



Alive!



Harbor Giving Berth

Meet the engineers and architects who are designing and building the massive TraPac container terminal redevelopment project, a modern marvel.

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At the Port's TraPac container terminal are (from left): Bijan Roboubi, Project Construction Manager, 3 years of City service; Marco Sanchez, Project Manager, TraPac Buildings and Main Gate Project, 10 years, Club Member; and Adrienne Fedrick, Project Manager, TraPac Automated Backlands Project, 12 years, Club Member.

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A Message From the CEO

Confidence To Go Big

by John Hawkins,
President and CEO, The Club

Modern marvel, indeed. Have you seen the TV show called *Modern Marvels*, where they often document the building of really big things?

Well, the objects on that show are no more amazing than what the engineers and architects at the Harbor are nearly finished putting together here in L.A. – a massive and yet intricate terminal rebuilding project. City Employees are creating truly a modern marvel.

It's an apt description. Massive stacking cranes slide smoothly along crane-rail lines, zipping back and forth to move huge cargo containers from ship directly to rail or truck bed, or from landside back to the ship. And then the tall red container movers zip around (guided by wireless signals, GPS and embedded magnets) to move the containers other places where they need to go.

And it's all automated, like a giant computer animation come to life. *Awesome*.

It might be fun to watch, but it's incredibly serious business. Just like the giant new airplanes that LAX is now welcoming to remain competitive with airports around the world, so must the Harbor. Cargo ships are getting much bigger, and if the Port wants to stay the number one port in the world, it must keep up.

We are keeping up, thanks to engineers and architects like **Adrienne Fedrick, Marco Sanchez, Rodger Kuo, Bryan Low, Emil Zordilla, Christina Sar, Bijan Roboubi, Donna Enfajian** and all the others who are pictured in this story. Amazing work.



From left: Marco Sanchez, Project Manager, TraPac Buildings and Main Gates Project; Bryan Low, Project Manager, TraPac Terminal Buildings Project; and John Burnes, *Alive!* editor.

But what I love about it most is that the City considered farming it out to outside engineers and architects. The team objected, saying, let us do this project. We can do it! And they did. Most of it is already in operation; some is yet to come.

At *Alive!*, we search out many, if not most, of our cover stories. But this month's story on the Harbor project came to us because Marco Sanchez, Club Member, wrote to us about it late last year. We visited in December and then put it on our list to cover when it was a little more finished. That's how it can happen. So if you have a story about something interesting that you're doing, please let me know! You can use the email address at the bottom of my column.

And a final note about our cover story: It's amazing how many of the people creating this marvel are Club Members. At rough count, maybe 80 percent. That says a lot about the quality people we have as Club Members. I couldn't be more proud of the City, and the Club.

There was also a lot of Club Members participating in the events commemorating Airport Police Officer **Tommy Scott**, who died in 2005. (We cover those events in this issue.) It's great to see so many Club Members remembering their colleague, who was the first Airport Police Officer to die in the line of duty. Club Members are capable, and they also care a lot, too.

How is your summer going? Are you using the new E-tickets that **Mariana Guevara** keeps adding at the Club Store? I know many of you are, and I'm glad to see that. Those tickets, sent right to your computer, are awesome when it comes to keeping up with your family during a busy summer. Take advantage!

I love seeing all the sons and daughters of Club Members graduating this month. They look very impressive (if I do say so myself!). Keep those photos coming, and don't forget to apply for the **Joannie Mukai** Club Scholarship by the end of the month, if you're eligible.

All's that left to say is -- have a fantastic and meaningful Fourth of July with your family, and enjoy your summer.

-JOHN



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Here's Summy Lam, the Club's Director of Marketing, photographing, from left: Bijan Roboubi, Project Construction Manager, 3 years of City service; Marco Sanchez, Project Manager, TraPac Building and Main Gate Project, 10 years, Club Member; and Adrienne Fedrick, Project Manager, TraPac Automated Backland Project, 12 years, Club Member.

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- Eddie Green, April 2015

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 — Ed.



Cecilia Talbot, Director of Claims, Member Advocate



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Letters to the Editor

LETTER OF THE MONTH

Thanks for Taking Care Of the City's Animals

Your story on Animal Services is so informative! My kids really loved the picture of the iguana. We all had no idea that Animal Control Officers like Robert Rios have to handle all kinds of animals in the City. It is such a hard job and I want them to know that our family appreciates what they do for the animals and us. My kids ask that the officers love and treat the animals with care, please!



– Natalia Jordan, LAFD

A Fan of Lopez Canyon Requests to See Photos

Retired in March of '98 and worked at the Lopez Canyon landfill for more than eight years. They were just starting to shut down when I transferred to Street Maintenance as a Truck Driver with my class A license. It would be nice to see a couple of photos of the landfill now and see what they are doing. Thanks!

– Don Pleins, Tucson, Az.

Hi Don, thanks for your letter. We're working on getting some photos of Lopez Canyon. Keep checking this space. – Ed.

One Thing's Clear: Club Members Really Do Love Their Fathers

Wow! What a fun Father's Day edition this year! So many fun and happy photos! What a collection of love and smiles. Thank you to the folks at Alive! for printing them. We enjoyed reading them all. Congratulations to all who took the time to honor their Dads.

– Gary Heredia, General Services

Perfect Attendance Event Finds People Happy to Not Miss Work

It is great to see stories about employees like the one on page 35 of the June newspaper on General Services/Fleet Services' Perfect Attendance Ceremony. Congratulations to you all! Who knew you could be so happy for not missing a day of work!

– Tina Marjorie, Retired

Larry Could Be in a Pickle If Everyone Wants Another Burger

Oh man! I was looking for a burger recipe to kick-start the summer, and Chef Larios pulls through again with his cooking column. I tried it, my family tried it, the neighbors did, too; and let me say they wanted more! Delicious! Keep those recipes coming, Chef!

– Larry Klein, LAPD

E-Ticket Deals Are Great for Club Families With Busy Lives

There is nothing like buying movie tickets on Saturday night when you need them. What's even better is getting movie tickets on my iPhone with deep discounts from the Club on weekend nights! You guys make my life with my kids terrific, and we had a blast watching Jurassic World. We are looking forward to a whole summer of fun with the Club's help. Thank you!

– Mary Honig, Council

Credit Card Is Magic After Signing Up for Club Discount

I went to Office Depot and saved \$62.58 on the things I bought there with my Club discount! I just used my credit card that I linked with the Club just a week before. I loved the look the cashier gave me when the new total popped up on the cash register. She even said, "Someone is Ms. VIP!" I am saving big at the Club. I am in no way missing out on savings now!

– Jean Parker, Rec and Parks

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

"If you had all of July as a paid vacation, what would you do?"



"I would take a road trip up the California coastline and make my way into Utah, Nebraska, South Dakota and finally Colorado. I would then determine my ideal retirement based on the trip!"

– Andrea Angulo (left), Sr. Project Analyst, Economic/Workforce Development, 15 years of City service

"I would fly to the Bahamas and enjoy my time on the islands!"

– Maryd Miller (right), Sr. Project Analyst, Economic/Workforce development, 15 years



"I'm headed to Tahiti in a split second!"

– Debbie Winger, Principal Clerk Utility, DWP, 15 years of City service



"Help my husband by organizing and planning his project to finally finish the backyard."

– Ashley Negrete, Utility Services Specialist, DWP, 16 years of City service



"I'll be singing and cooking as I travel the world, my man!"

– Paul Ramey, Security Officer, DWP, 34 years of City service



"If I had an opportunity to take a 30-day paid vacation, I would see all the natural wonders, national parks, and historical places in the United States."

– Donna Fama, Principal Clerk Utility, DWP, 26 years of City service



"You'll find me in Hawaii!"

– Marilyn Washington, DWP, Retired, 38 years of City service



"I'd pack my bags and live it up in Europe!"

– Cecille Coronel, Utility Services Specialist, DWP, 16 years of City service



"I'm going 180 degrees the opposite way from wherever Cecille Coronel is going!"

– Karen Orellano, Principal Clerk Utility, DWP, 9 years of City service



"Getting some sun, swimming and hanging out with my kids!"

– Sernuel Ramirez, Sr. Clerk Typist, DWP, 2 months of City service

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Note: The Club will be closed Friday, July 4 for Independence Day.



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The Club

'I Love the Club!' Annual meeting emphasizes great ticket deals, excellent service and a solid financial foundation.

The Club's 87th annual meeting, held April 22 in the Tom Bradley Room high atop City Hall, was a celebration of "Good Times From the Club" – including membership, service, discounts and fun. Three videos produced by Summy Lam, the Club's Director of Marketing, highlighted the Club Members' stories of what they love about the Club, and the great deals they get on discount tickets.

Outstanding Opener

Robert Larios, Vice President of Operations, introduced Gedina Bergstrom, Club Counselor and rising vocal star, who opened the luncheon with an outstanding rendition of the National Anthem.

Strong Foundations

John Hawkins, Club CEO, began the business portion of the afternoon.

He introduced Andrew Virzi Jr., DWP and Club Board Member, who presented the new board, which was accepted unanimously and then sworn in by Brian Trent, the Club's CFO.

The Club Board for 2015 is:

- Robyn Wilder, Fire and Police Pensions
- Andrew Virzi Jr., DWP
- Vas Singh, Finance; and
- Terry Carter, LAPD.



Right: Brian Trent, Club CFO (right), administers the oath of office to Club Board Members Terry Carter, Commanding Officer, LAPD/Property Division; and Andrew Virzi Jr., Assistant Controller, DWP. Not pictured: Vas Singh, Finance; and Robyn L. Wilder, Club Board President, Fire and Police Pensions.



Above: Club Reps for 2015, with Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations (top row, center).

Congratulations to the Club for an excellent 2014. Here's to an even greater 2015!

Recognition for Great Club Service

The Club is all about great service to City Employees, and the second half of the luncheon was dedicated to recognition of exemplary service.

Club Team Excellence Award

– given to team members of Club staff who go above and beyond the scope of their jobs

- Mariana Guevara, Club Store Manager;**
- Megan DeBolt, Club Store Assistant Manager;**
- Guadalupe Lira, Customer Service Associate;**
- MaryAnn Urdiales, Customer Service Associate; and**
- Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor based at the Club Store.**



Above: Club Store staff accept their Club Team Excellence Award, from left: MaryAnn Urdiales, Customer Service Associate; Guadalupe Lira, Customer Service Associate; Megan DeBolt, Club Store Assistant Manager; and Mariana Guevara, Club Store Manager.

"This team of Club staff interacts with employees every day in person, by phone, by mail and by email," said Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations. "They do this in an unfailingly cheerful, upbeat and positive manner, even when other teams would struggle.

"It's impressive what they accomplish each day. In just about 109 days into the new year, they've processed about 10,000 ticket and merchandise transactions per team member. By the end of the year they will have completed 30,000 transactions each. That's just staggering. That doesn't include the 20,000 minutes they will spend this year taking phone orders or the countless hours spent negotiating with venues for new or better discounts. The Club Store staff does this for one reason – to bring members and their families happiness and good times, honoring your lives and all you do.

"It is with great honor that I award Mariana, Megan, Tiffany, Guadalupe and MaryAnn the 2015 Club Team Excellence Award."

Club Partner Excellence Award

– given to a Club partner who goes beyond the call of duty

John Burnes,
editor of *Alive!*

"John has been our partner since the very beginning of the Club," John Hawkins said. "He has been instrumental in making *Alive!*, well, come alive. From the very first edition he's been editing and writing stories ... that is more than 150 issues and about 10,000 pages.

"No matter how crazy the idea or how much work may be involved in capturing a story, John always says, 'Absolutely!' He is a true professional, and he epitomizes a 'can-do' personality. Without him, there would not be the world-famous *Alive!* newspaper.

"It is with great honor that I award John Burnes with the 2015 Club Partner Excellence Award."



John Burnes (left), *Alive!* editor, accepts the Club Partner Excellence Award from John Hawkins, Club CEO.

Club Partner Excellence Award

– given to a Club partner who goes beyond the call of duty

David and Marie Jamgotchian
of JILA Associates,
designers and
production managers of *Alive!*

"JILA Associates has been a Club partner for more than 20 years. In fact, they were working with us before there was a Club," John Hawkins continued. "Once the Club became a reality, JILA designed and managed the production of every single issue of *Alive!* from its humble beginnings of just 16 pages to its current 48.

"JILA has never failed the Club. At every turn, every evolutionary cycle, JILA has been right there pushing the envelope of what's possible. JILA has always lived and breathed the Club, day in and day out, never once giving up on the dream of providing 'good times' to City Employees and their families.

"It's with great honor that I award David and Marie Jamgotchian the 2015 Club Partner Excellence Award."



Marie Jamgotchian and David Jamgotchian (right), designers of *Alive!* and other projects for the Club, accept their Club Partner Excellence Award from John Hawkins (center), Club CEO.

President's Award

– given to a Club staff member who has gone above and beyond the scope of his or her job

Michael Anderson,
Manager, Information Technology

"As the leader of our IT Department, Michael has been vital in evolving our payroll deduction and billing capabilities," John Hawkins said. "This system evolution has allowed us to bring on new groups and expand, which ultimately allows us to bring good times to even more employees and their families.

"Michael, you have set the bar high for all employees of the Club by being an inspiration and an example for the rest of the staff. But more importantly, you have given our Club Members the ultimate in customer service, allowing us to truly celebrate the lives of City employees.

"It is with great honor that I award Michael Anderson with the 2015 President's Award."



Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor in the Club Store, accepts the President's Award on behalf of her husband, Michael Anderson, Manager of Information Technology for the Club (not pictured). She accepts the award from John Hawkins, Club CEO.

Zoo

Story courtesy LA Zoo
Photos by Ian Recchio, LA Zoo

Leapin' Lizards!

Zoo hatches three healthy Gray's monitor lizards, a milestone.

The LA Zoo announces the hatching of three **Gray's (or Butaan) monitor lizards** in May, achieving the rare honor of being the second facility in the Western Hemisphere in history to hatch a Gray's monitor lizard. A single egg hatched at the Dallas Zoo in 1994, but the animal died shortly thereafter. There are currently only two AZA-accredited zoos in the United States that house Gray's monitors, and the L.A. Zoo has the only breeding male.

Thought to be extinct in the wild for more than 130 years, this shy, fruit-eating, arboreal species was rediscovered in 1975 and can be found only on a few islands in the Philippines. Known to be one of the largest lizards in Asia, the Gray's monitor is olive-green in color and can grow up to six feet from snout to the end of its tail and weigh up to 20 pounds. Very little is known about the reproductive cycles of Gray's monitors as 99 percent of their lives are spent in the canopy of trees, a fact which may play a part in why it's so hard to hatch this species in captivity.

The L.A. Zoo has had Gray's monitors in its collection since 1998, but they were all received through illegal confiscations and none were babies. The adults are extremely hard to keep in captivity due to what they eat, an unusual diet consisting of indigenous fruit and invertebrates from the Philippines. L.A. Zoo reptile staff assumes the babies will follow suit, and they are already armed with plenty of tricks to help the newly hatched babies thrive like their parents.



The new Gray's monitor hatchlings in their zoo habitat. They are not currently on display.

