. They too, were split between two teams, played as competitors and

met new people. There were far too many amazing plays to write about, several close plays, multiple cruel strikeouts by Danny Valdez (Enforcers), and countless saves by MVP Oscar Berumen (Hotshots). Oscar also received Club gear. However, I cannot close without mentioning the game winner **Dominick** King (Shockers), who after a lengthy game of personal disappointment hit the longest homerun ever! And here lies the ultimate achievement; Dominick gave thanks for his homerun to his teammate Azar Yaver (Guzzlers), who continually encouraged Dominick the entire game.

## Playoffs/ **Championships**

The playoff lineup was finalized, and it provided several great matchups. We began on Nov. 5, resulting in several teams emerging from the smoke (Hotshots, Enforcers, Sluggers, Blue Dragons, and the DoT-gers, who narrowly won their spot into the second playoff round by one run.) The

Shockers, Jets and Guzzlers had a bye. By Nov. 12, the remaining teams were very eager to play after having waited patiently through an entire week, ("seven whole days, ugh!"). The winning teams burst onto the field, scoring an average of 20 runs (Guzzlers, Enforcers, Jets, and Blue Dragons) and securing their spots in the Championships.

Eileen Garrido returned on Nov. 19 to open the first Championship game with another spectacular performance of the National Anthem. The Club provided gear, snacks and drinks, and made possible (with the help of MuniSports) winning/runner-up

trophies and T-shirts. LEPA provided players with a theme song as they came up to bat, akin to the ultimate baseball ambiance, and continued entertaining the crowd with music and commentary.

The Guzzlers mascot arrived in full costume. He performed encouraging marches and expressed chants to his team. He energized the crowd and danced to the music. Nevertheless, it

wasn't enough to draw a win, as the Guzzlers fell to the Enforcers, 10 - 3.

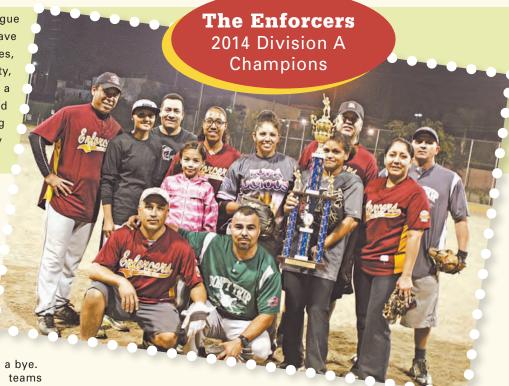
The second/final game between Blue Dragons and Jets remained mostly silent until the fourth inning, except for a single homerun by Rico Sanchez (Jets). Blue Dragons scored

5 runs in the fourth and 1 run in the 6th and 7th innings. Jets went on to score only 2 more

runs in the 7th inning, finishing the game with a 7 - 3 upset.

The new season will be even more exciting, if that's possible. Get involved in this great league by bringing a team or registering for the free agents list. Club Members and family members are welcome. The Club plans to host an annual spring tournament. You can get a head start on the summer league by participating in the tournament. Forget your inhibitions. You will network and easily become a teammate. Sign up now!

- Lady Smith, the Commish



## **Championship Fun!**

Congratulations to the Enforcers for winning Division A, and the Blue Dragons for winning Division B.

Thanks to The Commish, Lady Smith; volunteers; team managers; players; and the supporters for making this a wonderful season!





**Basketball** Signups Open

Registration is now open for the 2015 Winter/Spring Club Basketball season. Games will be played Thursday nights at 7, 8 and 9 p.m. at the Expo Center.

For more information, contact the Sports Dude at (800) 464-0452 x 134, or via email sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com



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Club staff and families have a blast at Racer's Edge



## **Airports**

Story courtesy Sgt. Karla Ortiz, Airport Police; Photo courtesy Officer Kenneth Wroten, Airport Police

# Congrats, Cadets!

**Airport Police graduates** 16 Cadet Officers.

 $\mathbf{S}$  ixteen Airport Police (APD) cadets were among the record number of graduates from the LAPD Cadet Leadership Program Nov. 25. Class 7-14 was the largest in history of the program, graduating more than 730 cadets.

The voluntary 18-week Cadet Leadership Program, designed for youths ages 13 to 20, with a minimum of 2.0 grade point average in school, was created by the LAPD to develop character qualities including strong leadership, discipline, academic excellence and life-skills. Furthermore, during the academy cadets receive instruction in leadership, law enforcement principles, conflict resolution, physical fitness, life skills, cultural diversity, financial literacy and gang/narcotics prevention. During graduation, cadets are also recognized for their accomplishments with medals and awards. College-bound seniors may also receive

scholarship funds.

Among the 16 Airport Police Youth Cadets, Cadet Jaylon Johnson received a medal for "Most Inspirational Cadet." He was nominated by his platoon. Also, last year's cadet graduate Matthew Sutton received a scholarship check of \$1,000 from the Weingart Foundation to attend University of California, San

The Airport Police Youth Cadet graduates include: Angel Altan, Damaris Hernandez, Jaylon Johnson, Anel Leon, Isaiah Lewis, Frank Lopez, Mariaun Malone, Channing McGee, Ryan O'Neal, Georgina Perez, Thomas-Allan Perez, Nasori Roberson, Dallas Rolison, Danny Sanchez, Caj Scott Jr. and Haleem Summerville.

Airport Police Youth Service Officers Ericka Holliday and

William Lara were also part of the graduation as Academy Class Leaders for Platoon 10 and Platoon 22, respectively.

Airport Police Chief Patrick M. Gannon, Assistant Chief Brian Walker, Capt. Gregg Starr, Officer Johnny Youngblood and Officer Kenneth Wroten attended the graduation and congratulated the cadets on this great achievement.

Chief Gannon said, "I am proud to welcome these 16 cadets to the Airport Police family. I know these young men and women will have a bright future, and I look forward to learning of their accomplishments."

The graduation ceremony took place at the USC Galen Center, courtesy of USC President Dr. C.L. Max Nikias.

For those interested in applying, they may go online to laxyouthcadets.com or by phone at (424) 646-9050.





Free public star parties are held monthly at Griffith Observatory from 2 to 9:45 p.m. with the assistance of volunteers from the Los Angeles Astronomical Society, the Los Angeles Sidewalk Astronomers, and the Planetary Society. They are a chance for the whole family to look at the sun, moon, visible planets and other objects, to try out a variety of telescopes, and to talk to knowledgeable amateur astronomers about the sky and their equipment.

**Party** 

Please be aware that the astronomers and telescope demonstrators must cut off the line for each telescope to enable all viewing to be completed by 9:45 p.m. Hours for telescope operation are not the same as for the building (which closes at 10 p.m.).

Information:

www.griffithobservatory. org/programs/publictelescopes.html

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## **General Services**

# **Overnight Builders**

**Construction Forces is working with Airports to make** the LAX pedestrian experience a smooth one for all.



Outside Terminal 2, from left: Berry Saizon, Construction and Maintenance Supervisor, General Services, 30 years of City service: Edgar Godinez, Cement Finisher, 1 year; Scott Wilderman, Equipment Operator, 2 years; Lamora Wilson, Carpenter, 1 year; and Al Johnson, Cement Finisher, 1 year.

rews from General Services/Construction Forces, featured in our November issue, are busy overnights at LAX, making the sidewalks ADA-complaint and user experiences

The current project, in its second year, is building new Americans With Disabilities (ADA)-compliant pedestrian ramps near the parking garages and inner passenger pickup lanes. The project also includes moving some traffic entranceways into the inner pickup lanes. Phase One, which includes most of the work on the lower deck, is nearly complete. Phase Two, incorporating work on the upper deck, has now begun.

"We've done nearly \$19 million in construction jobs here in two and a half years," says Berry Saizon, Construction and Maintenance Supervisor, General Services, 30 years of City service. Berry is overseeing the projects on site.

"Our success here just shows that we work well in the City, bringing jobs in on time and on budget," he continued. "It has to be done on time on a strict schedule. We can't just block everything," he said, as traffic was already heavy on the LAX circular roadway at 4:30 a.m. The crews work between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. "As you can see, there's a tremendous amount of scheduling here. And it's always worked."

Construction Forces is a unique division in the City, acting more as an internal contractor. Workers are strictly budgeted; they earn according to the jobs they win during normal bidding processes. At the end of each job, Construction Forces returns any funds not used instead of keeping them as profits, as an outside contractor would.