"Zoo staff currently maintains these hatchlings as individuals to manage their feedings and maintain their health," Recchio continued. "We treat them like smaller versions of the adult monitors. Sometimes we have to get pretty creative to get these monitors to feed, and we've been known to try tricks like injecting baby food into the dead mice they eat. Currently this clutch is responding best to food items such as snails, insects, and smaller pieces of fish."

The three recently hatched babies are currently off-site at the zoo's reptile holding facility receiving exceptional care while being carefully observed by L.A. Zoo reptile staff.

Once the hatchlings are well established, the L.A. Zoo hopes to share its recent knowledge of this rare species and expand the breeding program here in the United States.

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Zoo

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New Kids on the Block

Zoo welcomes baby goats and a takin.

The Zoo is welcoming the addition of four **Nigerian Dwarf goats** to the Winnick Family Children's Zoo. Two male and one female multi-colored goats were born May 11 to three-year old mother, Lacey. One week later, three-year-old mother Glory gave birth to a single female kid. After spending their first few weeks in an off-exhibit barnyard with their mothers, the energetic kids are being slowly introduced to the large family and made their public debut in the side viewing area of the contact yard of Muriel's Ranch.



Another set of Nigerian Dwarf goat kids.



The public in the main contact yard in late June. In the meantime visitors can spend the day petting and brushing the rest of the herd as well as observing the other ranch inhabitants; a goose, a miniature horse, and a family of rabbits.

The Zoo is also proud to welcome a **female Sichuan takin** born May 23, a birth that marks the third Sichuan takin kid born three years in a row to the same parents. Takin (pronounced "TAH-kin"), are stocky goat-antelopes native to China's remote mountain forests with short legs, large hooves with two toes, and a well-developed spur that makes them sure-footed on steep terrain and rocky cliffs. Although they are considered national treasures in China and are protected by law, takin continue to be threatened by overhunting, habitat loss and fragmentation, causing them to be classified as vulnerable by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

First-time moms Glory and Lacey were welcomed into the L.A. Zoo family in 2012, along with 13 other goats that included their siblings. The father of the four baby goats is Spangle, a male Nigerian Dwarf goat that came to the L.A. Zoo less than a year ago.

The new additions, weighing in at around nine pounds each, are still too young to frolic with the large herd of goats and sheep since they are still nursing with their mothers.

Zoo visitors can now see the new kids in the side viewing area of the contact yard at the Winnick Family Children's Zoo from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m. daily, weather permitting. The kids are scheduled to join the remaining 15 goats and six sheep accessible to

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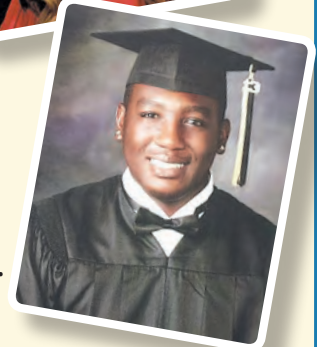
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Angel's Be Alive!

Mason Regional Park -Irvine



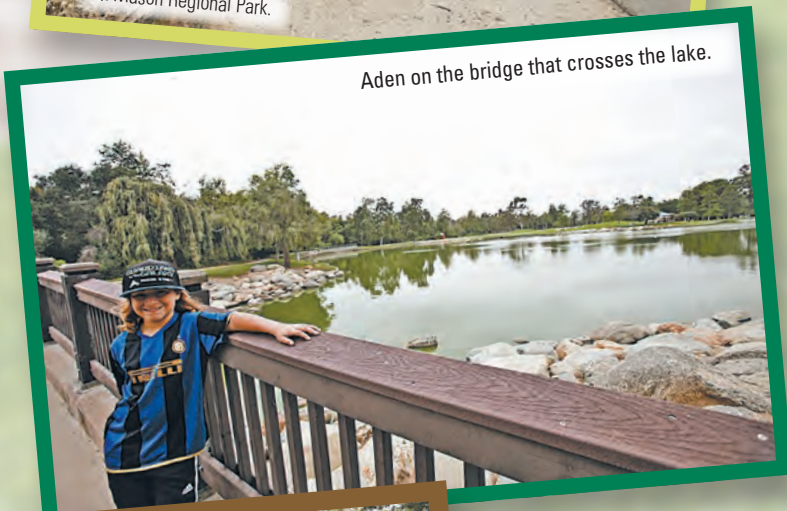
Aden tries to get some footage with a GoPro camera.



Aden and Angel Jr. pose at Sand Canyon Wash Trail.



At Mason Regional Park.



Aden on the bridge that crosses the lake.



A sign explains the parking station fees and hours.



One of the three tot playgrounds in the park.



A map of the park and trails.

Hello again!

This month we traveled to Irvine and Mason Regional Park. The park is gorgeous and offers lots to see and do. I usually try and pick an area with a lot of options; this park is perfect for all ages.

When you first arrive you will notice the rows and rows of trees providing lots of shade along each path. The park has a beautiful lake and many activities including jogging, bicycling, volleyball, physical fitness stops along the path, and three tot playgrounds, to name a few. If that is not enough fun, you can also walk along the path, starting at one end of the park and following the trail to the end, which is about 2.25 miles one way. The path is very relaxing; you will enjoy every minute.

Let's begin.

History: This area was originally part of the Rancho San Joaquin. The rancho was granted to Jose Sepulveda in 1842 by the Mexican Gov. Alvarado. By 1864 the rancho had more than 48,000 acres and was acquired by the firm of Irvine, Flint, Bixby and Co. In 1876, James Irvine Sr. bought out his partners to become the sole owner of the vast rancho, now more than 100,000 acres.

The park was first named University Park because U.C. Irvine was nearby. Then it was renamed for William R. Mason, who served as president of the Irvine Co. from 1966 until his death in 1973.

The Hike: This hike was more like a casual walk (in the park). The hike is mostly on a cement path. You can begin the path at one end of the park and continue through the park around the lake until the trail section reaches the street (Culver Drive). At this point, you will need to turn left, go to the corner and cross the street. The trail begins on the other side of the street then continues for about a mile and a half to the end (at Ridgeline Drive). You have reached the end, now turn around and go back. The round trip will almost be five miles.

On your way back, follow the path across the street and walk along the other side of the lake. There is a bridge, and you can use it to cross the lake from one side to the other.

Everything at this park is relaxing. I will definitely come back again. This is a must-see park.

Send pictures of the great views to me at agomez@cityemployeesclub.com. If you have any locations you want me to know about and visit, please email me, too!

As always, be safe and Be Alive!

Angel

Mason Regional Park

18712 University Dr., Irvine, CA 92612

Highlights: Picnic areas, jogging, bicycling, volleyball, playgrounds, bird watching

Distance: 2 miles of trails

Approximate Time: 2 to 4 hours

Difficulty: Easy to moderate

Directions: Take the US-101 south, then take the

I-5 south to the 605 south to the 405 south to Culver Drive in Irvine. Continue on Culver Drive to Mason Regional Park.

Parking: Mon.-Fri., \$3. Sat.-Sun., \$5. Holidays, \$7.

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CLUB SPORTS

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



Sign Up for Softball!

New season expects to start July 22. Registration due July 10.

Welcome to the 2015 season of Club softball! Games are scheduled to start on July 22 at these locations:

Yosemite Recreation Center
1840 Yosemite Dr., LA, CA. 90041

Shatto Recreation Center
3191 4th St., LA, 90020

Downey Recreation Center
1772 N. Spring St., LA, 90031

Registration is due July 10, so don't wait!

FREE AGENTS: Want to play but don't have a team?

Are you a softball player who's not part of a team but would like to play on one? Contact the Sports Dude at (800) 464-0452 x 134, or via email sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com

Who can join?

Managers of teams with at least nine players are welcome to register. At this time, the Club is not registering individual players.

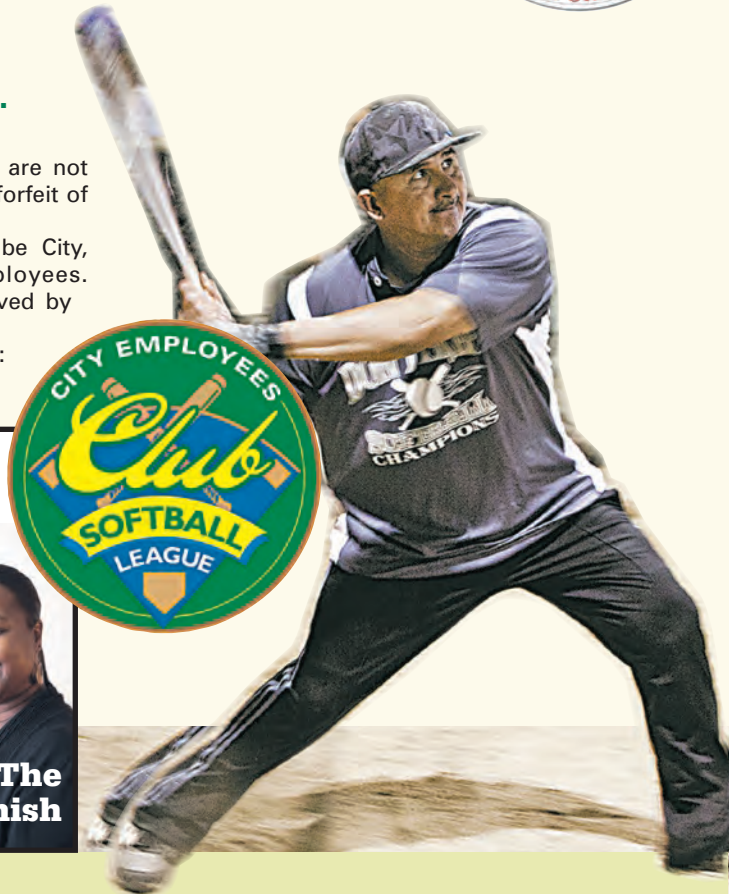
Please note: Time and space are extremely limited for the 2015 season of the Club Softball League. Once filled, we will keep your name for next summer's league.

All new players must be Club Members and agree to all regular Club Membership rules and regulations. Players who are not Club Members must join to play in the Club Softball League. Some exceptions might be made for specific relatives of Club Members. Contact the Sports Dude for more information. Club membership fees are \$2.25 a pay period for City and DWP employees and \$2.50 a month for retired City employees. Exceptions to eligibility requirements are offered for relatives of Club members over 18

years of age. Players who are not eligible to play may cause forfeit of games and/or season.

All new players must be City, State or County employees. Exceptions must be approved by the league office.

This is a co-ed league: for both men and women.



Returning for 2015:

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

Lady Smith **The Commish**

Club Sports on the Horizon

The Club Sports Office welcomes all individual players to inquire about the Club's sports leagues. Currently, the Club is coordinating efforts for

basketball, bowling and softball.

Please contact sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com or call the Club at (800) 464-0452 to be placed as a free agent or for more information.

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

Volunteers Needed!

The Club Softball league is looking for volunteer photographers, scorekeepers and cheer squads. Step up, have fun, and contact the Sports Dude! — sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com

Robert Larios,
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Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



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Here's our intrepid traveler, **Dr. Ed Krupp, Director, Griffith Observatory/Rec and Parks**, on three different trips.

1) "A road trip last December to Caborca, in Sonora, Mexico, transported me, at last, to the 6000 or so prehistoric petroglyphs of Cerro La Proveedora and Cerro Calera. This rock art was probably produced between 800 and 1100 A.D. by people perhaps related to the Hohokam of Phoenix and southern Arizona. Crossing the border at Lukeville/Sonuyta and the drive to Caborca are easy. The most convenient way to visit this private site is booking the reasonably priced ranch house

(<http://ranchopuertoblanc.com>). The panel here has what looks like a crescent moon."

2) "James Turrell, the celebrated artist of light and space, has installed monumental Skyspaces all over the world, including Chicago, on the southwest corner of Roosevelt and Halsted, on the campus of the University of Illinois Chicago. During twilight, a carefully crafted program of changing light alters the visitor's perception of the color of

the sky through the aperture overhead. This picture was taken about an hour before the lighting program began."

3) "The overnight trip to Nashville in May permitted a brief visit to the Country Music Hall of Fame, where a new exhibit on Bob Dylan, Johnny Cash and the Nashville Cats ned on the marquee."

4) "Replacement of the Samuel Oschin Planetarium's dome lighting system at Griffith Observatory required a demonstration of one of the options at the Sudekum Planetarium in the Adventure Science Center in Nashville, Tenn."

5) "An astronomical committee meeting brought me to Chicago's Adler Planetarium last March. Adler opened to the public in 1930 and was the first planetarium in the United States and North America."

2

Alaska



Here's **Mike Boyd, Public Works/Sanitation**, on a recent Alaskan cruise.

1) "Margorie Glacier in Glacier Bay. This tidewater glacier is 21 miles long and one mile wide."

2) Mike on the *Star Princess* on the Alaskan cruise – Hubbard Glacier in Yakutat Bay.

3) "A six-mile hike (3,100 feet gain) to Upper Dewey Lake in Skagway."

4) "On top of Deer Mountain (3,100-foot elevation) looking down on the town of Ketchikan."

5) "Creek Street was known as Ketchikan's red-light district in the mid-'20s. Also known for being the salmon capital of the world."



3

Rhode Island



Here's **Bob Hill, DWP** visiting the Rosecliff House in Newport, R.I. This home was commissioned by Nevada silver heiress Theresa Fair Oelrichs in 1899. Architect Stanford White modeled the home after the Grand Trianon, the garden retreat of French kings at Versailles. It was pouring rain at the moment this photo was taken!"

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Zoo

Story courtesy Zoo
Photo by Jamie Pham, Zoo

Bowling for Rhinos

Animal Keepers raise funds for critically endangered rhinos.

Zoo animal care staff members go above and beyond every day to provide excellent care for the animal residents at the Zoo, but what many people may not realize is they donate their free time to protect species in the wild as well. Just in time for Endangered Species Day on May 15, Zoo employees who are members of the American Association of Zoo Keepers (AAZK), geared up for their seventh annual

order to create awareness and inspire people to care more about these critically endangered species in the wild."

Participating in the AAZK's annual charity event Bowling for Rhinos for its seventh year, the L.A. Zoo Chapter hoped to surpass last year's goal and reach a new record high of \$55,000. All of the proceeds raised throughout the year are funneled into several conservation organizations including Lewa Wildlife Conservancy in Kenya, International Rhino Fund, Action for Cheetahs, and study and travel grants. Once received by these organizations, the funds are used to pay the salaries of park rangers, provide the equipment and vehicles used to track poachers, and help educate locals about the unique species in their own backyard.

The AAZK L.A. Chapter celebrates a six-year winning streak as the highest grossing fundraising chapter and has raised more than \$216,000.

Zoo guests can get up close and personal with the Zoo's very own Indian rhino, Randa, and become inspired to help these critically endangered animals in the wild. Randa, who lost her own horn in 2007 due to cancer treatments, can be seen in her habitat daily, weather permitting. Guests can also participate in a behind-the-scenes Indian rhino encounter with Randa on weekends and holidays for an additional fee. For additional information and tickets visit <http://www.lazoo.org/visit>.



Randa the Rhino and Kris Willis, Animal Keeper.

Bowling for Rhinos fundraiser, in which the proceeds went to protect the endangered rhinos in Africa and Asia.

"Rhino poaching in the wild is getting worse," said Kris Willis, Animal Keeper, AAZK L.A. Chapter Vice President, and Bowling for Rhinos Chairperson. "The animals here at the L.A. Zoo are ambassadors for animals in the wild, and while we love them we don't want these animals to be the only ones left. We are passionate about volunteering our time in

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Zoo

Story courtesy LA Zoo
Photos by Jamie Pham, LA Zoo

Jaguars Parked in New Home



One of the Zoo's jaguars explores its new habitat.

Zoo opens new jaguar habitat.

The LA Zoo and Botanical Gardens have opened a new habitat for the Zoo's three jaguars, offering guests the opportunity to see jaguars as never before and marking the momentous completion of the \$180 million Master Plan Phase 1 that has transformed the Zoo, placing it at the vanguard of animal care and conservation.

The jaguars' brand new home, like every other LA Zoo Master Plan habitat, is designed for specific needs and natural behavior of the species, incorporating state-of-the-art design and technology to provide superior living spaces for the animals, maximize safety and keeper management and accommodate changes in zoo populations, including births.

The 7,100 square-foot jaguar habitat, built on a hillside on Rainforest of the Americas' northwest end, features a waterfall and pool in which the animals can swim, deadwood trees on which they can climb, and abundant landscaping through which they can wander, such as tall grasses, shrubs, ficus trees and banana plants. A sophisticated 1,800 square-foot animal holding facility includes six "bedrooms" and "day room" to provide off-exhibit

options for the male jaguar, Kaloa, while the male/female pair, Stewie and Johar, mark their home ranges in the main exhibit space and vice versa. This facilitates the jaguars' natural behavior, as they are solitary creatures except for courting pairs or mothers and babies. The exhibit also offers upgraded Zoo visitor experiences by optimizing viewing, with two glass areas allowing opportunities to see these magnificent animals up-close, and engaging interpretive graphics, all designed to inspire appreciation for preservation of one of the iconic animals of the rainforest environment. Since 1900, jaguars, which are "near threatened," have disappeared from much of their range due to persecution by livestock ranchers, degradation of habitat, and human hunting of jaguar prey.

Jaguars, the third largest of the cat species and largest in the Americas with the male averaging between 125 and 250 pounds, hold great religious and cultural importance in many cultures of Mexico, Central America and South America. They once roamed from the southern tip of the latter continent north to the region surrounding the U.S.-Mexico border.

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Dec. 13: LARFPA Christmas party, 11 a.m., Sportsmen's Lodge, Studio City

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Annual Golf Tournament Enjoys Strong Attendance

RLACEI

2010 Club Excellence Award Recipient



Ed Harding

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

I wish to thank Tom Stemnock and his committee for all their efforts in making the 37th annual RLACEI Invitational Golf Tournament on June 4 a great success. We had 72 golfers and an additional 20 who came for a great lunch.

I also want to thank LACERS for sending Lita Payne and her group to speak to our golfers and guests on the status of our pension. And course, thanks to Robert Larios, Vice President of Operations at the City Employees Club and the Club staff for taking newspaper pictures throughout the event.

A special thanks goes to the following: The City Federal Credit Union for donating 288

golf balls and the First Investors, a Foresters Co., for donating very nice golf shirts for all our golfers to wear. It was a nice sight, seeing all our golfers wearing the same shirt.

For a list of the trophy winners, see the story in this month's Best Years section.

LACERS' Computerized Dashboards Can Help Pinpoint Healthcare Issues



Michael R. Wilkinson

LACERS Board Update, By Michael R. Wilkinson

LACERS has been using computerized dashboards to improve both the health of our retired members as well as minimize the cost to LACERS. This will ultimately keep the costs down for our members by making changes to improve our use of the healthcare systems.

Our consultant, Keenan, recently reported to the LACERS Benefits Administration Committee, which I chair, what has been done so far and the plans for the future.

The LACERS' staff uses a computer program that produces both a financial and also a health

management dashboard that helps to quickly organize and display both the costs of healthcare and how effective it is for the members.

While the LACERS' staff assures us that the information is only a summary and does not release any personal information on particular members, the summaries are powerful tools to improve our healthcare.

For instance, staff is investigating why one carrier had a particular spike in the use of brand-name drugs versus the less expensive but generally equally effective generic medications. In addition, one carrier showed a very high incidence of a particular condition requiring intensive care, which might be able to be

reduced by more emphasis on catching and treating the condition earlier. The change to earlier treatment would cost less and keep the member in better health and out of the hospital.

In addition, some of the goals for the upcoming year are:

- Work with the health carriers to encourage members to get treatment for asthma, cardiovascular disease, COPD, depression and other conditions to avoid unnecessary emergency room visits
- Work with members to make sure that they are getting all the preventive care they need
- Continue to support healthy living through better diet and exercise as encouraged by the LACERS Well program.

Windfall Elimination Provision Bill Returns, Deserves Support



Michael Karsch

Legislative Report: Pension Law and Policy, By Michael Karsch

During the last session of Congress, I reported on the Schiff-Davis bill to repeal the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), both of which reduce a government retiree's Social Security benefits. One (the GPO) reduces a spouse or widow's social security benefits, and the other (WEP) reduces the retiree's own prior private employment and payment into Social Security. These provisions have spawned continuous criticism from retirees from local and state gov-

ernments who have a related payment into Social Security via prior private sector employment or via a spouse. As RLACEI Director Mary Beetz made me aware, Congressmen Schiff and Davis have reintroduced their bill to repeal the GPO and WEP, H.R. 973. Write your Congress member to vote for this bill!

Pension Physical Health

Speaking of Illinois (Congressman Davis is from there), that state is in quite a stir over its pension fiscal health, as you may have read about already. Earlier in May, one of the big three ratings agencies, Moody's Investors Service, downgraded Chicago's credit rating to junk status. Last year, Standard & Poors

Rating Services said that the State of Illinois's public pension system had the worst standing of all the states, referring to the systems' unfunded liabilities. A reform of the state systems was attempted by the Legislature and governor in 2013, but their Supreme Court ruled this year that the reform was unconstitutional. Also in 2013, Illinois became the second state (the other is New Jersey) in history to be accused of fraud by the Securities and Exchange Commission, relative to misleading reports on the fiscal soundness of its pension systems. As pointed out by the New York Times in its late May article on Illinois, this unfunded mandate problem extends to other states as well, and referred to

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Windfall Elimination Provision Bill Returns, Deserves Support (Cont.)

Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Kentucky. The Chicago *Tribune* ran a commentary by Diana Sroka Rickert of the Illinois Policy Institute that said the only solution is to fire all of the state government workers, create a new pension system with lowered benefits, and hire them all back as new employees. Her argument was that the court left no other option, other than massive tax increases (which already occurred in 2013, but to little benefit).

Chicago reacted to the Moody's downgrade by dropping them from a new offering of \$800 million in general obligation bonds. While Moody's was negative on Chicago, Standard & Poors, McGraw Hill Financial and Kroll were more optimistic and rated the bonds much more favorably, according to the *Wall Street Journal*. Moody's was described as not wanting to rely on the investing return targets submitted by cities and states to calculate

pension costs. The *Journal* added that the Moody's downgrade could trigger about \$2 billion in higher payments on the city's debt. Standard & Poors is reported to have upgraded 533 cities in 2014 versus 39 downgrades. Throughout the *Journal's* article, many negative references were made to certain cities in the nation, but Los Angeles was never mentioned.

Public Pension Outlook Is Being Threatened

LARFPA



Lee Kebler

Those pesky reformers are out there again trying to change pensions and benefits for public employee retirees. According to the National Conference of Public Employee Pensions (NCPERS), defined benefit pensions in the private sector have declined by 57 percent and are being severely challenged in the public sector. Look at what has happened in recent years: 34 states have increased employee contributions; 38 states have increased age and service requirements for retirement; 30 states reduced the cost of living; 18 states have changed the defined benefit

pensions to defined contribution pensions or hybrid pensions.

These are samples of changes by the states, but how many changes have been made by cities and counties? Our own City made some of these changes when they proposed and passed the new Tier 6 pension for Firefighters and Police Officers.

These facts are important, and we must be ready to face new efforts of past San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed and his new partner, Carl DeMaio, a San Diego politician, to change pensions for new hires, existing employees and retirees. They are in

the process of putting an initiative on the November 2016 general election ballot to change public sector pensions in California. They will need about 500,000 signatures on the initiative referendum to qualify for the election. Rumors say they have plenty of backing and time to qualify for the November 2016 ballot. The only people who gain from this type of legislation are the investment bankers and hedge fund investors, not employees, retirees or taxpayers.

Cost Of Living Adjustment For 2015

LACERS



Mary Beetz

LACERS' UPDATE BY MARY BEETZ

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

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

For 2015, the CPI increase for

the Los Angeles area is 1.3%. The Board of Administration adopted the cost-of-living adjustments for eligible retired Members and beneficiaries, effective July 1, 2015, at their February 10, 2015 meeting. This COLA will be included in your July 2015 check or direct deposit.

Lacers Well Webpage

Have you visited the LACERS *Well* webpage lately? You can find out about various activities available to our Members. Earlier this month, LACERS *Well* hosted its second annual Health Fair Extravaganza, which included several speakers on vision and men's health, along with screenings for blood sugar, cholesterol, blood pressure, Body Mass Index (BMI), and more. In March, April, May, and June, we walked and toured gardens and parks such as the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, The Japanese Garden at the Tillman Plant in Van Nuys, Tri City Park in Placentia, and Liberty

Park in Cerritos. In August, look for LACERS *Well* Champion-led events at various locations across Southern California. Make sure to visit our webpage at www.LACERS.org/lacerswell to check out events near you.

In addition, if you're a LACERS *Well* Member, monthly emails are sent out to you with information on upcoming events. If you haven't received an email from LACERS *Well* lately, then you may need to sign up. Click on the "Register for LACERS *Well*" link near the top right hand corner of the webpage. The program is completely free, so please sign up today.

LACERS WELL CHAMPIONS

Interested in sharing a hobby, interest, or activity with others? Please consider joining our LACERS *Well* Champion program and help our Members stay active, mentally alert, and socially engaged. As a Champion, you will be able to plan, coordinate, and/or lead wellness activities with other fellow members. To apply, or to find out more, click on the "Become a LACERS *Well* Champion," on the right hand side of the webpage, or call the LACERS Wellness Coordinator, Tara Miller, RD/N at (213) 978-6843.

Learn How to Save for the Future

RLACEI

By Mary Beetz

LAFCU financial adviser to speak at summer picnic.

The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. is introducing a new benefit on our Retirees at our picnic Aug. 13, and members are requested to attend to hear all about it first-hand.

The Los Angeles Federal Credit Union (LAFCU) plans a presentation on financial planning and investment services to our retirees. Topics include but are not limited to:

- Financial planning
- 401(k)
- 457 rollovers
- Education funding
- Estate planning
- Long-term insurance
- Retirement accounts, and
- Stocks and bonds.

RLACEI plans to include a

new column on financial planning starting in the October issue of *Alive!* The columns will include instructions for you to follow and will list contact numbers.

Seats are limited at the August picnic, so please make your reservations now! The phone number to call is listed on the first page of this "Best Years" section.

We'll see you there!

For Retired Club Members

The Best Years

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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

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

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The Best Years

For Retired Club Members

Seder at Sea in Samoa

Hal and Evelyn continue their Pacific cruise. Part 3.

2013 Club Excellence Award Recipient



By Hal Danowitz, Secretary, RLACEI

In April 2014, we began 28-day cruise from Los Angeles, with stops in four of the Hawaiian Islands, Samoa and French Polynesia, and returning to Los Angeles. We had 10 port days and 18 days at sea on board the Golden Princess, our second trip on this ship. We traveled again with our cousins, Don and Myrna. A real benefit of this cruise was that there was no flying needed.

On April 12, 2014, we crossed the equator (there was a ceremony for those Pollywogs, who have never crossed by ship). We have crossed before on our cruise from Cape Town to London and so we are Shellbacks. King Neptune and his court passed sentence on a few of the volunteer passengers by covering them with slimy stuff (whipped cream, jello, mashed potatoes, chocolate sauce), anything they could find to humiliate them. All of the participants, including King Neptune and his court, wound up in the pool. It was lots of fun for those who were watching.

After the bridge lecture, we listened to the lecture on World War II intelligence by Col. Furr. It was about the war in the Pacific after Pearl Harbor. It was very interesting, and he knew his stuff.

We scheduled a wine tasting in Vines at 1 p.m. and, if we could still think after that, we were to play bridge.

The weather was warm and sticky, but the seas were much calmer. The wine tasting was excellent. Vines paired three New World reds with sushi and sashimi. One was a pinot noir, one a merlot and one a cabernet. Who knew reds could pair very well with raw fish? The whole experience was done at a communal table with about eight of us, and it took about an hour and a half. It was really fun and educational.

Before dinner we saw an encore performance by Sean O'Shea, the impressionist singer. I thought his first show was better.

We were starting to get fooded out, so we all had hamburgers in the dining room. They were very good and just enough. Myrna had wanted a chocolate fudge layer cake, so she asked the headwaiter, and he was going to have it made special for her the next day. We would see how this worked out.

The next day, April 13, the weather was good with no rain, but it very overcast and hot and muggy.

We were to have an early dinner that night because we wanted to see an 8 p.m. movie (*Lone Survivor*) in the Vista Lounge. The next day we were scheduled to dock in Apia, Samoa, where we planned to hire a taxi and look around the island.

On the way to the movie, Myrna needed to use the restroom; as the women's facility was busy she used the men's and proceeded to get locked in. After banging on the door and getting no help, she then found a phone and called the passenger service desk and got a machine message. At that point she pulled the medical emergency cord and phoned the medical emergency number. She was saved by the maintenance man. The restroom happened to be a "single" handicapped facility, which is why she could lock the door. It also explained why there was a pull cord and phone. I left it to Myrna to explain to people why she was in the men's room in the first place.

The next day (April 14), we docked in Apia at 10 a.m. on what we thought was April 15 because "we may have" crossed the International Date Line, not that anyone at passenger services would know the

International Date Line from the equator. The level of knowledge of the passenger service desk was underwhelming. This was the first time in this area for a lot of the staff, and I didn't think they got much training. The travel lecturer was still telling people to go to the International Marketplace in Waikiki even though it was closed. We were just hoping those on the bridge knew what they were doing, or we would have wound up in Acapulco.

We docked in a very pretty port. The weather was warm and humid, but the sky was very blue with puffy clouds. It was the 15th of April here as we did cross the International Date Line after all. That night, on the way to American Samoa, we would cross back over it, and it would be April 15 again. In 2012, Samoa moved the International Date Line so Samoa would be on the same day as New Zealand.

Toward the end of the 19th century, Germany, Great Britain and the United States formed a special commission to divide up the islands. During World War I, New Zealand forced the Germans out. In 1962, Samoa was given its independence from New Zealand.



Don with his new best friend

was \$10 per person, but Don asked for the senior rate and we got in for \$15 per couple. Then we went up to Papaloloa Waterfall, a great picture stop and the highest point on the island. On the way down we stopped at a Catholic church for a great view of the harbor. Our last stop was the green sea turtle pool and where we got to feed them, and where Don got to hold one. They aren't protected, and they are eaten on Samoa, an unusual experience for us. Not too many tourists were at the turtle pool, which was very nice for us. On the way to the turtles Henry stopped to get us each a chilled coconut.

very small matzo, because the matzo balls were the size of marbles. Still, Princess did a great job.