Other projects completed at LAX by Construction Forces include rebuilding a former Hertz lot into employee parking; termi-



Outside Terminal 7, from left: Danilo Miranda, Electrician 7 years of City service; and Derek Bell, Electrician, 3 years.

nal remodels and refreshes; parking lot signage upgrades; demolition projects in nearby Manchester Square; and construction work at Tom Bradley International Terminal

Berry Saizon and his crews are working under the supervision of Nick Pendorf, Building Maintenance and Construction General Superintendent II and Tom Bylard, Building Maintenance and Construction General Superintendent I.



Outside Terminal 7, from left: Richard Romo, Carpenter, 3 years of City service; Berry Saizon, Construction and Maintenance Supervisor, General Services, 30 years; and Danilo Miranda, Electrician, 7 years. Atop the lifter: Hector Landa, Carpenter, 2 years. Not pictured: Arturo Rodaz,



Outside Terminal 1, from left: Chris Hernandez, Carpenter Foreman, 10+ years of City service; Sal Graieda, Cement Finisher, 15 years; Ariel Ismerio, Cement Finisher, 15 years; Anthony Madrid, Carpenter, 4 years; and Berry Saizon, Construction and Maintenance Supervisor, General Services, 30 years. Not pictured: Robert Perez, Cement Finisher, 15 years, and Alex Padilla, Carpenter, 8 years.



Outside Terminal 7, from left: Tom Friese, Carpenter, 8 years of City service, Club Member; Jose Galan, Carpenter, 3 years; Berry Saizon, Construction and Maintenance Supervisor, General Services, 30 years; and Eliseo Covarrubias Jr. Carpenter, 15 years. Not pictured: Ismael Valenzuela, Carpenter, 10 years.

**Forever Plaid!** 



Gail Owsley, Clerk Typist, 16 years of City service,

Charles Canning, Office

Engineering Technician III.



Office Engineering Technician III, 27 years of





plaid for a themed

On Sept. 26, the Building and Safety West Los Angeles office had its

"Themed Dress Casual Friday." All employ-

ees came to work with plaid-themed attire, which made them look remarkable.

he started these themed dress Fridays as a way to allow all employees to have fun

at the workplace, to have more interac-

tion among each other, as well as to

build morale amongst the staff. He also

indicated that ever since he started having themed Fridays, the work productiv-

ity has also improved. Themed Dress

Casual Fridays occur once a month, and the theme is different every month.

Employees enjoy participating in this as they say it makes work more enjoyable.

supervisor and for inviting us to your

Thank you, Ara, for being a great

Supervisor Ara Sargsyan indicated that

casual Friday.

Ara Sargsyan, Office Manager,



Story and photos by Isabel Marquez, Club Counselor



Victor Turcios, Structura Rudolf Melikoff, Structural Engineering Associate II, Engineering Associate III. 7 years of City service. 28 years of City service Victor was also employee



Ollie Carter, Clerk Typist,



Engineering Associate I, 1 year of City service.

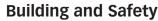


Jessica Morales, Clerk Typist, six months of City





Structural Engineer Associate I, 1 year of City



Somkiat Supanyachotskul,



Worker, 37 years of City service.



Marian Shenasi, Structural Engineer Associate I, 2 years of City service.



Choi Yan, Clerk Typist, 8 years of City service.



Tigran Tufenkchyan, Clerk Typist, 6 months of City



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# **Buying Life Insurance** Through Your Paycheck

Most large employers provide a group life insurance policy as part of your benefit package. However, there are a couple of things to consider when asking, "Is this enough insurance protection for me and my family?"

If you have determined that you need more, then you should consider the cost and availability of additional insurance, based on personal health issues. You may not be able to purchase as much insurance as you need if you have chronic health conditions or have had serious health conditions in the past.

Voluntary insurance is issued under simplified underwriting guidelines, which means that you are more likely to qualify for coverage than if you applied for an individual policy. Consider the following when evaluating your need for more insurance:

### How much life insurance coverage do you need?

According to the American Council of Life Insurers' (ACLI) 2008 consumer brochure, some experts suggest your policy "...should pay a benefit equal to 7 to 10 times your annual income." You should take inventory of possible expenses your loved ones will incur if you pass on.

## Can you afford extra coverage?

With this supplemental or voluntary coverage, you can take advantage of affordable group rates, rather than relying upon individual insurance, which may be more expensive. The City Employees Club of Los Angeles offers supplemental or voluntary life insurance coverage so that you can protect your loved ones at a reasonable cost.

## What age should you think about buying additional life insurance?

Most people know that those with a family and/or a mortgage need life insurance. However, many believe that unmarried young people who have no

dependents or mortgage do not need life insurance. The reality is that when people die young, the surviving family may be unprepared for the shock. A life insurance policy may ease tension during that time by helping with unexpected expenses such as funeral fees, debts or medical bills not covered by insurance.

## Are medical questions or tests needed to qualify for supplemental life insurance?

With individual life insurance, the insurance company wants to make sure you are healthy because they are writing an individual policy just for you. They often require medical questions, blood tests or a visit with a nurse or physician. With group insurance, the insurance company's risk is lower because it is based on the claims history of the entire group, rather than your personal health history. Therefore, the insurance company is often able to offer a period of time where you can purchase supplemental or voluntary life insurance without medical questions or tests. Certain conditions may apply.

### How is the life insurance paid to my loved ones?

Your beneficiary fills out a life insurance claim form and submits it along with other documentation, including an original or certified copy of the death certificate. After approval, they will receive the funds, usually in one lump sum from the insurance carrier.

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.

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Airports

# Honoring the Braves

## **Airport Police** honors heroic officers and civilians at ceremony.

Story courtesy Sgt. Belinda Nettles, Airport Police; Photos by Jay Berkowitz, Airports, and Sai Mensah, Airport Police

Some 56 Officers and civilian employees of the Airport Police were honored for their bravery at the every-other-year Los Angeles Airport Police Awards Ceremony Nov. 3 at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel

The ceremony honored and celebrated Airport Police officers and civilians who have demonstrated exceptional bravery and heroism.



Mayor Eric Garcetti, Congresswoman Janice Hahn (Club Member), Councilman Tom LaBonge (Club Member), and Airport Police Chief Patrick M. Gannon were joined by other City and airport officials at the event. Weathercaster Fritz Coleman served as host and narrator for the program's award ceremony.

The 2014 Awards Ceremony honored six Medal of Valor recipients, 32 Lifesaving Medal recipients, three Police Star recipients, four Distinguished Service Medal recipients, one Humanitarian Service Medal recipient; and 10 Commendation recipients. The awards were earned during various policeinvolved incidents between 2011 and

Chief of Airport Police Patrick M. Gannon said, "I am very proud that we have the opportunity to acknowledge the actions of airport employees who have demonstrated their commitment to keeping our airports safe and secure. This awards ceremony honored Airport Police and Security Officers, Transportation Security Administration Officers and civilian airport employees for extraordinary service and, in some cases, incredible bravery. I am incredibly grateful for their

Some of the awards were for officers saving the life of a Mission Hills resident who collapsed in front of Terminal 2 on New Year's 2011; heroic actions of officers and civilians during the Nov. 1. 2013 shooting at Terminal 3, during which Transportation Security Officer Gerardo I. Hernandez was killed in the line of duty; and special recognition to an officer for a decade of detailed effort to ensure the honorable and dignified arrivals of U.S. Fallen Soldiers arriving at Los Angeles and LA/Ontario international airports.

The City Employees Club honors these brave men and women for their service to Airports, and to Los Angeles and the



## **Distinguished Service** Medal



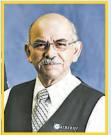
The Distinguished Service Medal is the highest award for service and may be awarded to sworn and civilian employees who distinguish themselves by performing exceptional service in a duty of great responsibility or of critical importance to law enforcement.

## **HONOREES**:

AirServ Agent Oscar Antonio AirServ Agent Jose Plaza TSA Officer Tony Grigsby TSA Officer James Speer



AirServ Agent



AirServ Agent



TSA Officer Tony Grigsby



TSA Officer James Sneer

From left: Host Fritz Coleman with Mayor Eric Garcetti and Mr. LA, Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member

## Medal of Valor



The Medal of Valor is the highest Airport Police award and may be awarded to members in all classes and ranks who distinguished themselves by conspicuous bravery or heroism above and beyond the normal demands of police service; performing an act displaying extreme courage while consciously facing imminent peril.