We finished in time to see the show; that night it was Karen Beckett, a singer from Australia. We all enjoyed her performance and looked forward to seeing her again. After that we watched a couple that performed ballroom dancing in the plaza. After seeing *Dancing With the Stars*, I wasn't impressed.

The next day (back to April 15), we docked at 7 a.m. in Pago Pago, American Samoa. It is pronounced "pango pango." American Samoa is made up of six islands with a landmass of 77 square miles. Pago Pago is located on the main island of Tutuila, the largest island. The total population is 57,000 for all six islands, of which 9,000 live in Pago Pago. American Samoa is unincorporated territory under United States sovereignty. Citizens are U.S. nationals but not citizens and cannot vote for the president. The government is the largest employer, while fishing is the major industry.

We left the ship around 9:30 a.m. to see what we could see. There was a large tourist market at the entrance to the port, which turned out to be the best place to "shop." The weather was hot and sticky, partly cloudy with rain possible at any time. The Somerset Maugham story, "Rain," which was set here, is an appropriate title, for the island receives more than 200 inches of rain a year.

Just outside the port we found the Jean P. Haydon Museum, which has a history of Samoa and contains an exhibit of Samoan art and artifacts. The public buses are painted in bright colors but, like in the States, the police frown on jaywalkers and vehicles that don't stop for pedestrians in crosswalks. We saw only one traffic signal, although there may have been more. The motorcycle officer we saw could have just as easily been in Los Angeles except for being about 300 pounds of solid Samoan in a blue uniform. There was a McDonald's but no Subway. Usually there is a Subway everywhere. We decided to have lunch on the ship.

Except for the beaches and a couple of viewpoints, there was nothing much to see or do. This was a one and done destination. It was very pretty and tropical. There were considerable trails for hikers and beaches, of course. Pago Pago is not a volcanic island, but rather one made of coral deposits. Of the five remaining islands, four are volcanic.

We had a drink in our cabin before going to the show - Michael Wilson, a comic. We looked forward to seeing him again. At dinner we sat with a couple from Denmark, who were very interesting.

Next month we visit French Polynesia.



Hal in Pago Pago.



The group at the Papaloloa Waterfall.



Hal and Evelyn at the Robert Louis Stevenson Museum in Samoa.

They all had straws in them ready to drink the coconut water, and then he broke them open for us to eat the meat. Coconut milk comes from pressing the meat; the water is inside the coconut. It has a very mild coconut taste and quenches the thirst very well.

There are 16 different religions on Samoa, and everyone is very religious. We lost count as to how many houses of worship we saw. On the way back to the ship, Henry stopped so that Evelyn and Myrna could each get a magnet. The rain came and went a few times; it was almost refreshing except we got wet.

Back aboard the ship, the Passover Seder started at 5:30 p.m. in a private area of the buffet. A retired rabbi from Santa Fe, N.M., conducted the Seder. He brought with him enough Haggadah's for everyone. About 70 passengers were at the service and dinner. The Princess line offered a Seder plate on every table with Mogen David wine and matzo. The menu: gefilte fish, potato latkes, matzo ball soup, roast chicken and dessert. It was very well done on the part of Princess and the rabbi. My only complaint was the size of the matzo balls; it must have been a

(American Samoa, which is different from Samoa, is still a territory of the United States.) The population of Samoa is around 220,000; the language spoken in Samoa is both Samoan and English. It has a parliamentary democracy.

We decided to hire a taxi to go to the Robert Louis Stevenson Museum, which is about five kilometers from the ship. There were lots of taxis waiting for us as we left the dock area. We picked a driver named Henry, a very large Samoan, and began to negotiate a price. He offered a tour of the island for the four of us for \$200. We finally settled on \$140 for three to four hours.

Our first stop was the Robert Louis Stevenson Museum, a beautiful plantation-style house with a great view of the ocean. We were one of the first taxis there, and we had a very nice tour with only a few other people. By the time we were finished, all the tours from the ship had arrived and it became very crowded. The admission price

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RETIREES AROUND THE WORLD



1 Cote d'Azur



On the Cote d'Azur, French Riviera.



Les Eyzies-de-Tayac, Dordogne River Region, Pro-Magnum Caves Museum, France.



At the Monte Carlo Casino, Monaco.

Here's David Sweeney, Retired, DWP, during his one-month sojourn on the Mediterranean.



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Life After Retirement

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If you would like to contact a former City Employee that you met or worked with, send your contact information and we will publish it so they can contact you.

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

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Retirements

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

NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS
Abad, Santos Rene	Carpenter Supervisor	General Services	27	Fuller, Kathryn	Benefits Specialist	LACERS	33	Ortiz, Robert	Polygraph Examiner III	LAPD	10
Acuna, Ralph James	Management Analyst II	Dept. Disability	21	Garcia, Marilyn	Assistant City Attorney	City Attorney	10	Panyarjun, Jeb J.	Management Assistant	LAPD	18
Aguirre, Arthur	Drafting Aide	LAFD	25	Goodman, Ronald W.	Wastewater Treatment Op. III	PW	32	Pendorf, Nicholas F.	Bldg. Con./Maint. Gn. Sup. II	General Services	30
Amaya, Carlos Jose	Sr. Civil Engineer	Public Works	26	Goodrich, Michael David	Sr. Equipment Mech.	LAPD	34	Peterka, Kenneth A.	Sr. Gardener	Rec and Parks	16
Ancurio, Esther Grayzell	Sr. Detention Officer	LAPD	20	Goss, Helena Rene	Clerk Typist	Transportation	31	Rayford, Bennett	Cement Finisher	Public Works	13
Anderson, Denise A.	Superintendent of Ops. III	Airports	23	Gugajew, Robert	Sr. Housing Inspector	Housing	15	Rondel, Jon M.	Refuse Collection Truck Operator II	PW	31
Antwine, Michael	Refuse Coll. Truck Op. II	Public Works	35	Hanna, Pamela G.	Sr. Animal Control Officer II	Animal Services	32	Painter, Guy S.	Lieutenant	Airports	30
Argentin, Jeanette L.	Wharfinger II	Harbor	41	Hills, Drena T.	Exec. Admin Asst. III	Transportation	34	Respicio, Nemecio	Geographic Info. Spec.	Public Works	28
Avalos, Celina G.	Sr. Legal Clerk	City Attorney	30	Hunter, Darlene B.	Fingerprint Iden. Exp. III	LAPD	26	Robertson, Todd L.	Sr. Bldg. Mech. Inspector	Building and Safety	13
Bach, Anthony	Heavy Duty Truck Op.	Public Works	29	Hunter, Kim Annette	Police Service Rep	LAPD	31	Rose, Carol L.	Deputy City Attorney III	City Attorney	5
Bothwell, Sean	Street Services Supt. II	Public Works	18	Jenkins, Alfred	Warehouse Worker II	Public Works	25	Ross, Mary Frances	Public Service Rep	LAPD	34
Braswell, Ida	Clerk Typist	Transportation	28	Jones, Ray A.	Cartographer	Planning	29	Sandhu, Debra Denise	Traffic Officer II	Transportation	28
Brown, Juanita	Accounting Clerk II	LAPD	27	Kang, Hee Jong	Sr. Clerk Typist	Public Works	13	Sawyer, Stephen F.	Storekeeper II	General Services	28
Broughton, Florence I.	Police Service Rep	LAPD	20	Kennedy, La Juan Patrice	Wharfinger II	Harbor	31	Simeoni, Bruce S.	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	12
Casimiro, Zenaida N.	Secretary	Library	31	Khandker, Didar	Civil Engr. Associate IV	Public Works	26	Smetana, Susan M.	Maintenance Supv. III	Airports	30
Chang, Ki Chul	Sr. Civil Eng. Draft Tech	Transportation	34	Klamer, Shary P.	Paralegal II	City Attorney	20	Snider, Sandra Kay	Programmer V	ITA	12
Chang, Sue Ji Sook	Associate Zoning Admin.	Planning	32	Lagman, Socorro S.	Personnel Analyst II	Personnel	25	Sun, Yi Wen	Director of Systems	Planning	29
Chavez, Rosemary E.	Dep. City Attorney III	City Attorney	26	Lahodny, Benton Dale	Construction Main. Supv. II	General Services	28	Tomaro, Frank J.	Light Equipment Operator	Rec and Parks	26
Cheung, Yiu C.	Info. Systems Mgr. II	Airports	27	Lasmarias, John M.	Civil Engineering Assoc. IV	Public Works	25	Tomczak, Stephen L.	Sr. Electrical Inspector	Building and Safety	29
Chuang, You Hsin	Database Architect	ITA	31	Leblanc, Rochelle	Management Analyst II	Aging	9	Uqdah, Fatimah Iman	Sr. Clerk Typist	General Services	21
Clark, Janet Patricia	Pr. Clerk	Public Works	40	Lee, Donald E.	Custodian	Airports	26	Valree, Renata E.	Admin. Coordinator III	City Attorney	25
Cook, George T.	Traffic Officer II	Transportation	30	Lee, Jeffrey R.	Port Pilot II	Harbor	22	White, Bernard James	Wastewater Treatment Op. III	PW	30
Cordova, Edmund	Sr. Traffic Supervisor III	Transportation	29	Leong, Jeffrey Alden	PR Specialist II	Harbor	16	Wilder, Cathy A.	Management Analyst II	LAPD	32
Cruz, Elva O.	Custodian	Airports	8	Lim, Lidia P.	Sr. Accountant II	ITA	26	Williams, James L.	Motor Sweeper Operator	Public Works	30
Cuesta, Patricia Solie	Sr. Librarian	Library	31	Manjarrez, Vanessa M.	Exec. Admin. Assistant III	Harbor	41	Wilson, Earnestine	Sr. Clerk Typist	Rec and Parks	37
Dominguez, Rene R.	Sr. Building Inspector	Building and Safety	39	Markel, Roger W.	Construction Inspector	Public Works	14	Windsor, Diane Marie	Prima Project Systems Analyst II	GS	17
Donato, Geraldine S.	Legal Secretary	City Attorney	20	Mehta, Bipin	Mech. Engineering Assoc. IV	Building and Safety	27	Yamada, Ernest	Heavy Duty Equipment Mech.	Airports	25
Ellsworth, Lionel C.	Crossing Guard	Transportation	10	Mendoza, Linda Mari	Custodian	Airports	10	Yao, Peter	Street Lighting Engr. Assoc. II	Public Works	11
Emerson, Kathleen E.	Chief of Operations	Airports	34	Moz, Atilio Cea	Custodian	Airports	12	Yuen, Karmen Kam Wah	Civil Engineer	Public Works	25
Etherington, Patricia A.	Super. of Ops. III	Airports	27	Nguyen, Huyen	Chemist II	Public Works	23				
Ewenike, Jimmy O.	Trans. Engineer Assoc. IV	Transportation	30	Ojeda, J. Jesus Sedano	Special Prog. Assistant II	Rec and Parks	3				
Finch, Stanley W.	Comm. Electrician	ITA	31	O'Reilly, Sean F.	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	LAFD	27				

The Best Years For Retired Club Members

Fairway to Fun

Retirees association hosts annual golf tournament for members.

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations

The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) hosted its 37th annual invitational golf tournament June 4 at Alhambra Municipal Golf Course.

Prize winners included:

- RLACEI Member, Low Gross, Men: Mike Perez (scored 75)
- RLACEI Member, Low Net, Men: Gil Garnas/Carlos Herrera (tied at 71)
- RLACEI Member, Low Net, Women: Laura Robles (scored 76)
 - All Women, Low Gross: Judy Vanderhook (scored 100)
- Guest, Low Gross, Men: Paul Andrews/Greg Telles (tied 78)
 - Guest, Low Net, Men: Paul Andrews

Closest to the Pin:

- 7th hole: Gil Garnas
- 8th hole: John Sepulveda
- 11th hole: Jack Vigil
- 13th hole: Jesus Barba
- 15th hole: Billy Johnson

Longest Drive, 2nd and 12th Holes:

- 2nd hole: Mike Perez
- 12th hole: J.R. Gomez
- 12th hole: Betsy Melancon

Highest Gross Award:

- High Gross, Men: Richard Gomez
- High Gross, Ladies: Patty Miller

The Club would like to thank Ed Harding, Tom Stenmck, Phil Orland, May Beetz, Michael Wilkinson and the rest of the RLACEI Directors for their welcome and assistance.



Miller Toyota of Anaheim was the hole-in-one sponsor at this year's RLACEI annual golf tournament. RLACEI thanks Miller Toyota for their generosity!



From left: Dan Dodd, guest; Ralph Gutierrez, guest; Dominic Rescimoto, Building and Safety, 33 years of City service; Earl Tate, guest.



From left: Jesus Barba, DWP, 10 years of City service; Julian Campbell, DWP, 25 years; Sean Rios, DWP, 14 years; and David Rios, DWP, 14 years.



From left: Cathy Bushey, LAPD, 30 years of City service; Joe Kornbau, guest; Betsy Melancon, LAPD, 29 years; and Gloria Vargas, LAPD, 31 years.



From left: Gil Garnas, Public Works/Sanitation, 30 years of City service; Dennis Vanderhook, Public Works/Sanitation, 36 years; Judy Vanderhook, guest; and Paul Wilt, Public Works/Sanitation, 38 years.



From left: Ray Reyes, guest; Mike Santiago, guest; Gregory Telles, guest; Richard Telles, Rec and Parks, 35 years of City service.



From left: Wayne Curtis; Ralph Esparza, Housing, 30 years of City service; Mike Meyerson, guest; and Phil Meyerson, Housing, 25 years.



From left: Ron Hale, Public Works/Engineering, 36 years of City service; Gary Mattingly, LACERS, 38 years; Mike Perez, Fire and Police Pensions, 32 years; and Jack Reynolds, Transportation, 39 years.



From left: Al Armijo, Public Works/Street Services, 26 years of City service; Randy Hee, Transportation, 35 years; Richard Lopez, Public Works/Street Services, 37 years; and Steve Perez, Public Works/Street Services, 38 years.



From left: Tom Lu, Toyota (co-sponsor); Phil Orland, RLACEI Director; Tom Stenmck, Vice President, RLACEI; Johnny Garcia, Toyota; and Ed Harding, RLACEI President.



From left: Greg Jackson, City Council, 12 years of City service; Bob Rodgers, Planning, 31 years; John Sepulveda, Planning, 33 years; and Tom Stenmck, Planning, 14 years.



From left: Doug Bohlman, Public Works/Sanitation, 30 years of City service; Steve Fan, Public Works/Sanitation, 30 years; Vlad Lorenzo, Public Works/Sanitation, 27 years; and Jordan Siploan, Public Works/Sanitation, 31 years.

RLACEI



Guests, from left: Jan Crawford, Denise McCleary, Patty Miller and Laura Robles.



From left: Michael Cordova, Public Works/Sanitation, 28 years of City service; Geno Gandara, Public Works/Sanitation, 16 years; Carlos Herrera, Airports, 17 years; and Bernard Spears, Public Works/Street Services, 22 years.



From left: Charles Clement, Rec and Parks, 38 years of City service; Earl Gales, Airports, 34 years; Edward Gales, guest; and George Walker, 30 years.