## HONOREES:

Sgt. Steve Zouzounis Officer David Lalicker Officer Brian Lopez Motor Officer Robert Pedregon Motor Officer Raymond Woods Officer Daniel Yu



Sgt. Steve Zouzounis



Officer David Lalicker,



Officer Brian Lopez,



Motor Officer Robert Pedregon, Club Member



Motor Officer Raymond Woods



Club Member

## Police Star



The Police Star is awarded to an employee who distinguishes themselves by bravery or heroism above and beyond the normal demands of duty by performing in stressful situations with exceptional tactics and/or judgment.

## **HONOREES**: Officer Faramarz Farnia

Sgt. William Handley Security Officer Chivon Turner



Officer Faramarz Farnia, Club Member



Sqt. William Handley Club Member



Chivon Turner, Club Member

# The honorees:



# Lifesaving **Medals**

Lifesaving Medals are awarded when a life is saved or prolonged due to the actions taken by an officer; if no action had been taken, the life most likely would have been

### **HONOREES:**

Officer Robert Mosquera

Officer Thi Tran Canine Officer Hans Bergmann

Officer George Chen

Officer Nicholas Fasheh

Officer Clayton Kadekawa

Officer Wiliam Lara Officer Daniel Morales

Officer Gerard Kilayko Officer Dana Ramsey

Sr. Airport Safety Officer Wendell Callaway

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Officer William Hsu Motor Officer William Caycedo Officer Burt Davis Officer Eddie Harris

Officer Jesse Farber Officer Johnny Pan Sgt. Steven Balandran Officer Christopher Unruh Officer Ernesto Garcia Canine Officer Michael Garzon Officer Quan Ho Officer Matthew Lu Officer Victor Santana Officer Charles Yoon



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Officer Thi Tran,



Canine Officer Hans Bergmann, Club Member



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William Caycedo



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Sgt. Steven Balandran, Club Member



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Michael Garzon,

Canine Officer



Officer Quan Ho. Club Member







# Humanitarian Service Medal



The Alfred E. Turner Humanitarian Service Medal is awarded to an employee who has demonstrated dedicated stewardship and great compassion in service to the Los Angeles community.

HONOREE: Officer Thomas E. Dye



Officer Thomas E. Dye, Club Member

# **Commendations** Employees are commended for their outstanding performance and positive contribu-

tions that have added tremendous value to the organization over the course of their work assignments.



April Douglass-Lawson, Club Member



Club Member



Club Member



# Dispatcher Warren Gibbons Dispatcher Chanell Roberson Dispatcher Rodney Williams TSA Officer William Campos

Dispatcher April Douglass-Lawson

HONOREES:

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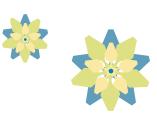


TSA Officer Lisandro Jimenez



Customs/Border Protection Officer Samhar Herrera





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# **Welcome New Members!**

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

Octavio Covarrubias

Nathaniel Keresoma

Kevin Manzanares

Phillip Obregon

Virgil Redmond

**Edward Robinson** 

Tynell Payton

Jose Perez

Hugo Rizo

John Sauno

Carnis Scott

John Thornton

Shunyaa Turner

Yasamin Yarmo

Allie Barney

Jamie Roman

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Robert Argonza

Maurice Williams

**PW-Street Services** 

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Alfred Gray Jr.



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**DWP** 

Victor Andujo

Jamin Camp Tobie Dugan Vernon Hobbs Gina Jiron Francesca Joven Belinda Louie Cindy Moritz Donald Olkie Michael Sabourin Elva Sanchez Daniel Tapia Manuel Velazquez

### Other

Mathew Babick Benedicto Boiser Jody Calkins Lamonte Carruthers **Charles Centers David Cravens** Israel Figueroa Sharon Grove Estella Guevara Michelle Guidry **Brandie Harris** Leonard Johnson Jr Mercedes Marquez Allan Moody Kristian Moraces James Morgn Manuel Ponseca Linda Price Thu Quach Celso Recinato Fernando Romo Joseph Russell Hao Ming Shi **Daniel Spencer** Annie Swan Tokunori Takahashi Gordon Trim Marcelino Valdez Margaret Whelan Peggy Wu

# Graduations



Elise Rodriguez Sanchez received her Doctorate degree in clinical psychology Nov. 7. The Chicago School of Professional Psychology graduation ceremony was held at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium. She was awarded the Club's Joannie Mukai Scholarship twice and wants to share her news. Congratulations, Elise!

Elise is the daughter of Felipe G. Rodriguez Jr., Public Works/Street Lighting, Club Rep.

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



Elise Rodriguez and Jorge Sanchez, Sept. 5 at Twin Oaks House and Gardens in San Marcos. Elise is the daughter of Felipe G. Rodriguez Jr. Public Works/Street Lighting, Club Rep.

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# 4*live!* In the Military

Does someone in your extended family serve their country as a member of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard? Send to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

# Peace of Mind

BY TIFFANY SY, The Club's Peace of Mind Expert tsy@cityemployeesclub.com

# Resolve to Check Your Insurance

As we ring in 2015, I want to congratulate you if you've set a New Year's resolution and stuck with it so far. I'll be the first to admit that I'm not the best at keeping my New Year's resolutions. I have a tendency to forget what they are by the end of the first week in January.

This year, I decided to approach my goal with a new mindset. I began in December to give myself a head start. I wished to apply feng shui to my home with reorganization. On a weekend morning, I poured myself a tall cup of my favorite French roast brew and began with my closet. A couple of

years ago, I persuaded my husband to build us a walk-in closet - and he did. All the extra space eventually became a dumping

Armed with caffeine, I decided to tackle the clutter monster head on. I boxed up seasonal items, applied labels to storage bins and either stored, chucked or donated the rest. As I was cleaning out the cobwebs, I opened up my "go-to" drawer – you know the drawer where all your important documents go with the intentions of being filed away, yet somehow it gets stuck in paper oblivion? Low and behold, that's where

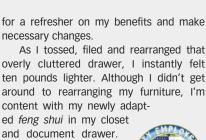
my library card disappeared! I also came across my insurance policies and benefit statements

As I scanned my documents, I realized some of the policies were outdated. Why do I have paperwork on a vehicle I no longer possess? My life has also changed since the inception of some of these plans. It raised many questions - do I have enough or too much insurance? Are my beneficiaries updated? If I were no longer on this earth today, or incapable of working, could I still provide for my family? I decided to take my own advice and call my insurance carriers necessary changes.

As I tossed, filed and rearranged that overly cluttered drawer, I instantly felt ten pounds lighter. Although I didn't get around to rearranging my furniture, I'm

ed feng shui in my closet and document drawer. Now, if I can only take over the little amount of space in the closet that belongs to my husband!







**Births** 

Bryson Paul Gale, born Nov. 20 to Paul and Kim Gale. Bryson is the grandson of John Gale, Club Member. John writes: "In July 2013, I had the pleasure of sending in pictures from my son Paul marrying Kim. And now my first grandson was born: Bryson Paul Gale! That's right, the two of them just had a baby boy, and my wife and me are now grandparents! Here are some pictures of the little guy, who's only seven days old in these photos. I hope you enjoy them!"



From left: Paul and Kim Gale, baby Bryson Paul Gale and Barbara with John Gale in the back.

Paul and

Kim Gale with their baby, Bryson Paul Gale.

Mylana Rose Martinez, born Nov. 21 to Selena and Carlos Martinez. Mylana is the granddaughter of Rosie and Alfredo Reyes, Public Works, 16 years of City service.





# Special Achievement

# **Letter Perfect**

Letter-writing hobbyist hits the big time with a letter published in the New York Times.

Photo by Mildred Palacio, Library

David Tulanian, Sr. Librarian, Library, 25-plus years of City service, tells Alive! of his feat: "I have just achieved what I consider a personal milestone: The New York *Times'* 'Metropolitan Diary' published my item on Nov. 24.

"For years I've tried unsuccessfully to get into this column, but now I have!

"The New York *Times* runs this column every Monday in its national news edition (Section 1), so this should indicate just how important and beloved this column is by both The Times and its readership."