From left: Pedro De Leon, Airports, 27 years of City service; Richard Ellis, Transportation, 45 years; and James Persley.

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Tara Miller, MS RD/N
(Registered Dietitian/
Nutritionist)
LACERS Well Program
Coordinator

Ask the Dietitian

A monthly question-and-answer feature with Registered Dietitian/
Nutritionist Tara Miller, LACERS Well Program Coordinator

Summer Food Safety

How do I keep food safe during the summer?

—LACERS Retired Member, California



Safe Food Temperature Chart

FOOD	TEMPERATURE
Steaks and roasts, fish, pork	145°F
Ground beef, egg dishes	160°F
Chicken breasts, poultry	165°F
Shrimp, lobster, crabs	Cook until pearly and opaque
Clams, oysters, mussels	Cook until the shells are open

Ahhh, summer. It brings to mind long, lazy days of sunshine, cool breezes, the irresistible smell of barbecue, and ... *salmonella*? Avoiding food-borne illness caused by contaminants such as norovirus, salmonella, staphylococcus aureus, and clostridium perfringens, should be practiced year-round. But as the temperatures rise, extra precautions are in order. All food, preparation surfaces (including countertops, cutting boards and utensils), and even your hands have the potential to impart bacteria, viruses and parasites to food items, but in most cases, it's only when these unwanted contaminants are allowed to flourish that they may cause harm.

According to the USDA, microorganisms grow faster in the warm summer months, and most foodborne bacteria grow fastest at temperatures from 90°F to 110°F. Here are a few guidelines from the FDA to keep in mind when preparing and enjoying your summer favorites.

Keep cold food cold. Place cold food in a cooler with ice or frozen gel packs. Cold food should be stored at 40°F or below.

Organize cooler contents. Consider packing beverages in one cooler and perishable

foods in another to minimize unnecessary lid opening and exposure to heat.

Don't cross-contaminate.

Be sure to keep raw meat, poultry and seafood securely wrapped and drip-free. Plates and utensils that have been used for raw foods should not be used for cooked items. Marinades should be discarded unless boiled prior to serving.

Clean your produce.

Rinse fresh fruits and vegetables under running tap water and scrub when feasible before packing them in the cooler. Dry fruits and vegetables with a clean cloth towel or paper towel. Packaged fruits and vegetables that are labeled "ready to eat," "washed" or "triple washed" need not be washed.

If you plan on grilling, use a food thermometer to check the internal temperature (the thickest part, but not touching bone) of meats, poultry and seafood by using the safe food temperature chart.

Last but not least, remember this: When

in doubt, throw it out! No leftovers, not even Uncle Joe's famous barbecued ribs, are worth the risk of food-borne illness. For more information on safe cooking practices, check out the following:

- www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/food-safety-education/
- <http://www.foodsafety.gov/keep/events/summervacations/>
- <http://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/facts.html>

Remember!

In hot weather (above 90°F), food should never sit out for more than one hour. Discard any food left out more than two hours (one hour if temperatures are above 90°F).

Questions?

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

Fairway to Fun, continued from page 16

RLACEI



From left: Ed Harding and Carlos Herrera.



From left: Gary Mattingly, RLACEI Director; Tori Samuel, representing sponsor for golf tournament shirts, First Investors; Tom Stemnock, RLACEI Vice President & Audit/Golf Chairperson; Arlene Dimitian, First Investors; Phillip Orland, RLACEI Director; Michael Wilkinson, RLACEI Director and LACERS Commissioner.



Best Years columnists, from left: Michael Karsch, RLACEI Director; and Michael Wilkinson, RLACEI Director and LACERS Commissioner.



From left: J.R. Gomez and Ed Harding.



From left: Frank Allen, Public Works/Sanitation, 32 years of City service; Paul Andrews, guest; Ron Oshier, guest; and Jack Vigil, Public Works/Engineering, 17 years.



From left: Richard Gomez and Ed Harding.



Laura Robles and Ed Harding.



From left: Johnny Garcia, guest; J.R. Gomez, guest and grandson of Ed Harding; Richard Gomez; and Tom Lu, guest.



From left: Ed Itagaki, Public Works/Engineering, 22 years of City service; Jerry Jesse, Public Works/Engineering, 28 years; Walt Naydo, Public Works/Engineering, 37 years; and Roy Yoshioka, guest.



From left: Fred Ige, Planning, 30 years of City service; Greg Iwataki, guest; Diane Newman, General Services, 30 years; and Jerome Thibadeau, guest.

The Best Years

For Retired Club Members

Picnic Time!

DWP Retirees Association hosts annual picnic.

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations

The DWP Retirees Association held its annual picnic for members and their families on June 6. The event was held at Whittier Narrows.

The association promotes the common interests of DWP retirees and is staffed by a volunteer Board of Directors. Additionally, there is a Health Care and Benefits Committee that meets with DWP management regarding retirees' health and dental benefits.

The DWP Retirees Association leadership includes:

- **Dolores Foley**, President
- **Tim Hemming**, First Vice President
- **Charles Lautman**, Second Vice President
- **Norma Aguirre**, Treasurer
- **Anna Gee**, Secretary
- **Vera Adkins**, Chaplain
- **Mary Cardona**, Sergeant at Arms
- **Ramiro Beltran**, Employees Association Liaison
- **Venest Henry-Evans**, Credit Union Liaison
- **Dave Cox**, At-Large Director
- **Vince Foley**, Chairman, Retirees Health Care and Benefits Committee

DWP Retirees Association



Dolores Foley, Retired, DWP, and President of DWP Retirees Association, and Vince Foley, Retired, DWP.



From left: Allen Lupoe, DWP, 35 years of City service, and his wife, Normal. They have been married for 44 years.



Mark Lozano, DWP, 37 years of City service, Club Member; and Michelle Moore, Assistant Director of Customer Service, Club Member.



Patti and Jose Nolasco, DWP, 32 years of City service.



From left: Paul McOloun, DWP, 36 years of City service; and Leland Spencer, DWP, 31 years.



Triana and Pablo Griffith, DWP, 37 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Arnie Trask, 22 years of City service; Johnny Clark, 30 years; Kevin McDonough, 36 years; and Frankie Gonzalez, 35 years of service, Club Member.

From left: Terry Foreman, San Pedro Branch, Assistant Manager, DWP, 32 years of City service; William Zhang, Electrical Engineering Associate, DWP, 11 years; and Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor.



From left: Brothers Cirilo Mejia, DWP, 35 years of City service (he was in the Army – 1st Cavalry); and Mario Mejia, Transportation, 33 years (and was in the Army – 25th Infantry).



From left: Justino Anglade, DWP, 27 years of City service; Epifanio Felix, DWP, 32 years; and Joe Lespron, DWP, 30 years.



Jill and Larry Kerrigan, DWP, 36 years of City service.



From left: Harold Smith, DWP, 32 years of City service, and Richard Smith, DWP, 47 years.



From the Duchanon and Alameda Yards, from left: Reggie Vasquez, DWP, 37 years of City service; Joe Rivera, DWP, 30 years; Manuel Perez, 30 years.



From left: Pete Guerra, DWP, Rigger, 26 years at Main Street Steel Fabrication; and Phyllis and Dennis Moore, DWP, 30 years of City service.



Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor, with Harold Smith, DWP, 32 years of City service.



From left: Armida Banning, DWP, 30 years of City service; Rosalie Herrera, 32 years, and her husband, Michael; Yolanda Licson, DWP, 34 years; and David Banning, DWP, 38 years.



Danny Nasi, DWP, 32 years of City service, and his wife, Bev. Danny's father, Joseph Sr., and grandfather, Antonio Nasi, worked for the DWP as well.



Sandy and Pete Timbrelo, DWP, 34 years of City service.



Gwen Walker, DWP, 38 years of City service.



Ross Fuller, DWP, Water Operations, 32 years of City service.

History Comes *Alive!*



by Michael E. Holland
City Archivist

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

~ Tales From the City Archives ~

The Beginnings Of Parker Center

As the fate of the building is being decided, *Alive!* looks back at its beginnings.



The Police Administrative Building under construction, as seen in the film shown to tour-goers.

Angelenos had their choices of amusements in the summer of 1955. One was to visit Walt Disney's amusement park in faraway Anaheim. But you had to get there by surface streets since the Golden State Freeway wasn't finished yet. Why do that when a brand new attraction opened its doors and welcomed you in for free – and allowed you to leave whenever you wished – in most cases? Welcome to the Police Administrative Building in downtown Los Angeles. Insiders knew it as PAB and you could take a guided tour beginning in September 1955. We have known it as Parker Center since 1966.

The tour started in the lobby where the glass mosaic artwork by Joseph L. Young greeted you. The receptionist at the lobby information desk confirmed your group reservation and summoned a uniformed policewoman as your guide. Once the lobby was explained, your group went to the adjoining auditorium and its 400 seats. The lights darkened and you were treated to a movie, in full color and sound, introduced by the Police Chief himself. Various departments including the criminal laboratory (taking up the entire fourth floor) and property room were shown and explained. When the lights came up, your guide escorted you through parts of the nine-story building, to where calls were dispatched and records were filed. The jail on the first floor, largely made of unbreakable glass, would be the end of the tour as you left the building into the day outside. How could "WonderWorld" compare to that?

Everything I've just described was true. It was so different from the way policing had been done before in Los Angeles because it kept up with the changes going on in the Civic Center at that time. Let me explain.

When our current City Hall opened in 1928, police headquarters was at First and Hill Street at the old Central Station, which had opened in 1896. By 1930, the police chief's office had moved into City Hall and was accessible to the mayor and council at any time. The main jail was in Lincoln Heights by 1931 and the Central station continued to serve the Civic Center area. The Great Depression slowed down but didn't stop the new buildings going up. Union Station opened in 1939 while the leased courtrooms previously housed in City Hall's 10th floor moved to the building at 312 Spring Street, eventually pushing out the original tenant – the United States Postal Service. Government offices had been getting their own turf for some and now LAPD wanted its own.

A successful bond issue in 1947 triggered the expansion of the LAPD. More than \$18 million was approved by the voters to finance the planning and construction of several new facilities over the next decade such as North Hollywood, Van Nuys and the crown jewel of them all, the Police Administration Building, with a final cost of more than \$6 million.

Located on land that once belonged to Don Manuel Requena and Francisco Alvarado at the City's beginnings, the PAB was approved in May 1949 but alterations forced a delay in breaking ground. The original budget ran into trouble when the post-war housing boom



William H. Parker, Chief of Police, LAPD, 1950-1966.

increased the cost of materials and forced a reduction in the size of the final building. The PAB wasn't "shovel ready" until Dec. 31, 1952.

"L.A. Police Building – 'Best in the World' – Opens" read the headline of the Los Angeles Evening Herald-Express on Aug. 13, 1955. The building wasn't dedicated until Sept. 12, but most operations were moved in over the summer.

The City Archive has a copy of the brochure that was handed out to the tourists. Among the details shared with the public was that the construction included pre-cast concrete partitions to cut costs. Steam heat was supplied from the heating plant at the Health Building across the street. Pneumatic tubes were used to send documents from office to office. Both the lobby mosaic and Tony Rosenthal's faceless/sexless sculpture "The Family Group" were examples of the aesthetics of the modern LAPD.

The new police building was a showcase, and Chief William Parker wanted everyone to know it. He was skilled in knowing how important public support and involvement were to his vision of the modern police force. The taxpayers were allowed to see what their money had paid for. The greater public started seeing the PAB as a background player on the 1955 season of *Dragnet*. As time went on,



The "second" front page of the Los Angeles Herald-Express, published the day the new Police Administrative Building (Parker Center) opened – Aug. 13, 1955 – depicts then-Chief William Parker.



An outtake of Chief William Parker during the shooting of the Police Administrative Building tour film.

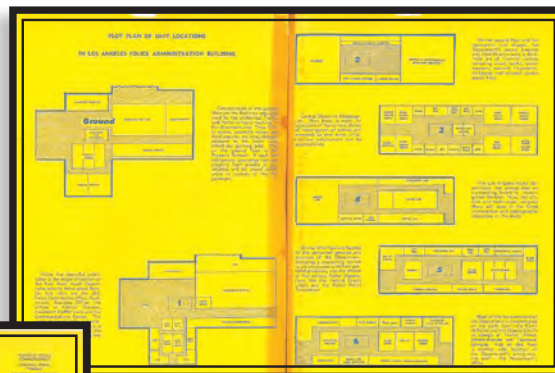
there wouldn't be much of a line of separation between Chief Parker and the PAB in the public's mind. The mayor may have used 200 N. Spring St., but Chief Parker owned 150 N. Los Angeles St.

I haven't found evidence so far as to whether Chief Parker had any desire to have the building named for him. But the PAB was renamed Parker Center in late 1966 and was in active use until the new Police Headquarters opened in 2009. The final closure of the building took place in 2013.

The building came to be a symbol of attitudes towards the police by the public. Demonstrations were very common during the various movements of the 1960s. Protests continued over questions in the Eula Love case in 1979. Parker Center was the first of many flashpoints in the first hours leading to the 1992 unrest. The building is still drawing attention as to

its fate and that of the artwork inside. Should the building be saved or razed? Efforts are under way to grant historic status and create a plan for reusing the building.

The PAB movie I mentioned earlier? I haven't located all of it yet, but I have found some outtakes and extra footage in the vault which are being digitized at present. There are shots of pouring cement, the pneumatic tube system being demonstrated, scenes of the crime lab and office furniture being moved in – all in beautiful color. There is a lot more to this story, and I hope to share it with you as time goes on.



The cover and part of the booklet given to all tour-goers of the Police Administrative Building.



Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Director of Product Development

Los Angeles Public Library

Library's TOP 10

Here's what LA was reading, watching and listening to in May.

Lists are courtesy Los Angeles Public Library, Central library downtown and 72 branches combined.

Books loaned:

1. *The Burning Room*, Michael Connelly
2. *Yes Please*, Amy Poehler
3. *The Fault in Our Stars*, John Green
4. *Allegiant*, Veronica Roth
5. *Insurgent*, Veronica Roth
6. *Private Vegas*, James Patterson
7. *Gone Girl*, Gillian Flynn
8. *Divergent*, Veronica Roth
9. *The Blood of Olympus*, Rick Riordan
10. *The Maze Runner*, James Dashner

DVDs loaned

1. *Birdman*
2. *Nightcrawler*
3. *The Theory of Everything*
4. *Gone Girl*
5. *Lucy*
6. *Big Hero 6*
7. *The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1*
8. *Exodus: Gods and Kings*
9. *The Imitation Game*
10. *Foxcatcher*

Books downloaded (e-books)

1. *All the Light We Cannot See*, Anthony Doerr
2. *The Girl on the Train*, Paula Hawkins
3. *The Goldfinch*, Donna Tartt
4. *Gone Girl*, Gillian Flynn (e-audiobook)
5. *The Husband's Secret*, Liane Moriarty
6. *The Burning Room*, Michael Connelly
7. *Fifty Shades of Grey*, E.L. James
8. *Big Little Lies*, Liane Moriarty
9. *Gray Mountain*, John Grisham
10. *If I Stay*, Gayle Forman

Download-and-Keep songs*

1. *Shut Up and Dance*, Walk the Moon
2. *Pretty Girls*, Britney Spears and Iggy Azalea
3. *Uptown Funk*, Mark Ronson featuring Bruno Mars
4. *Fight Song*, Rachel Platten
5. *Deadwater*, Wet
6. *Time of Our Lives*, Pitbull & Ne-Yo
7. *Elastic Heart*, Sia
8. *Infinity*, Mariah Carey
9. *Heartbeat Song*, Kelly Clarkson
10. *Sparks*, Hilary Duff

* "Freemal" music via the Library lets users download and keep up to five songs a month – it's seriously free and legal! Check it out at <http://lapl.freemalmusic.com>

LAAPOA

More From the Women Officers Symposium

Here are a few more photos from the recent Airport Police association Women in Law Enforcement conference.