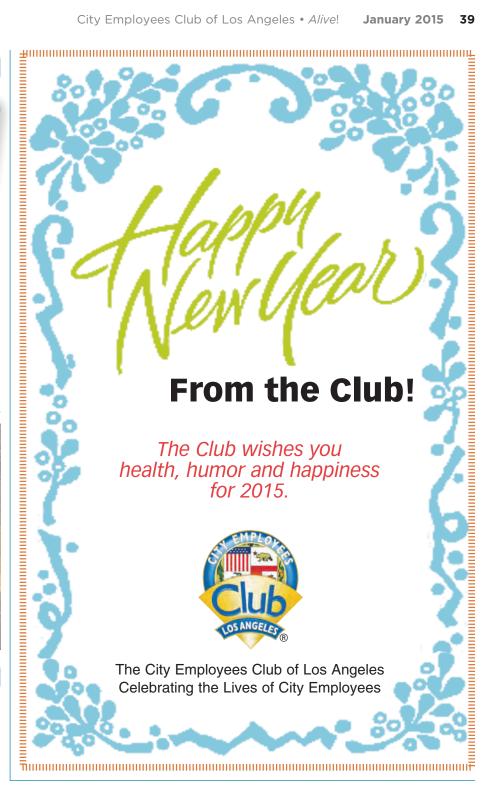
David once had a piece published in Gelson's Markets 60th anniversary commemorative newsletter, for which he won a \$500 Gelson's gift card.

The New York Times has published six of his letters to the editor, and the New York Times Book Review has published five of his letters to that section.

But the "Metropolitan Diary" is different – there's a fine competition to getting a letter published in this more offbeat, specialized and entertaining section. Here's David's letter that was published in the "Metropolitan Diary:"



David Tulanian, letter writer extraordinaire.



# New York Beats Los Angeles for Funerals

Dear Diary:

The affordability of New York real estate is problematic for many people. However, in one area, it's a bargain.

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As my neighbor explained — after having gone to Long Island recently for a family funeral — for \$10,000 you get a plot, a wake and a piece of the cemetery (flowers, she added, are the family's responsibility).

In Los Angeles, by contrast, a similar funeral would be in the neighborhood of \$20,000. Isn't it ironic that in the one city that I've always wanted to live, New York, I can't afford it, but I can afford to die there?

And in the city where I do live, Los Angeles, I can afford the living expenses but not the dying ones. How weird is that?

And in case you're wondering ... yes, David had a letter to the editor printed in Alive! (actually two, in January and July 2011). It might not beat the New York Times, but it's a lot closer to home. Congratulations, David!



# **In Memoriam**

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

# **Active**

Coleman, Twilynn, Transportation, 16 Hunt, Harlen, DWP, 28 Klubnikin, Steven, Transportation, 23 Nakagawa, Leland, General Services, 25

# Retired

Allen, Gail, Controller, 30 Amarasena, Sepala, Public Works, 20 Barquin, Paul, Harbor, 22 Bean, Erchel, Building and Safety, 21 Biron, Richard, Public Works, 26 Blackmon, Virgil, DWP, 19 Blain, Clarence, General Services, 19 Blandin, Robert, DWP, 32 Brooks, Hubert, Public Works, 35

Burns, Dorsey, Rec and Parks, 24 Burris, Bertrum, DWP, 20 Copeland, Mattie, LAPD, 34 Davis, Clark, Building and Safety, 24 Duran, Alfredo, DWP, 22 Eshom, Henry, DWP, 35 Fofanoff, Vladimir, Airports, 17 Hinrichs, Donald, Library, 18 Jackson, James, Building and Safety, 26 Johnson Jr., Eddie, DWP, 27 Karlic, Vilim, DWP, 24 Lopez, Manuel, Public Works, 38 Lybrook, Jerome, Airports, 10 Maddox, Lawrence, DWP, 26 Marsh, Lawrence, DWP, 23 Martinez, Leonard, Rec and Parks, 30

It's Time to

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

McIntosh, Larry, Public Works, 22 Moore, Augusta, Transportation, 30 Morgan, James, Public Works, 35 Nellum, Elbert, Rec and Parks, 30 Owens, Inez, Public Works, 22 Pace, Johnnie, General Services, 20 Rashoff, Kenneth, Public Works, 34 Rhodes, Jack, Council, 5

Ringwald, Roland, City Attorney, 28 Rose, David, Airports, 30 Rose, Paul, DWP, 28 Sal Bova, Anthony, Transportation, 26 Stevenson, Mary, Library, 18 Wapner, Lea, DWP, 32 Washington, Leslie, Airports, 19 White, Kenneth, Rec and Parks, 32

An Alive! feature

 $\{$  Who are the people you see every day?  $\}$ 

# No. 70 in a series



# People We See

an interview on the streets downtown

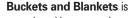


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# **Buckets and Blankets!**

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

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the *Club Angels* program and Cre8tive Solutions - Fred Fowlks and Sue Manzo, LAFD.

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

> jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com or agomez@cityemployeesclub.com



**CRE 8 TIVE FORCE** OLUTIONS

AGE: "I'm 60." **BIRTHPLACE:** "Murray, Utah." **MARITAL STATUS: "Single." PARENT STATUS: "Married.They** are the perfect couple, been married forever and are in love with each other." FAMILY: "I have four sisters."

**EDUCATION:** "I went to high school but dropped out." **MILITARY SERVICE: "Nope."** how you look WHEN MOVED TO LA: "About 30 years ago. I jumped on a

freight train and headed to Los Angeles. Just me and a can



WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "Under the stairs on Hill Street." **RELIGION:** 

"Mormon."

**FAVORITE MOVIE:** "Star Wars, the first one ... or the fourth one, depending on

**FAVORITE TV SHOW:** "McGyver."

**FAVORITE FOOD:** "I love chicken chow mein."

> LAST JOB: "I worked for a cat lady in West LA. She has hundreds of rescued cats, and I would clean up their cages. I think it was called the Animal Alliance." HIS STORY: "MV grand-monster,

she makes life

[hard] and now she's got me cornered. They put me in the God-awful situation. I don't exactly have a choice, and if I was maniacal, everyone would

be caught by now." LAST THING EATEN: "I had some tacos at Grand Central Market."

# ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE:

"I want to turn everyone into nice people like they are in Utah. There is nobody out here that cares or is nice. Everyone should move to Utah and stay there. It will just wear off on you, and you'll just be nice people."

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

The interview, conducted by John Hawkins, took place Dec. 12 at Broadway and Fourth Street.

# Reviews by Fellow Club Members

# On a Screen Near You

Movies via DVDs, downloads and streaming

### **August: Osage County (2013)** Rated R

### My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Oklahoma-born actor/writer Tracy Letts wrote the original play, a drama of a highly dysfunctional Oklahoma family, as several crises finally tear the family apart. A depressing and humorless tale of hopelessness, August: Osage County has more to offer than one would expect. The acting is heads above most movies shown today. Meryl Streep is the dyingfrom-cancer, drug-addicted family matriarch; Sam Shepard is her highly flawed husband; and the cast also includes Julia Roberts, Benedict Cumberbatch, Chris Cooper, and others. If you can get past the gloom, you will see many of the best actors of this generation. Not too shabby.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

# **Supermensch: The Legend of Shep Gordon (2013)**

### Rated R

# My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Comedian and actor Mike Myers produced and directed this documentary about music manager Shep Gordon, who handled acts including Pink Floyd, Luther Vandross, Teddy Pendergrass, and others. Gordon was also responsible for promoting to superstar status several celebrity chefs (starting with Emeril Lagasse) and the mania for today's cooking reality shows.