The Los Angeles Airport Police Officers Association and the LA Airport Police Athletics and Activities League sponsored the second annual Women in Law Enforcement Leadership and Empowerment Conference May 1. Women from several area law enforcement agencies attended the conference, which was held at the Renaissance Hotel at LAX.

Alive! reported on this conference in last month's issue. Included this month are additional photos.

The conference was created to inspire, educate and empower women to achieve their goals and pursue leadership roles. The conference included interactive sessions and role-plays, training in effective communication, leadership skills and goal setting. There were also Q&A sessions with each speaker.

The Club thanks and congratulates Marshall McClain, President, LAAPOA, and all who were involved in producing this very successful conference. And the Club apologizes to those whose photos were not included last month.



From left: Officer Becky Strong, LAPD, 21 years of City service, Club Member; Sgt. Valerie Torres, Miramar PD, 6 years of service; Dep. Sandy Hawkins, OC Sheriff, 12 years; and Officer Jennifer Sena, Oakland PD, 15 years.



From left: Officer II Jennifer Camacho, Airport Police, 6 years of City service, Club Member; Officer Ngan Lee, Airport Police, 1 year; Officer II Maria Iniguez, Airport Police, 8 years, Club Member; and Officer II Rafaela Faulkner, Airport Police, 1 year.



From left: Sgt. Rosalia Olguin, Airport Police, 7 years of City service, Club Member; and Sgt. Myrna Carbajo, Airport Police, 12 years, Club Member.



From left: Officer Roberta Valencia, Colton PD, 12 years of service; and Officer Lisa Marie Bustos, Montebello PD, 18 years.

Rec and Parks

Photos by JuanCarlos Chan, Rec and Parks

Lotus Festival Blooms Again

Annual festival returns.

The Lotus Festival, one of the signature cultural celebrations in the City, is set to bloom again July 11-12 at Echo Park.

The festival returned last year after a three-year absence to a newly renovated Echo Park Lake.

Dates coincide with the blooming of the lotus flower. Admission is free.

The festival attracts an estimated 100,000 people.

During this, the 35th annual festival, visitors can expect to see a return of the popular dragon boat races on the historic lake, as well the opportunity to enjoy food and music and the lotus flower beds that are in full bloom.

The event made its debut in 1972 as the "Day of the Lotus" and takes place in July to coincide with the blooming of the lotus flowers that are cultivated in the lake beds by City crews. The celebration was designed to promote awareness of the contributions by Asian Americans in

our local communities. This year, the festival honors the culture and traditions of the Mongolian community.

In 2012-13, the Lotus Festival was placed on hold while the City embarked on a major Prop O stormwater improvement detailed in the August 2013 edition of *Alive!* The voter-mandated restoration helped protect water quality, enhance the Los Angeles River watershed, and maintain flood control functionality.

According to the Echo Park Historical Society, the Echo Park Lake lotus beds are considered to be the largest in the Western United States.

The Lotus Festival is a program of the Los Angeles Lotus Festival, Inc., in collaboration with Rec and Parks. The festival promotes the arts and cultures of the Asian Pacific Region.

Lotus Festival
July 11-12
at Echo Park



BAKER TO VEGAS 2015

Story by Noelle Kauffman, Club Member Services Coordinator
Photos by Dalila Vielma, Club Counselor



Airports



Baker to Vegas Success!

Airport Police celebrate their 'mug' victory in annual grueling long distance foot race.

On March 29, Airport Police's Baker to Vegas running and support team gathered at the Aria Hotel in Las Vegas to celebrate their placement in the annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay! For the fourth consecutive year, Airport Police won a ceremonial mug, finishing 10th in the "invitational" category with a running team consisting of five women and 15 men.

Airport Police had a total finishing time of 16 hours, 16 minutes and 22 seconds, and incurred no penalties or injuries! Way to go Airport Police! A great big high five from the Club!

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



From left: Camelia Benitez, guest; Officer Ciro Benitez, 7 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer Mark Corral, 15 years, Club Member.



From left: Guests Ruben Casanova, Ruben Fernando Casanova and Sarah Casanova; Officer Joshua Casanova, 5 years, Club Member; Maribel Casanova, guest; and Officer Carley Oliver, 5 years, Club Member.



From left: Patricia Valles, Security Officer, 16 years of City service, Club Member; Wendy Blow, Security Officer, 15 years; Officer Ill Kimberly Ojeda, 11 years, Club Member; and Mary Hernandez, guest.



From left: Officer Victor Padilla, 4 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer Jorge Mora, 13 years, Club Member.



From left: Madeleine Flanagan, Sr. Management Analyst II, 27 years of City service; Dianna Moraga, guest; Jessica Acosta, guest; and Starla Reader, Police Officer, 7 years, Club Member.



From left: Officer Carley Oliver, 5 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer Joshua Casanova, 5 years, Club Member.



Minerva Sanchez, guest; and Officer Pedro Preciado, 4 years of City service, Club Member.



Top row, from left: Officer Chad White, 5 years of City service, Club Member; and Roger Cuevas, Security Officer, 13 years, Club Member. Bottom: Ryan Carter, Sr. Security Officer, 11 years, Club Member; and Officer Ill Charles Yoon, 5 years, Club Member.



From left: Stephanie Smith, Sr. Clerk Typist, 25 years of City service, Club Member; Lt. Marlo Richardson, 15 years of City service; and Sgt. Myrna Carbajo, 12 years, Club Member.



From left: Kristina Shin, guest; Officer Maria Duenez, 9 years, Club Member; Officer Roxanna Mendez, 8 years, Club Member; and Monica Tucker, MICC, 11 years, Club Member.



Leticia Hanson, guest, with Sgt. Manny Portillo, 31 years of City service, Club Member.

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Coloring

with  Mariana!

Compiled by Mariana Guevara, Club Store Manager

The *Alive!* Children's Coloring Contest

Deadline for submission:
Aug. 5, 2015

Submit to:

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

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

Good luck and have fun!

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

Your name _____ How old are you? _____

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

What is your favorite snack? _____

What is your favorite television show? _____

Why do you want to go to this park? _____

For parents/guardian to complete:

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Job title and department with the City: _____

Parent/guardian phone number: _____

Child's address/city/zip: _____

Club Membership number: _____



Airports

Story by Sgt. Belinda Joseph, Airport Police
Photos by Officer Robert Pedregon and Madeleine Flanagan

Honoring the Fallen

Airport Police Officers take part in National Police Week.

Airport Police Officers Michael Dear and Sofia Gallegos took part in this year's Police Unity Tour. They left Northern New Jersey on May 9 and arrived in Washington, D.C. on May 12.

The Police Unity Tour raises awareness of law enforcement Officers who have died in the line of duty and honor their sacrifices. Officer Dear and Gallegos rode in memory of our own fallen Airport Police Officer Tommy E. Scott, who died in the line of duty in 2005. The annual Police Unity Tour raises funds for the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial and Museum.

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. On May 11-16, Honor Guard Officers Thomas Dye, Alicia Hernandez, William Hsu, Rafael Outley, Robert Pedregon, Cindy Colon and Sgt. Eddie Martinez represented Airport Police at National Police Week in Washington, D.C.

This event was in recognition of officers from the City and officers throughout the country who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving their communities.



Airport Officers Sofia Gallegos and Michael Dear participate in the Police Unity Tour.

Los Angeles Airport Police Honor Guard stands at the Wreath Vigil.



Public Works

Story and photos courtesy Richard Lee, Public Works

National Public Works Week

Department accepts accolades for its efforts.

The City observed National Public Works Week May 17-23 with two prestigious presentations. First, Mayor Eric Garcetti's Deputy of Infrastructure Services, Greg Good, presented to the Board of Public Works the mayor's proclamation acknowledging National Public Works Week in Los Angeles, during the 10 a.m. Board of Public Works meeting. Second, Councilmember Joe Buscaino, chair of City Council's Public Works Committee, presented a framed proclamation to Public Works Board President Kevin James, Public Works Bureau Directors, and staff during City Council meeting.

Using the 2015 theme, "Community Begins Here," Deputy Good and Councilmember Buscaino thanked the five-member Board of Public Works and the more than 5,400 employees of Public Works for their largely unsung work and service. The Department is responsible for design, construction, renovation and operation of public projects ranging from bridges to wastewater treatment plants and libraries; curbside collection and graffiti removal; and maintenance of streets, sidewalks, sewers, streetlights and street trees.

The American Public Works Association sponsors NPWW each year during the third week in May to recognize the more than 10,000 people who provide and maintain public facilities and services throughout North America. The association values local communities and the role public works professionals play in keeping them safe and functioning smoothly.



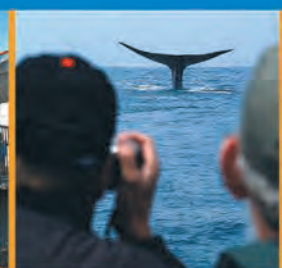
Public Works Board President Kevin James (left) accepts a presentation from Greg Good, Deputy of Infrastructure Services, Mayor's Office.



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THE ALIVE! FEATURE

Harbor

Giving Berth

Meet the engineers and architects who are designing and building the massive TraPac container terminal redevelopment project, which will modernize, improve efficiencies, increase safety, reduce emissions and keep it on the competitive edge of cargo ship handling.

Photos by Summy Lam, the Club's Director of Marketing; John Burnes, Alive! editor; Nick Souza; and courtesy the Port of LA

A major terminal redevelopment program at the Port of LA, one of the biggest current projects in the City, brings large-scale automation to a West Coast port for the first time, and is the first in the world to put into action two different kinds of crane automation.

It's also rebuilding the rest of the terminal to support efficiency and the environment.

The program is the TraPac Container Terminal redevelopment program, which is transforming 180 acres of the Port into a world-leading cargo center. Under the plan, the port is redeveloping the wharves, expanding the terminal's size, adding automation and constructing new buildings.

The redevelopment consists of 10 separate projects within the terminal



and three projects adjacent to the terminal. Port staff continues to work with TraPac (the customer), designers, manufacturers, contractors, other City departments, utility companies and outside agencies to keep the program on schedule and within budget.

The benefits of a fully automated container terminal include safety improvements (separating vehicular and pedestrian access from container handling), increasing terminal efficiencies, reducing terminal congestion, and reducing air emissions.

It's an immense job, the biggest at the Port currently and possibly in the City, and it's being designed, engineered and built by the Port's Engineering and Construction employees, a major accomplishment.

On these pages, meet the engineers and architects who are making it happen, and learn about this critically important and very visible project. ■

PROGRAM ELEMENTS:

Redevelopment of Marine Container Terminal

(operated by customer TraPac)

Automated Backland:

102 acres of redevelopment to create the first automated container terminal on the West Coast. Includes 21 automated stacking blocks, consisting of 39,000 lineal feet of rail, waterside/landside interchange areas, crane rail on ballast and ties, load-bearing foundation, paving, grading, a dry standpipe fire protection system, a complex and sustainable drainage design, strict tolerance criteria for automated (sensitive) equipment, an elaborate high voltage and low voltage electrical system, and a sophisticated fiber optic network for automated communications.

STATUS: Three projects completed; final project completion in 2017.

Buildings and Structures:

Terminal Building and Gates: The work includes a new administration building designed to meet the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold standard; a new yard operations building; driver services building; guard house; main gates; truck scales, canopies and radiation scanners; and a pedestrian bridge.

STATUS: Under construction.

Grade separation: The South Wilmington Grade Separation involves building an elevated 4,100-foot roadway that links Harry Bridges Boulevard, Pier A Street and Fries Avenue to TraPac's new entrance and separates truck from rail operations for safer and more efficient flow of traffic.

STATUS: Complete.

On-dock rail yards: A new semi-automated on-dock rail yard with eight working tracks consisting of 20,600 track feet, 136 feet of gauge rail mounted gantry (RMG) crane rail, a train-in-motion system, an access roadway, a secondary gate, and a Customs and Border Protection office.

STATUS: Under construction.



The *Alive!* Interview, from left: Adrienne Fedrick, Project Manager, TraPac Automated Project; Marco Sanchez, Project Manager, TraPac Buildings and Main Gate Project; Bryan Low, Project Manager, TraPac Terminal Buildings Project; Rodger Kuo, LEED Design Manager, TraPac Administration Building; and John Burnes, *Alive!* editor.

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At the Forefront of Technology

On May 28, *Alive!* editor John Burnes toured the Port's container terminal reconstruction site and interviewed:

■ **Adrienne Fedrick**, Civil Engineering Associate III (Project Manager, TraPac Automated Project), 12 years of City service, Club Member;

■ **Bryan Low**, Architectural Associate III (Project Manager, TraPac Terminal Buildings Project), 7 years, Club Member; and

■ **Marco Sanchez**, Civil Engineering Associate III (Project Manager, TraPac Buildings and Main Gate Project), 10 years; Club Member;

■ **Rodger Kuo**, Architect (LEED Design Manager, TraPac Administration Building)

The interview took place in Port/Engineering's conference room.



At the Port's TraPac container terminal (shown below) are, from left: Bijan Roboubi, Project Construction Manager, 3 years of City service; Marco Sanchez, Project Manager, TraPac Buildings and Main Gate Project, 10 years, Club Member; and Adrienne Fedrick, Project Manager, TraPac Backland Project, 12 years, Club Member.



The Automated Backland at the TraPac terminal: 36 acres of automated backland completed, consisting of four automated stacking blocks (silver "C"-shaped cranes, middle), and a maintenance area and travel lanes for automated shuttle carriers (red, top). The new rail yard is at far left.

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Thanks for showing us around the terminal and speaking with us today. Let's give a nice big broad picture of what this is. You're rebuilding an entire shipping terminal. You're putting in new automated crane infrastructure and rebuilding the entrances and the truck facilities, and constructing new buildings.

MARCO SANCHEZ: Right. The main truck entrance that was in use was blocked by a railroad crossing and it was causing traffic on the intersection, so we rearranged the traffic flow to have a bridge (South Wilmington Grade Separation) where the trucks can bypass the train crossing and go in and out of the terminal without any impediments on the intersection on the street. That's one of the main reasons for what we're doing, apart from the cranes.

The old administration building is getting demolished. We built a new one that is LEED-

certified. The other component is that the terminal is being automated.

ADRIENNE FEDRICK: Yes – half of the terminal is Marco and Bryan and Rodger's project, and roughly the other half 100 acres is being redeveloped as the first state-of-the-art automated container terminal on the West Coast.

There's one on the East Coast, right?

ADRIENNE FEDRICK: There is one on the East Coast, but this is the first on the West Coast with of automation. And it's the first in the world with two types – automated horizontal transport and also backland transport with automated stacking cranes.

So really, there are two major projects that we are talking about here. We are talking about the cranes – modernizing and automating those to be the first in the world with both, and then we are talking about bridges and truck access

and gates and administration buildings and other infrastructure that are partnered with the crane project. Is that correct?

BRYAN LOW: Yes. In a nutshell, the entire program seeks to make the TraPac terminal more efficient. It's happening through automation and redesigning the flow of traffic to bypass the railroad line and alleviate traffic backup on the street.

RODGER KUO: Grade separation is a truck and vehicular traffic bridge over the train track. One portion goes into the TraPac terminal, and the other one goes and routes cars into our own Port of Los Angeles C&M construction maintenance facility.

ADRIENNE FEDRICK: We're increasing terminal efficiencies in moving and delivering containers.

Another part of the program is the new on-dock rail yard. TraPac was one of the only facilities that didn't have an on-dock rail yard. Now the cargo

can go straight from the ship onto the rail and outbound through the Alameda Corridor. It's going to be semi-automated. That's under construction. Daniel Samaro (Civil Engineering Associate III) is the Project Manager.

MARCO SANCHEZ: That eliminates many trucks on the freeways. So instead of putting a container onto a truck it goes straight to a train and out of the terminal.

Right. Have the different elements always been in parallel or did one start before the others?

MARCO SANCHEZ: The buildings and the gate had been in planning and design for maybe ten years or a little more.

The truck entrance was going to be in one location of the terminal but then there were utility substructures in the way, and it was not feasible

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Automated Shuttle Carriers: The automated shuttle carriers transport carriers to and from the wharf to the waterside transfer area, where ASCs pick it up for truck departure or to the on-dock rail yard for rail departure. The shuttles are guided by a terminal logistic system, which uses a complex combination of thousands of magnets embedded in the concrete, laser sensors and GPS to monitor and navigate their movements. This innovative magnet system technology is the first of its kind in the world.



Automated Stacking Cranes (ASCs): The ASCs sort, groom and prepare containers for truck or ship departure/arrival.

Automated Cranes

TraPac Terminal: An overall view of the automated crane portion of the TraPac terminal program. Now automated are the gray-colored automated stacking cranes (ASC) that operate on rails and concrete ties, and the red, automated shuttle carriers. The on-dock rail yard is under construction and will provide the rail for the semi-automated rail-mounted gantry (RMG) cranes.



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to relocate all of the utilities. The current layout was finalized in 2009 and the design was completed in 2012.

Okay. And what about the automation part of the program? When did that begin to be designed?

ADRIENNE FEDRICK: We started planning in 2010, and we started design in 2011. The first three projects completed construction on time and under budget. And the last project will be completed in early 2017. The last project is 72 acres and 15 automated stacking blocks. What's complete already is six automated stacking blocks and 32 acres of an automated construction area, where the automated equipment is in operation. It's all to keep the port competitive.

Got it. Is there any way to put a number on how much more efficient and or how much more cargo can be managed or processed through the terminal?

ADRIENNE FEDRICK: TraPac can handle pretty much all the cargo for the entire terminal in two-thirds the space now. We're designing and building a more efficient way of loading and unloading cargo. It gets everything through faster, and it's constantly working, it's 24 hours. The terminal already has a container prepped and ready by the time that a trucker gets in the terminal, which is not necessarily the case in a conventional terminal.

There is less waiting around for the over-the-road trucks.

ADRIENNE FEDRICK: Right, and then it's more efficient coming off the ship and more

efficient going back on the ship, just because things can be constantly moving. You never have to wait for a chassis, basically. I'm getting a little technical here, but basically you don't have to wait for someone unloading all the cargo from the ship; it can just go straight down onto the ground. Usually you have to wait for a machine to be able to transport that, but in this case you just put it there and then the robotic equipment comes and take it wherever it needs to go.

Let's talk about the administration building and what it does – the automation is controlled from that building?

RODGER KUO: Yes. We have an operation center. It's a four-story administration building, and the top floor is the operation center with a direct view of the entire terminal. It's their command center.

There are two other rooms in the yard operations building that also have control as well, so you are really looking at two separate buildings that monitor and control the automation. Fiber optics connects all the data between the buildings, and if it needs to route back to the admin building it's capable of doing that.

What's the status of the backlands projects?

RODGER KUO: The terminal buildings and main gate project are still under construction. The gates aren't fully open yet and the building is not fully operable yet. The yard ops building isn't complete yet, either. They have partial occupancy of the admin building.

What kind of feedback are you hearing about the automation part of the program?

ADRIENNE FEDRICK: It's the first of its kind, so there was a learning curve on getting all the commissioning done, but now that it's up and running, the automation is going well. As far as the entire terminal, we are not going to have the final numbers until the last 72 acres (backland area) have completed construction because that's a big portion of it. But the automation is working and operating, and it's met their expectations.

BRYAN LOW: The whole project is kind of like a guinea pig project where everyone is looking at it.

A well-managed guinea pig.

BRYAN LOW: Right ... waiting to see how it's going to run because it's one of the first on the West Coast.

ADRIENNE FEDRICK: The port of Long Beach has an automated terminal under construction. I think it's set to open later this year. It's a little bit different, though. They are using some different equipment, so it will be interesting to see how they both work with their different approaches.

A Greener Terminal

How will it be better for the environment?

ADRIENNE FEDRICK: All of the automated stacking cranes are electrically powered. Also all of the R.M.G.s, the rail mounted gantry cranes, those are also electrically powered, so we've reduced air emissions by replacing old diesel-

using equipment in the automated yard.

Another element is safety. Now that it's all automated, it increases safety within the terminal.

Will it eliminate diesel trucks from the freeways? Is that one of the goals, too?

MARCO SANCHEZ: Yes, that, too. It eliminates some truck traffic on the freeways – the more containers we can put on a train, the fewer trucks on the freeways.

And as you said, by building the new gates and the grade separation over the railroad tracks, it eliminates trucks idling on the street outside waiting sometimes 40 minutes for a train to pass.

MARCO SANCHEZ: Yes.

A Milestone

Have any of you worked on a project quite this big? It must be amazing to be working on a big project like this.

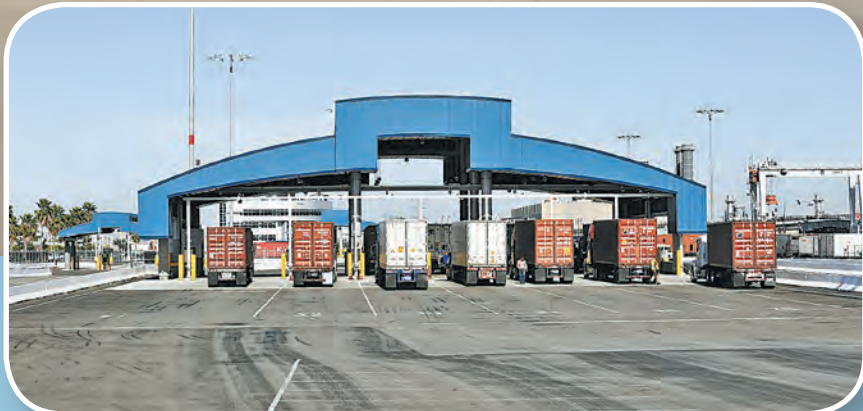
ADRIENNE FEDRICK: This has been the most exciting project I've worked on. I've been involved in this for five years, so I think I've grown as a project manager. Bryan and I both took a class to get our Project Management Professional Certificates during this program.

Personally it's been a great growing experience. We are all family, working at the Port of Los Angeles. Our relationships have grown as cowork-

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Backland Projects

Administration building: The 21,100-square-foot, four-story administration building, built for TraPac. The building, which Port engineers and architects expect to meet LEED-gold certification, is now partially occupied and will be coming fully online very soon.



New gates: New entrance and exit gate canopies allow protection and space while trucks are registered on their ways in and out, and they are checked for radiation.



Driver services: A rendering of a new driver services center.



Pedestrian bridge: This pedestrian bridge will allow private-employment longshoremen to park safely in a lot waiting to be surfaced (left) and then walk from their cars and using the pedestrian bridge to walk over a passing train on their way to check in at the vendor's yard operations facility (right, not shown). The employees can cross the tracks on the ground through a safe walkway when there is no train passing through.



Guard shack: A rendering of a new guard shack at the main vehicle entrance.



Grade separation: This new transportation overpass plays several critical roles: it flies truck and car traffic over the very busy rail line, saving sometimes 40 minutes of waits for vehicles waiting for a train to pass. This saves time and greatly reduces the burning of fossil fuel.



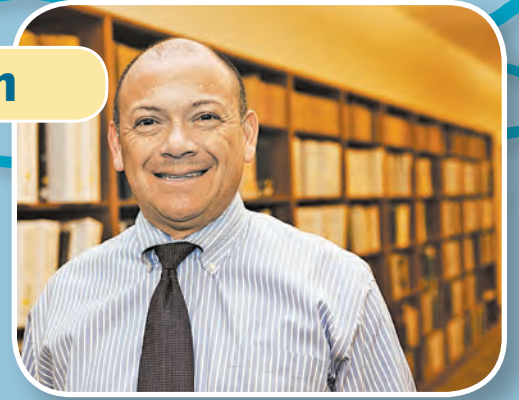
Yard operations: A new building has been constructed for the vendor's yard operations, including assigning longshoremen for the day, and other tasks.

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Container Terminal Project Team

On top of the new TraPac administration building overlooking the TraPac container terminal (and a DWP power plant) are, from left: Marco Sanchez, Civil Engineering Associate III, 10 years of City service, Club Member; Bryan Low, Architectural Associate III, 7 years, Club Member; and John Burnes, *Alive!* editor.



Civil Engineering: Carlos Quintana, Sr. Civil Engineer, 25 years of City service, Club Member.



Christina Sar, Sr. Civil Engineer, Program Manager, 25 years of City service.



Architects (from left): Bryan Low, Architectural Associate III, 7 years of City service, Club Member; Rodger Kuo, Architect, 9 years; Emil Zordilla, Architect of Record, 13 years, Club Member; Emilio Macias, Architectural Associate III, 31 years, Club Member; Thomas Asuncion, Architectural Associate III, 28 years, Club Member; and Jeffrey Ramirez, Student Architect, 1 year. *Not pictured:* Wendy Delgado, Architectural Associate II, 8 years.



Construction Division, seated, from left: Lisa Hommizad, Secretary, 29 years of City service; Shaun Shahrestani, Chief Harbor Engineer, 32 years; and John Kostrencich, Chief Inspector, 40 years, Club Member. Standing: Charles Adams, Harbor Engineer, 15 years, Club Member; and Lisa Maes, Secretary, 26 years. *Not pictured:* James Davis, Assistant Chief Harbor Engineer, 20-plus years.



Structural Section (from left): John G. Posadas, Structural Engineering Associate, 10 years of City service, Club Member; Lily Becaria, Structural Engineering Associate, 14 years; Marco Sanchez, Civil Engineering Associate III, 10 years, Club Member; Angel Lim, Sr. Structural Engineer, 24 years, Club Member; and Chinh Le, Civil Engineering Associate II, 14 years, Club Member.



Engineering Division (from left): Aaliyah Henderson, Student Intern, three days of City service; Allison Piel, Student Worker, 1 year; To Markotic, Sr. Clerk Typist, 35 years, Club Member; and Shanulah Cleveland, Chief Clerk, 30 years, Club Member.



Engineering Division (from left): Taewon Kim, Civil Engineering Associate; and Brian Correa, Civil Engineering Associate III, 10 years of City service.



Mechanical Engineering: Pons R. Rongavilla, Mechanical Engineering Associate IV, 25 years of City service.



Construction Division (from left): Richard Manz, Sr. Construction Inspector, 16 years of City service, Club Member; Donna Enfajian, Sr. Construction Manager, 30 years, Club Member; and Gianfranco Grimaldi, Construction Inspector, 12 years, Club Member.

Harbor

'We fought hard to convince management that we were capable of this. We're grateful they gave us the opportunity.'

– Bryan Low, Manager, TraPac Terminal Buildings Project

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ers, and also with the stakeholders. We are working with the tenant and with the other governmental agencies. We've all formed good relationships with this state-of-the-art project.

It must be nice to be considered an international expert in this now, where people ask you questions from all over the world.

ADRIENNE FEDRICK: Yes we've had people visit from Singapore and from Dubai to look at the terminal. It's really exciting.

How about you, Marco?

MARCO SANCHEZ: Yes, I'm very proud. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Not too many people get to say they worked on port projects this big. I started working on the project when I was five years into the City, doing a small portion of the project, including grading and paving and striping plans. As the project progressed, I was given the assignment to lead the design team. Having somebody have the confidence to give me that opportunity to manage the design team made me feel good as a person. It gives me the opportunity to grow, and we'll see what the future brings.

Bryan, how do you feel about this?

BRYAN LOW: It's been a great opportunity. I am one of the few architects here. With Rodger, we have six architects.

RODGER KUO: And one student.

BRYAN LOW: And one student here among 75 or 80 engineers. This has been an exciting project for us to jump on board with them and help the Port achieve its goals and create a more efficient terminal.

It's a pretty-good-sized building program for somebody who just graduated from college and who had been here for two years before I had the chance to work on it.

We have some good goals set for the buildings. On the admin building, we are trying to achieve LEED-gold status. That sets it apart even more from other building projects.

It's been a great experience learning the project management side and to see from the beginning to the end.

Thank you. Rodger how about you? What's this mean to you personally?

RODGER KUO: One other thing about LEED – the City has a mandated LEED-silver certification for any building of more than 7,500 square feet, and at the Port of L.A. we self-mandated LEED-gold instead of silver. In terms of trying to be environmentally efficient and proactive on sustainability, we are going to reach the LEED-gold for this admin building. That was a big achievement for this team.

In terms of just the personal growth, I want to highlight that the majority of this entire project was done in-house. We may not have been part of the conception, but from the schematics to the design to now – the construction management phase – has all been done by the in-house team. Whatever portions we couldn't cover, we augmented with consulting staff. So even the construction portion, we have a construction division that's the construction manager for these projects.

Departments Working Together

What other City departments are involved in this big program? What other City departments are you working with?

RODGER KUO: For buildings, just like anybody else, we always have to go through the Los Angeles Building and Safety plan check, so that was a big effort.

BRYAN LOW: Also the Bureau of Engineering.

In Public Works.

RODGER KUO: Right.

ADRIENNE FEDRICK: For the automation, it's mostly the DWP because we had to have all new electrical infrastructure to power all the automated cranes.

Does Building and Safety have offices down here in San Pedro, or did you go downtown?

BRYAN LOW: For this project, they approached us about a parallel plan check process that they had been developing. We jumped on board with that, and I believe we must have been one

of the first projects to use that process. It was fairly new back in 2010. Now it's a process that they advertise for large projects.

With parallel plan check, we were able to coordinate with them at various benchmarks through a design. So at 30 percent, at 80 percent, and 100 percent design completion, we were able to receive feedback from Building and Safety. That was kind a great part of this project as well.

During that process we were coordinating with Culture Affairs, too. We were coordinating with the Fire Dept. as well, to get the plans checked for conformance with building code.