Interesting and very entertaining, this documentary alternates between humor and sorrow, as the life of Gordon is lovingly examined. Gordon is introduced as the hippie whom Jimi Hendrix decided should be a music agent, and we see his transformation as a real force in the music industry.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

# **Video Gaming**

Video games via online, rental or purchase

### **Alien: Isolation**

Rated M for Mature

For PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Windows, Xbox 360, Xbox One

### My Score: 5 (out of 5)

If you didn't think that any game would ever scare you again like *Dead Space* did, then you have yet to play Alien: Isolation. This is the kind of game that put survival horror back into the survival horror genre. True scares take place often in the game, and you are encouraged to stealthily make your way from point to point as the lone Xenomorph is far more formidable than the main character. Amanda Ripley - daughter of Ellen Ripley. The game knows how to pace the story and atmosphere to create a truly terrifying and isolated world that should appeal to gamers.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

## **Middle-Earth: Shadow of Mordor**

Rated M for Mature

For PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Windows, Xbox 360, Xbox One

### My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Filling in the time gaps between The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings trilogy is Middle-Earth: Shadow of Mordor, which tells the tale of Talion, a ranger and guard appointed to the Black Gate. When he and his family are killed, he is revived and sets out on a quest for revenge. With an excellent story that fits well within the Middle Earth chronicles, this game has a well-balanced fighting system and some serious graphical capabilities that bring the game to life. Fans of the Tolkien stories will definitely find this one appealing and should definitely give it a go.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

# At the Movies

In the cinema

# St. Vincent

Rated PG-13

# My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Bill Murray is Vincent, a down-on-his-luck misanthrope, unlikable and uncaring; and Melissa McCarthy is the divorcee who, with her young son, moves in next door to Vincent. In this comedy/drama, both Murray and the boy form an unusual and wonderful alliance.

Murray's best films are those that manage to be touching and still very human. This is among his best. It is funny and smart, endearing but not cloying. Of special note is Naomi Watts playing the pregnant Russian prostitute girlfriend of Vincent.

The audience during my film's screening stayed through the final credits and stood to applaud.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

# **The Maze Runner**

Rated PG-13

# My Score: 3 (out of 5)

While The Maze Runner does outshine its contemporary young adult novel adaptation films that seem to be flooding the cinemas lately, it still lacks any real depth to make it worth my while to watch again. There is a lot more story and atmosphere than in other adapted YA films, but so-so acting and some really annoying characters that lacked any development really kept this from being more than just a notch better than the rest. If only some more YA adaptation would take a cue from this and improve upon it, maybe the genre wouldn't be as wasteful as it is.

Richard Cardenas, LAPD

# Birdman

Rated R

# My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Despite its somewhat conventional storyline - Hollywood has-been blockbuster action hero actor turns to the Broadway stage to reclaim his career and his authenticity - you've probably never seen it quite like this.

Shot in New York in sort of a hard-edged magical reality style with a breathless stream of consciousness flow (forget about relaxing), Birdman never stops trying to mesmerize you, and it succeeds. With strong performances all around, including by Michael Keaton, Edward Norton, Naomi Watts, Emma Stone and others, Birdman is a unique, scintillating experience.

- John Burnes, Alive! editor



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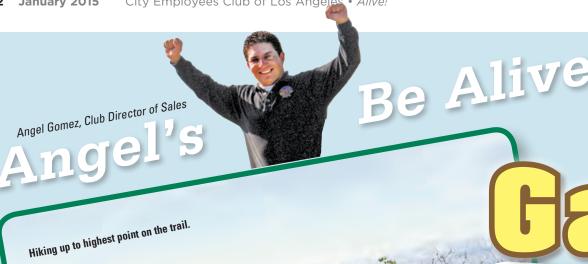
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– West Covina

A second trailhead at the nature center area.



A short stop to appreciate

the gorgeous views

# Hello again, everybody! Happy

New Year! Let's all get in shape and make a resolution to enjoy the great outdoors in 2015.

This month we travel to West Covina and Galster Park. This is a short hike, but the views are breathtaking. Enjoy!

Galster Park is a 42-acre wilderness park on the north slope of the San

Jose Hills in the San Gabriel Valley. The park is named after Emil S. Gladys Galster. She dedicated the park to the City of West Covina in 1971 with a stipulation that the park would always remain a wilderness park to be used for educational use. The park is rather small, but the amazing views and two-and-a-half miles of hiking make up all that it lacks in size.

# Let's begin.

The Hike: There is a lot to see once you get to the top of the trail – a 360-degree view of the San Gabriel Valley, and if you look to the left you can see downtown Los Angeles on a clear day. Gorgeous!

> There are two different starting locations for hiking: the mid-point (nature center) or the lower point (parking lot). The lower parking lot is on Aroma Drive and Galster Way; there are about 15 parking spaces. I recommend starting here because the view of the trail is beautiful. You will walk up about a mile,

then see a cement path going up; turn right on that cement path. You will see a tall object and also a campfire circle for night gatherings (I would guess Boy Scout troop outings). At this point, you are about half way up to the top of the hike. If you continue going up you will crash into a large fence. From here you can get the 360-degree view of all the San Gabriel Valley and, again, if you look to the left you will see downtown Los Angeles.

Before you start walking again, take a look around. The view is so pretty and relaxing, I only wish my home had such a wonderful view (remember, wishes do come true!)

Once, you take a few photos you can begin your trek downward. Follow the trail to the left and in a few minutes you will be at the next stop area.

I love this little hike. It does need some cleanup in some areas, but overall it's a nice day hike. The park has a playground, a picnic area, a nature center and of course, lots of trees and wildlife, too.

This is a very easy startup hike; you will be going up most of the way. If you get tired, just stop, turn around, and you will instantly get motivated by the views in front of you. This advice is actually an old photography trick: "Always look forward at your subjects but always remember to look behind you for another possible great shot." I have used this, and it does work. So go outside, get in your car and begin your next adventure.

Nature Center: The nature center has many things on display, including animal furs, insects, fossils, rocks/minerals and much more. They also have a kid's corner for fun crafts. If you want to visit the nature center, I recommend calling the center and asking about the current office hours, as they change from time to time based on volunteers' availability.

Very important: You will need sunscreen, and bring plenty of water, too, and snacks.

Send pictures of the great views to me mez@cityemployeesclub.com.

> As always, be safe and Be Alive!

# **Galster Park**

1620 E. Aroma Dr. • West Covina, CA 91791

Highlights: Amazing views, nature center

small playground by

Hiking distance: About two miles, starting from lowest parking lot

Approximate time: 1.5 hours (depending on your pace)

Difficulty: Mostly uphill, but a casual walk Parking: Free

**Directions:** from Los Angeles, get on US-101 S from West Fourth Street, then follow CA-60 east to South Azusa Avenue in Hacienda Heights. Take the Azusa Avenue exit from CA-60 East. Continue on South Azusa Avenue. Turn right onto East Aroma Drive. Turn left onto Galster Way.



a small viewing lookout.



A wilderness warning sign.

# CLASSIFIED ADS

# Members Marketplace

# **New Ads This Month!**



Sewing Machine: Antique Sears Kenmore model 1410 zigzag machine in

excellent condition. Cabinet- fair condition. \$65 OBO. Ken @ (818) 770-9580.

Cemetery Plot: Inglewood Cemetery, Sunset Mission Mausoleum, Sanctuary of Grace, 243 Double Capacity Crypt Tier-3, \$8,000. Dennis @ (661) 433-1912.



Upper unit refreshes clothing w/o wash or dry & reduce wrinkles. Has a "sensor dry" setting. Best dryer I ever had! 73-3/4h x 32w x 26d. \$320. Phil @ (800) 678-4145, Extension #709.

Timeshare: Welks Resort, San Diego, CA, For Sale. \$20K. Chermaine @ (661) 547-6707.

2005 Honda Civic Si: Hatchback, manual, 2-door, sun roof, power windows, security system, running condition, tan color, 68K miles.

1993 Infinity Q: Automatic, 4-door, power windows, XLNT running condition, green color, 125K

1973 AMC Hornet: 2-door sedan, automatic, 258 - 6cylinder w/2bbl carb,. Power steering, power brakes. Runs, needs some work, \$700 OBO, sold as is. J.R. Wright @ (562) 926-5450.



1959 Buick Invicta: Fully restored, 4 100b \$25,000. asking Located For Tehachapi

more pictures & info: drewlu24@aol.com

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



Caprice Classic: Runs great! Has a rebuilt motor & transmission. new tires. power brakes, new

shocks, new brakes, hubcaps & a 327 motor. Air conditioning unit is valued \$1,000. Registered & tags are up to date. It's a running project. Asking \$5,000, must sell. Info @ (310) 753-9522.



L Model Classic Car: 8 passenger limo. Buick only built 543 of this model. Needs to be completely restored, straight

8 cylinder engine. \$6,800 OBO. Located in Tehachapi. For more pictures, email: drewlu24@

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

2013 Dodge Challenger: Like new, fully loaded, excellent condition, very low mileage

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

Factory Mag Rims: (4) 2006 F150 w/near new Cooper/Hercules P265/165/17 tires. \$500 firm. Vinyl rear seat sold separately. \$400. Scott @ (562) 427-

2 slide outs, 2 panasonic tvs, 2 cds, full surround sound system, dvd, satellite, cable, new tires, only 15,000 miles. \$49,000. Rosemary Finch @(951) 218-



Moned: 150cc engine 3 wheel runs on 92 unleaded gas, practically new, Blue color. \$1,600. Frank @ (323) 240-3595.



1976 Pics



Good for hauling, camping gear, motorcycles, furniture, 5 ft. wide x 8 ft. long.

\$1,600. Alex Serna @ (818) 235-6566.



1967 Ford Mustang: Coupe, project car, needs restoration, 289 V8 engine, auto trans. runs good, 2 brl dual exhaust,

\$6,700 OBO. John @ (310) 977-4642 or e-mail: mybuddaes@anl.com



1998 Yamaha XL760 Waverunner: \$2,500. Excellent condition. Must see! Summer will soon be here, don't

miss out on this great deal! Jackie @ (626) 383-1708.



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Crewcah: Diesel 95 000

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**Cemetery Plots** 

Cemetery Plot: Rose Hills Memorial Park,

Whittier, CA 90601, in Carnation Lawn, grave #2, lot

2709. \$2,500 OBO + transfer fee. Rosie P. @ (323)

2 Cemetery Plots: Side-by-side, Rose Hills

Memorial Park, Whittier, CA 90601, in Garden of

Affection; graves 1-2, Lot 4063; sale price \$4,900

OBO + transfer fees for both. Rosie P. @ (323) 578-

Cemetery Plot: Live Oak Cemetery, Monrovia.

Lot 5670, space A2, Garden of Victory, \$2,000. Frank

Cemetery Plot: Contentment Hillside section of

Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills, 1 plot, \$3,250. Maria

2 Cemetery Plots: Eternal Valley Newhall,

Premium Garden of Peace, Currently plots here

start at \$6,900 each. Sell both \$7,500 total. Jim @

Cemetery Plot: 1 plot for 2 people. Oakdale

Memorial Park, Glendora, CA, \$3,000. Jose or

Juanita Rojas @ (818) 799-3516 or at (818) 799-0569.

Cemetery Plot: 1 plot for 2 people. At Oakdale

Memorial Park, Glendora, CA. \$3,000. Jose or

Juanita Roias @ (818) 799-3516 or (818) 799-0569.

2 Cemetery Plots: Rose Hills, Whittier, Located

in cherry blossom lawn, \$4,850 each + transfer fees.

Area is on flat ground & near the lake. Charles @

2 Cemetery Plots: Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills,

Churchyard. Lot 4149, graves 1 & 2, prime location.

\$6,700 each. Carolyn @ (805) 461-1282 or noslozin@

Companion Lawn Crypt w/Vault: Forest

Lawn Hollywood Hills (Court of Remembrance,

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glass-top.

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@ (310) 518-2996.

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Mike Lee @ (714) 390-6889.

# **Transport**

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miles, \$3,000 OBO, Info @ (310) 642-0522.



Pop-Up Trailer Tent: 2005 Rockwood Freedom.

1967



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2005 Southwind RV: 32ft. Like new w/



Datsun **280Z:** Runs good. Needs TLC. \$2,000. available.

William @ (626) 607-3/14 2005 Pace Carrier Trailer:





dnrhenry@yahoo.com

condition! Valerie @ (951) 315-3920. Hutch & Cabinet; Touch light. matching set \$500 OBO great condition! Valerie @ (951) 315-

Table Set: With leaf & 4

chairs. \$300 OBO, great



Dinette Set: 9 piece, dark brown oakwood w/ matching leather chairs & leaf for extension \$2,500. Parker @ (562) 612-6567.



Solid wood large dining table: \$300. Ben @ (213) 484-2682.3/14



Headboard: Leather King size, diamond pattern

manship. Dark wood finish. Measures approximately 78" H x 46" W x 26" deep. \$400. Jeffery Whitmore @ (323) 578-5707.

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For Rent: 3BD/1BA House + patio, near Western & Imperial, LA. Big back yard, 2-car garage. Has stove, refrigerator, microwave, hardwood floors, washers, dryers & outlets. Info @ (310) 534-3028.



For Rent: 2BD/1BA, den, office, kitchen w/ stove & refrigerator, large laundry room, w/ washer & dryer, C/A heat, patio. \$1,700/mo. + secu

rity \$2,000. Greg @ (626) 330-7588. For Sale: Condo 1BD/1BA. All new paint, carpets, dishwasher, etc. Boulder City, NV. Info @ (702)

For Rent: Home in west Lancaster, 3BR/2BA. \$1,500/mo. Cathedral ceiling, 1844 sq/ft. Wheelchair accessibility. Gardner included. Info @ (661) 945-

For Rent: Lower 2BD/2BA, 4-unit building. X-lg living & dining room w/new marble & ceramic floors in kitchen, bathrooms, laundry room & 2nd bedroom. Hardwood floors master bedroom, builtin stove, DW, new ceiling fans & walk-in closets Laundry room WD hookup. 2 enclosed patios w/ lights & outlets. Main hallway w/new laminate floors. \$1,875. Gail Brown @ (323) 313-3231.

For Sale: 3BD/2BA, upgraded 2001 sq. ft. house in age-restricted Rancho Resort in Sahuarita, Arizona, which is 17 miles s/o Tucson. \$175,000. Larry @ (818) 883-5870.

For Rent: Condo in Lancaster, 2BD/2BA, living rm, kitchen, 2 balconies, appliances included, stack washer/dryer, fridge, gas stove & dishwasher. Water included, no pets. \$1,000/ mo + security Maria @ (661) 236-8534 or martnz57365@vahoo. com



For Rent: Great 3BD/2BA house in north San Bernardino! Near CSUSB. Newly remodeled w/ huge yard. W/D hook-ups in garage. \$1,515/mo. Ask about available discounts. Marjorie @ (424) 302-7655



For Rent: Great 3BD/1BA house in quaint town of Redlands Completely remodeled w/

huge yard, newly re-seeded. \$1,399/mo. Ask about available discounts. Marjorie @ (424) 302-7655.



For Sale: "Fly-fish in your own backyard." 200' of river-front property in Clark Fork, Idaho. 3BD/3BA, 3,316 sq ft, built in 1990, 1,34 acres. (1 hour N. of Coeur d'alene, Idaho) MLS#20131371: Clark Fork. \$499,900. Margie Stevens @ (208) 290-



For Rent: Home in Ontario 3BD/2BA. Family room, water & gardener included in price \$1.795/ mo. Info @ (714) 840-1390.

Garthwaite Blvd, 90008.

Renovated. hardwood

For Rent: 2BD/1BA no pets, \$1,700/mo + sec. dep. \$1,000. Leimert Park: 4257



Household Items Washer/Dryer: Maytag, electric, 6 yrs old, very good cond. \$200. Responsible for own pick-up. Della @ (323) 202-3302, msmokamix6233@ vahoo.com



TV: Hitachi 57", good condition, furniture piece. \$300 OBO. Kevin @ (626) 786-3078.



Washer & Dryer: Whirlpool, electric, less than 8 months old, like new, includes manual instructions Responsible for own pick up. Email: lilpebbly14@



amail.com

AbDuctor: Rarely used, \$100. Tanya @ (310) 713-0244. located in Corona.

apparatuses in 1 system. Includes separate adjustable sit-up bench, good condition. \$350. Jeffery Whitmore @ (323) 578-5707. Flat Screen LED TV: New Sharp Aquos

Quattron 52" LED TV. \$1,200 at Best Buy, sacrifice for \$600. Hurry, won't last long at this price! Clarence Young @ (213) 725-3647.

### Miscellaneous



Wedding Dress: Kenneth Winston 1530, size 14. Dress was a hit at my wedding, simply beautiful. \$850 (retail \$1.500) & will throw in mantilla veil & tiara. Dry cleaned & looks like new. Mirna @ (213) 248-6878, call or text. 11/14



online.Frances @ (310) 324-3117.

Musical Casiotone 401 keyboard, foot nedal instruction manual, \$200. 14 preset sounds (piano, organ, etc), 16 preset rhythms (mambo, waltz, etc). Specs

10.6oz cellutox herbal bath

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Beauty Products: ELEMIS SpaHome, two 3.4oz body oil & 5 boxes

@ (661) 251-0871. Campers Wanted: Looking for fellow active & retired city employees that like to go on mini. 3-day weekend camping trips. Email Susan: wom-

mance, All for \$900 cash, Retails over \$1,500, Lourdes

batty56@gmail.com **Chargers vs Raiders Tailgate Party: Come** join us on our annual trip to San Diego to see the Raiders take on the Chargers. Joe @ (909) 519-8683 or raiderio@roadrunner.com.

Beer Steins: From 1978-2002, \$25 each. Info @ (805) 227-2866.

Motorcycle Touring Jacket: Men's, Reima Cycloak, Kevlar & Goretex materials, removable liner, barely used, looks new, Paid \$400, sell \$225. Curtis Shapiro @ (310) 508-6465.

Wine Glasses: Lead crystal, wine goblet style. Large \$15; small \$10. Have 4-large & 4-small. Jan @ (310) 347-1203.

Wine Glasses: 10-large crystal, \$5 each. Jan @ (310) 347-1203.

Noritaki China Set: Etienne pattern, 45 pieces. \$500 OBO. Jan @ (310) 347-1203.

Sargo China Set: Chrisma pattern, 4 place settings + side pieces. 45 pieces. \$250 OBO. Jan @ (310) 347-1203.

Sewing Machine: Antique Kenmore in cabinet. needs refurbishing. \$75 OBO. Jan @ (310) 347-1203.

Shannon Crystal: Godinger, large cut glass punch bowl, matching 8 cups & silver ladel. \$35 OBO. Jan @ (310) 347-1203.



Books: "Dream Killers" by Jullian Stine. Horror/Erotica themed fiction. \$20 each book. Contact jstine90503@gmail.com or (310) 409-5653.

Monopoly Game: Franklin Mint Collector's Edition! Maplewood display table; gold plated hotels; silver plated houses; specially printed monopoly money. Great gift idea. \$175. Jeffery Whitmore @ (323) 578-5707.

# Travel/Timeshare

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

Vacation Rental: Palace Resorts All Inclusive: Cancun, Riviera Maya, Isla Mujeres, Cozumel-exclusive member service & treatment. VisitPalaceResorts.com to view various resorts/ amenities. Price is for 1 week, 2 persons, any day travel & includes airport transpo, massages & 2 tours. Price varies by season, John @ (626) 757-5341 or jgonzlz@hotmail.com

Timeshare: Orlando, FL: Marriott Lakeshore Reserve, 1BD/1BA villa, sleeps 4, Spa/golf privileges at JW Marriott & Ritz Carlton. June 28 - July 5, 2014. \$1,600. Jessalyn Pinder @ (323) 893-6570.



Palm Springs Condo: In  $be autiful\, Palm\, Springs\, Villas$ II gated community 7 swimming pools, tennis court, shuffle board; near shopping, restaurants & Casino

Spa Resort. Weekly & weekend rentals, \$140 per night. Info @ (562) 301-2940.

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Classified Submission **Deadline:** 

1/15/2015 for publication in the February issue of Alive!

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

Timeshare: Cancun Sunset Club, 1 week, studio sleeps 4, resort on the beach, \$700/week. Serious renters will receive all-inclusive meals. Not available New Years, July 4th, Thanksgiving or Christmas. Gina @ (818) 395-3552.

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



Vacation rental in Bear Lake: Bia 3RD/ RA hous in the village of Big Bear Lake, CA, near the lake. Fully furnished. Contact

John Long @ (909) 837-8347. Timeshare: Kona Hawaiian Village, Big Island. 2BD/1 week anytime during the year, resort on the beach. Serious buyers. Info @ (310) 415-7388. 2/13

# Wanted

Lease Wanted: 3+BD/15+BA house or apartment within 4 miles of DTLA for year lease beginning mid-Augustthrough mid-September. Professional couple. \$1,800 - \$2,400. Stephen @

Exchange Wanted: Will care for an elderly person in exchange for private room! Experienced assistant will help elderly person by providing light housekeeping, shopping, driving & companionship. Excellent references, prefers Pasadena area. Karen Hysell @ (626) 252-1288.

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





# january movie releases

**TAKEN 3-1/9 SELMA-1/9** SPARE PARTS - 1/16 THE WEDDING RINGER - 1/16 BLACKHAT - 1/16 AMERICAN SNIPER - 1/16 PADDINGTON - 1/16 STRANGE MAGIC - 1/23 **MORTDECAI - 1/23** THE BOY NEXT DOOR - 1/23 THE LOFT - 1/23 BLACKSEA - 1/23 PROJECT ALMANAC - 1/30 BLACK OR WHITE - 1/30



Help Us Blanket the City

During the cold winder months, help the Club take care of those living on the streets.

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

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

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

And now, Blanket the City has become an

official part of Club Angels, the Club's charitable outreach. During the winter months, the Club will be handing out military-grade blankets to those who really need them.

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

# Join the effort! Here's how:

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



# **Blanket the City**

Buckets and Blankets is produced in cooperation with the *Club Angels* program and *Cre8tive Solutions* – Fred Fowlks and Sue Manzo, LAFD.

SOLUTIONS VISA Mas(e) Card

**FORCE** 

Send this completed for to: Club Angels 311 S. Spring St., Suite 1300 Los Angeles, CA 90013

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Club Angels is a registered 501(c)3 charitable organization. Contributions to Club Angeles are tax-deductible as defined by the U.S. tax code. Consult your tax professional.

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Your donations will be acknowledged with official letters of receipt.

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K1 Speed Racing

LA Zoo

Adult

Child (2-12)

Admit one, minimum height requirement 4'10"

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Knott's Berry Farm Expires 12/31/2015

Child (3-11); Senior (62+)

This pass entitles the owner to one 14 Lap race and a annual license for the day.

\$15.25

\$37.00

\$30.00

\$16.00

\$13.00

Adult \$34.00 Senior \$29.00 Available 24/7!

Available as E-Tickets!



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Attraction Tickets	PRICE	PRICE	QUANTITY
Legoland Expires 12/31/2015	, contin	racu	
1-Day, 1-Park Adult	\$85.00	\$70.00	
Get 2nd day free, to be used within 90 days of 1st visit. Child (3-11)	\$79.00	\$65.00	
Legoland Resort Hopper* Adult Child (3-11)	\$109.00 \$103.00	\$75.00 \$70.00	Available as E-Tickets!
Includes admission to Legoland, Sea Life Aquarium and waterpark. Get 2nd day free, to be u * Water Park is open seasonally and requires same day visit to Legoland.	sed before 12/3	71/2015.	
Legoland – Florida Available 24/7!			
Madame Tussauds Wax Attraction Expires 1/31/2016	Availabl	le 24/7!	
All Access Pass includes Marvel Super Heroes 4D Experience.  Adult	\$40.00	\$14.00	Available as E-Tickets!
Child (4-12)	\$35.00	\$11.00	
Magic Mountain		,	
General Admission	\$69.99	\$41.99	
Medieval Times Not valid 12/31/2014	Availabl	le 24/7!	
Adult	\$57.95	\$43.50	Available as E-Tickets!
Child (0-12)	\$35.95	\$31.50	
Mulligan's Family Fun Center	<b>#00.00</b>	¢10.00	
All Day Pass  Adult/Child  Restrictions: Pass gives 1 Adult or Child unlimited use of Laser Tag, Miniature Golfing, Go-Ka  Sunday, major holidays & everyday during the summer. Attractions vary per location. Certail			
Torrance, Murrieta, and Palmdale.  Gift Certificate	\$15.00	\$10.25	
Pirates Dinner Adventure Expires 11/30/2015	<b>\$13.00</b>	\$10.25	
Adult	\$56.95	\$36.00	
Child	\$37.95	\$27.50	
Queen Mary	Availabl	le 24/7!	
Adult	\$24.95	\$20.25	Available as E-Tickets!
Child (4-11)	\$21.95	\$12.25	
Queen Mary Chill: 11/21 – 1/11/15 Closed 12/1 and 12/8	Availabl		Available as
	- \$42.99 \$	27.99 – \$3	4.39 E-Tickets!
Racers Edge Indoor Karting Adult: 16-Lap Adult Race	\$23.00	\$18.00	
Junior (50" tall): 11-Lap Junior Race	\$20.00	\$15.00	
San Diego Zoo & San Diego Safari Park			
Adult	\$48.00	\$39.25	
Child (3-11) 2-Visit Pass Adult	\$38.00 \$86.00	\$31.25 \$68.75	Available as E-Tickets!
Child (3-11)	\$66.00	\$52.75	
May be used for one visit at each park or 2 visits to the same park.			
Santa Monica Pier & Pacific Park Expires 1/5/2015			
Unlimited Wristband	\$25.95	\$13.50	
Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk Combo Pack General Admission	Availabl \$40.95	e 24/7! \$32.95	Aveilable on F Tielrotel
Ticket includes All-Day Ride Wristband, 2 Attraction Tickets (Choose from Vault Lazer Maze, N Bowling including shoes, Climb N Conquer or Fright Walk) PLUS \$3 in Arcade Play with a reci	Mini Golf, Laser T	•	Available as E-Tickets!
Sea World – San Diego Expires 12/13/2015	iai Scabic cara:		
Adult	\$84.00	\$60.00	Accellated as a martine to t
Child (3-9)	\$78.00	\$60.00	Available as E-Tickets!
Fun Card Limited Stock available in Store only for \$66.	\$84.00	\$74.00	
Six Flags Discovery Kingdom – Vallejo	Availabl		Available as E-Tickets!
General Admission (over 48")	\$62.99	\$29.99	
Speedzone 3 Hour Unlimited Pass Unlimited use of rides and Mini-golf.	Availabl \$49.99	\$25.00	Available as E-Tickets!
Universal Studios Expires 1/31/2015	Availabl		
Buy 1-Day: Get 2-Days Free! Adult/Child (under 48")	\$92.00	\$79.00	Available as E-Tickets!
Gift Certific	atas		
Honeybaked Ham	ates		
\$25 Gift Card	\$25.00	\$22.50	
See's Candies			
Gift Certificate (1 lb.)	\$17.50	\$13.95	
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# THIS MONTH AT THE

# **Under**water **Parks Day**

Sat., Jan 17 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Join the Aquarium for a celebration of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). These areas, like parks on land, protect underwater marine resources for future generations to enjoy.

Cabrillo is participating in the seventh annual Underwater Parks Day with speakers, presentations, interactive activities and handouts for visitors.

Similar activities are being held the same day at partner marine science centers in Southern California.

Free and open to all! Parking: \$1/hour.

# Support the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium!

Consider joining the Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium (310) 548-7410 www.cabrillmarineaquarium.org/ support.asp



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# **Airports**

Story courtesy Sgt. Karla Ortiz, Airport Police; Photo courtesy CSI Officer Shawn Smith, Airport Police

# New **Officers**

**Airport Police graduates** four new Officers.

our Airport Police Officers – Manuel Acero, Edna Moreno, Arturo Quintana and Timothy Woodard - were among 30 graduates from LAPD Academy Class 6-14 Nov. 26. The ceremony took place at the Los Angeles Police Administration Building downtown.

Incoming Officer Woodard was selected as Class President, Top Gun and Top Academic. Woodard also gave the class speech and spoke about the growth, expectations, drive and dedication the class has demonstrated these past



From left: Airport Police Chief Patrick M. Gannon; Airport Police Officers Timothy Woodard, Edna Moreno, Arturo Quintana and Manuel Acero; and Assistant Chief Michael Hyams.

six months. Incoming Officer Edna Moreno was selected as Class Treasurer.

Following the ceremony, the officers were sworn in by Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon. "I am looking forward to having these stellar officers represent our agency," Chief Gannon said. "They will add to the value of service that Los Angeles Airport Police strives to provide the public every day at Los Angeles World Airports.'

Also in attendance at the graduation

were Airport Police Assistant Chief Michael Hyams, Capt. Fernando Castro, Lt. Robert Rios, Academy Drill Instructor Adela Lopez, Training Unit Officers Errol Priestley and Ciro Benitez, CSI Officer Shawn Smith, and Officers Larry Hatfield, Shane Young, Michael Woodard and Robert Salamanca.

The Club congratulations the City's newest Airport Police Officers!



Sean Horace cooks up the barbecue fare

# **Public Works**

Story and photos by Isabel Marquez, Club Counseld

# South/Harbor **Yards Picnic**



On Sept. 20, Public Works/Sanitation employees from the South LA and Harbor yards gathered at Griffith Park for their annual

The afternoon consisted of delicious barbecue, games for the children and a dominoes tournament for the adults. The children got the opportunity to play hot potato, and a water balloon toss. Employees and their families gathered and enjoyed the afternoon in fellowship, and this picnic helped employees get to know each other outside of work.



From left: Darrell Bose, Refuse Collection Truck Operator, 26 years of City service; and Shar and Darrell Bose Jr., son of Darrell

The Club thanks Moniquea McKee, Jerome Johnson, Sean Horace and Danny Chavira for planning and coordinating the event as well as cooking. Extra special thanks go to Sharlette (Tyrone) Reid; Tesra Jackson, friend of Moniquea; and any other friends/family members that cooked a side dish.

The Club also wishes to recognize Superintendent James Moore for his continued support in allowing the time to coordinate and organize this event annually.



Children play hot potato.



From left: Danny Chavira; Terrence Barber, Refuse Collection Truck Operator, 17 years of City service



From left: Victor Jones, Refuse Collection Truck Operator, 32 years of City service; Leroi Guy, Refuse Collection Truck Operator, 15 years; James Moore, Superintendent; Jerome Johnson, Refuse Collection Truck Operator, 12 years; and Anthony Smith, Refuse Collection Truck Operator, 25 years



Yvette Bell, winner of raffle tickets.



service; Lee Steward, guest; Ed King, Refuse Collection Truck Operator, 9 years; and Valerie Travis, guest, at the dominoes tournament.



(far right), Custodial Supervisor, General Services; and Megan and Christopher Bell, Sanitation Engineer, 29 years of City service.



From left: Cameron Reed, son of Jon Reed; Jon Reed, Refuse Collection Truck Operator, 29 years of City service; Amanda Hayes, niece; and Chelsi Reed, daughter.



From left: Will Brown, Refuse Collection Truck Operator III, 4 years of City service; with Kennedy Brown, son; and Brooklyn Fata, niece.



From left: Moniquea McKee, Clerk Typist; Melva Jackson, Refuse Collection Truck Operator, 7 years of City service; and Letotia McCall-Meekins, Refuse Collection Truck Operator, 2 years.



From left: Trevon Dennis, son of Victor Jones; Kimberly Pipes, wife: Nataschia Jones, daughter; and Victor Jones. Refuse Collection Truck Operator, 32 years of City service.



Melva Jackson, winner



**Octavia** Burton, Refuse Collection Truck Operator, 3 years of City service, with daughter, A'Mielle.

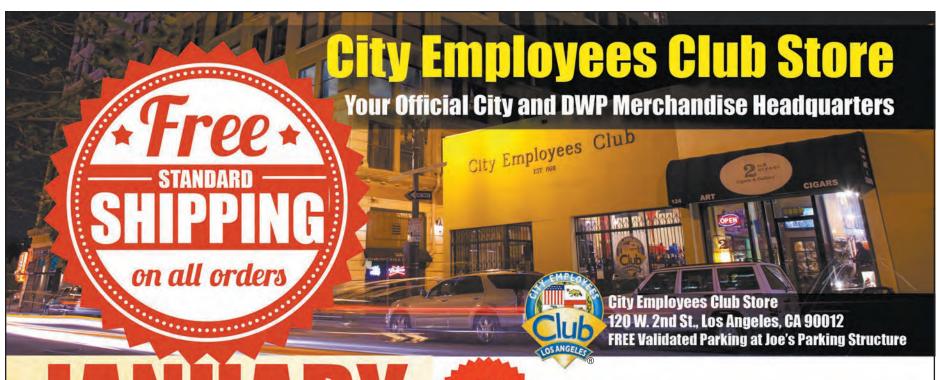


From left: Ashley Collins, guest; Shaylon Eldridge, guest (cousins of Moniguea McKee. Clerk Typist), sign guests in.



From left: Yvetta and Robert Bell.





# **Member Specials**



\$6.50 Member \$8.60 Non-Member City Seal 1.5 oz Shot Glass Available in Blue only



\$5 Member \$6.75 Non-Member City Seal Retractable Badge Holder Heavy duty retractor



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13 oz Belgian Beer Glass

\$8 Member

\$10.75 Non-Member



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