MARCO SANCHEZ: At the terminals there are no streets or street names. The Fire Dept. usually needs an address, for their safety check. How do they locate a fire? Here at the terminal, the street address is the only entrance to the terminal, but then there's a building that's 300 or 400 feet inside and there is no address, so we have to coordinate with the Fire Dept. so that they know where everything is.

ADRIENNE FEDRICK: Since we'd never done an automated terminal, it was outside of the Fire Dept. code, so we had to develop a new code with the Fire Dept. and create a special standpipe system within every single one of the automated blocks. We had several workshops with them and several site visits. They were really helpful. It was great.

RODGER KUO: We are right on track to spend what we estimated.

MARCO SANCHEZ: The money comes from container fees, so there are no tax dollars that fund these projects. All money generated from the Port stays in the port to build it and maintain it and keep it the number one port in America.

ADRIENNE FEDRICK: The first three automated projects were completed on schedule, too. That's worth mentioning.

Worthy of the Challenge

Were there any particular challenges in designing it, engineering it, managing it, or anything that made you say, "Wow, this is something that I've never encountered before?" What were the challenges in doing what you do to bring this whole program together, to make it happen?

BRYAN LOW: Convincing them to let us do it, was our first challenge.

To convince the vendor that you were capable?

BRYAN LOW: No, to convince management. That's a decision they make with every project. They have to gauge in-house resources. They have to figure out which projects are going to be consulted on and which projects we can do in-house or whether there will be a mix; it's not always this black and white.

We fought really hard to convince management that we had

plenty of staff, we were capable of doing this, and we wanted to do it. We are grateful that management gave us the opportunity to work on it. That was the first challenge.

And then working together was in itself a challenge at first, to get to know one another and bring the team together and get the communication going. But once we got in design, we went full force forward. We met the demands; we met our goals. The construction was another hurdle of challenges to overcome as well. We had some challenges in the foundation driving some piles, as the ground here isn't the best ground to set a building on. And yet we are setting a very heavy object on sand and mud.

You had to drive it deep.

BRYAN LOW: Yes. Everything requires a deep foundation, but even in that it sometimes can be difficult to drive those piles. And so that was a challenge. And then getting all the signoffs from all the agencies that have authority over the project such as Fire and Building and Safety so that the tenant can occupy the building was another huge hurdle to overcome. There's no favoritism even though we're all City departments – and there shouldn't be, because it is public safety.

ADRIENNE FEDRICK: There are a few specific challenges to the automated terminal that are just a bit different. Since it was all brand new technology, we had to create a lot of new standards. All the equipment was manufactured in Europe, so we had to overcome dissimilar international criterions and culture. So that was definitely a challenge. We had to create new standards not only



She's a Winner!

Congratulations go to **Adrienne Fedrick**, Civil Engineering Associate III, 12 years of City service, Club Member, for earning the **American Society of Civil Engineers' award** for outstanding young engineer, given by the L.A. Metropolitan section in October 2013.

She also earned an honorable mention in the same category in a wider competition, representing much of Southern California.

Adrienne Fedrick is the Project Manager of the TraPac Automated Backland Improvement Projects

with the Fire Department but also with certifying the equipment with all of our electrical codes. The European way of manufacturing and creating electrical equipment is very different from how it's done in the United States. So we had to work together and have several international video meetings to create a new standard for automated equipment.

And then we did the construction within an operating terminal. This terminal still needed to be operating while all the projects were under construction. That was a big challenge.

Renovating a house while you were still living in it.

ADRIENNE FEDRICK: Yes. It's a real, thriving business so that's challenging.

Some other challenges were just normal ones that you have in projects: utility relocations, existing oil lines and oil wells, etc.

And then there were seven adjacent projects ongoing all at the same time. The phasing of that has been a huge challenge.

BRYAN LOW: A lot of props go out to our Construction Division, which is managing those seven different contractors all at the same time.

ADRIENNE FEDRICK: We won some awards for this.

Tell me about them!

ADRIENNE FEDRICK: We won a Women and Transportation Innovative Project award in 2014. We won three American Society of Civil Engineers awards. We won the metropolitan Los Angeles branch. Then the L.A. section branch, which is all of Southern California, and then Region 9, which is the State of California – we won those four. We were nominated as a top three for the California Transportation Federation Project of the Year. We didn't win but we were nominated in the top three.

Staying on Top

Does this program put L.A. on a bigger map? There's always competition to be the number one in the world. Does it place L.A. in a real position of strength to be a leader in current technology as to how to bring cargo on land from ships?

ADRIENNE FEDRICK: Definitely. Container ships are getting bigger and bigger, so with this automated technology implemented we will be able to handle these ships more efficiently. And we have the deep berths to be able to handle the ships. So it definitely keeps us as a strong competitor to keep cargo coming to Los Angeles.

Is it parallel to an airport where they just keep making bigger planes and so airports have to build bigger gates and bigger terminals to be able to accommodate what's happening in the world?

BRYAN LOW: Yes, definitely.

ADRIENNE FEDRICK: You always want to be at the forefront in technology.

You know, the Harbor Dept. is a great place to work. We get an opportunity to work on projects like this, and I think we all feel happy.

MARCO SANCHEZ: When a lot of people hear about the Port they hear about longshoremen and dock workers, but there are also City Employees here who run this place and make it an economic engine for Southern California and the nation. It's City Employees who do this work.

Thanks for your time.

MARCO SANCHEZ: Thank you.

BRYAN LOW: Sounds good.

ADRIENNE FEDRICK: Thanks. ■



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Officer Tommy Scott Memorial

Airports

Ride and Shine

Story by Jeanette Gadut, Club Counselor
Photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Director of Product Development



Airport Police hosts first Ride and Shine fundraiser for Tommy Scott Scholarship Fund.

On April 25, the first Ride and Shine Memorial Ride and Car and Truck Show took place to benefit the Tommy Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund. It was an event hosted by the Airport Police Athletics and Activities League (LAAPAAL), Los Angeles Airport Peace Officers Association (LAAPOA) and the Association of Airport Employees (AAE).

More than 35 rods, customs, classic, and muscle cars as well as more than 30 motorcycles took part in the inaugural show. The ride began at USS Iowa in San Pedro and concluded at Westchester Park. The car show, entertainment, awards, food trucks, and informational booths made for a memorable event in honor of Airport Police Officer Tommy Scott, the first Airport Police Officer to die in the line of duty. He was killed in 2005.



From left: Officer B.G. Davis, 27 years of City service, Club Member; Officer Mark Corros, 8 years, Club Member; Officer Kam, 6 years, Club Member; Officer Tommy Dye, 9 years; and Officer Ivan Rojas, 9 years, Club Member.



From left: Enrique Alvarez, Custodial, 13 years of City service, Club Member; Maria Abdellah, Custodial, 12 years, Club Member; and Al Garcia, Carpenter, 13 years, Club Member.



Michael Holmes, Retired, Public Works/Street Services, 39 years of City service, Club Member, and his 1930 Ford Model A Tudor.



Officer Rogelio Medina, Club Member, with Beverly Aparicio.



Mike Dear, Secretary, Los Angeles LAX Peace Officers Association, 16 years of City service, Club Member, with Emma.



Officer Ciro Benitez, 7 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Bobbie Knighton, Incidental Crew Supervisor, 17 years of City service; and Charles Garner, Incidental, 15 years.



Kirk Bible, Retired Supervisor, Public Works/Street Services, 38 years of City service, Club Member, and his 1978 Chevy Monte Carlo low rider.



From left: Herbert and Joanna Scott, parents of Tommy Scott; Officer III Damien Andrews, 8 years of City service, Club Member.



Shawn Smith, Crime Scene Investigator, 14 years of City service, Club Member.



Ricardo Jimenez, Carpenter, 15 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Officer III Kimberly Ojeda, 11 years of City service, Club Member, with Renee Ruis.



From left: Officer William Lara, 7 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer III Adela Lopez, Drill Instructor, 8 years, Club Member.



From left: Jason Walker; Officer Albert Carlos, 9 years of City service, Club Member; and a 2010 Chevy Camaro.



From left: Dishan Chaudhuri, Equipment Mechanic, LAFD, 15 years of City service; and Pete Flores, Heavy Equipment Mechanic, 15 years, Club Member.



From left: Officer Derrick Holtz, 14 years of City service, Club Member; Assistant Chief Brian Walker, 21-plus years, Club Member; Motor Officer Andre Munn, 28 years, Club Member; and Officer Rob Yanez, 23 years, Club Member.

In Honor of Tommy Scott

Airport Police raises money for scholarships during Tommy E. Scott Memorial Ride.

Airport Police hosted the fourth annual Tommy E. Scott Memorial Run on April 29. Proceeds from the event go toward the Tommy E. Scott Scholarship Fund.

The 5K began in front of the Airport Police Station.

The annual run was held in honor of Airport Police Officer Tommy E. Scott, who was killed in the line of duty April 29, 2005. Officer Scott was the first Airport Police Officer to be killed in the line of duty in the 68-year history of the force. He joined Los Angeles Airport Police in 2001 (he had previously worked at Rec and Parks for 15 years) and was 35 at the time of his death. Officer Scott was killed after stopping a suspicious



Airport Police Officers in front of the Airport Police Administration Building.

man in a vehicle near the LAX fence line. The suspect, William Sadowski, was convicted of carjacking and first-degree murder Nov. 16, 2009, and was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

"I am proud to be a part of an organization with a group of people dedicated to preserving the memory of a great man," Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon has

said. "We will never forget his service to the aviation community and will always remember his sacrifice."

Officer Scott's parents, Hubert and JoAnn Carter-Scott, attended. He is also survived by a brother, Hubert Scott Jr.



Airport Police Officer Mark Corral leads a service in memory of Officer Tommy Scott.



Airport Police Officer Tommy E. Scott's Memorial is along Lincoln Boulevard on the north perimeter of LAX.



From left: Anthony Jones, LAX Storekeeper, 8 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer Rupert Staine, 19 years.



From left: Officer III Gerard Kilayko, 12 years of City service, Club Member; and Capt. Ray Maltez, 34 years.



Yvonne Maltez and Officer Patrick Vantrimont, 7 years of City service.



Officer Sonny Chow, 11 years of City service; Officer Jorge Mora, 12 years, Club Member.



The Smart Move

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

Workplace Injuries Far More Common Than Illness

Are you more likely to incur medical bills through injury or through illness? Federal studies have shown that workplace incidents of injury far exceed incidents of illness.

Injury: More than 2.8 million (94.8 percent) of the nearly 3 million non-fatal occupational injuries and illnesses in 2013 were injuries. Among injuries, 2.1 million (75.2 percent) occurred in repairs or maintenance jobs, which employed 82.5 percent of the workforce covered by this survey. The remaining 700,000 injuries (24.8 percent) occurred in administrative jobs, which accounted for 17.5 percent employment covered by this survey in 2013.

Illness: Workplace illnesses accounted for 5.2 percent of the nearly 3 million injury and illness cases in 2011. The rate of workplace illnesses in 2013 (18 cases per 10,000 full-time workers) was not statistically different from the 2012 incidence rate

(18.1 cases). Rates among individual illness categories also remained unchanged with the exception of poisonings, for which the rate declined to 0.2 cases per 10,000 full-time workers in 2013 compared to 0.3 cases in 2012.

The statistics above are reason enough to consider adding an accident medical expense policy to your insurance portfolio. With immediate treatment for accidental injuries come surgery, follow-up physical therapy, medicines, braces and supportive apparatus. Almost all injuries involve some time off the job, even if it's only part of a day while seeking treatment.

An accident medical expense plan provides money to cover all costs related to an accident whether it's on or off the job. The best policies pay in addition to existing coverage whether it is workers compensation for on the job injuries or private coverage for off-the-job injuries.



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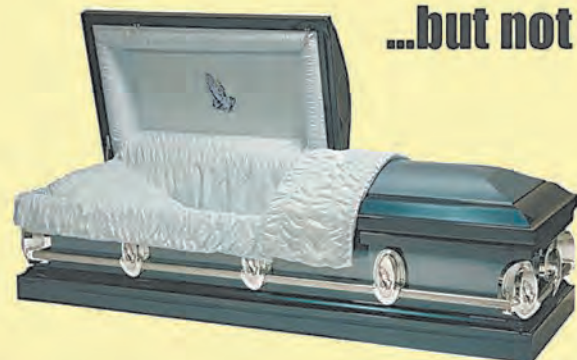
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From left: Terry Wesdy, Systems Analyst, Public Works, 30 years of City service; and Geraldine Rodriguez, Retiree, 34 years.



From left: Geraldine Rodriguez, Retiree, and her husband, Robert, Retired, General Services.

Public Works

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations



Rodriguez Retires

Geraldine Rodriguez retires after 34 years of City service.

A retirement celebration was held May 28 for Geraldine M. Rodriguez, Executive Administrative Assistant, Board of Public Works. The event was held at Luminarias in Monterey Park.

Diana William, Executive Administrative Assistant, Public Works/Street Lighting, hosted the event.

She began her career in 1983 as a Clerk Typist for the Community Development Department. In 1984 she transferred to Public Works, where she worked as a Secretary for 10 years in the Bureau of Sanitation. In 1998, she was promoted to Executive Administrative Assistant and worked for six board presidents.

Congratulations, Geraldine! The Club wishes you the best in your retirement.

Alive! thanks Therese Wesdy, Systems Analyst, for her assistance.



Geraldine Rodriguez, who retired as Executive Administrative Assistant, Public Works.



From left: Elenor Mondok, Commissioner, Board of Public Works; and Shelly Wong, Commissioner, Board of Public Works.



Robert Rodriguez speaks to audience about his mom's life.



Robert Parral, Sr. Systems Analyst, Harbor, 10 years of City service, with Geraldine Rodriguez, Retiree.



From left: Geraldine Rodriguez, Retiree; and Carmen Hawkins, Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney's Office, 28 years of City service.



Jeanette and Richard Rodriguez, Traffic Painter and Sign Poster III, Transportation, 16 years of City service.



From left: Catherine Garcia, Public Works/Engineering, 26 years of City service; Geraldine Rodriguez, Retiree; and Diana William, Executive Administrative Assistant, Public Works/Street Lighting, 28 years.



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Leilani Rodriguez sings solo to honor Geraldine Rodriguez, Retiree.



Richard Wuerth, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, General Services, sings and plays the guitar in honor of Geraldine Rodriguez, Retiree.



From left: Joe and Rebecca Ramirez provide the blessings for the retirement event.

Larios in the City

BY ROBERT LARIOS, Club VP of Operations
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Congrats, Kim!

Here's Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations, congratulating a City Employee who has recently retired.

The Club congratulates Kimberly Antol, LAPD/Communications, for her career as she retired from City service after 34 years on May 29.

Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations, honors City employees for their achievements.

Rest Insured

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

Cyber Crime

I recently got a call that went something like this:

"This is Mr. Anderson of the Internal Revenue Service. We have determined that you owe \$1,400 in back IRS fees and could be subject to imprisonment and fines. Please call our office right away to make payment arrangements or risk prosecution."

Have you heard that one yet? There are so many scams going on today that it's becoming increasingly hard to trust anyone.

The government estimates that as many as nine million Americans have their identities stolen each year.

The crime takes many forms. Identity thieves may rent an apartment, obtain a credit card or establish a telephone account in your name. You may not find out about the theft until you review your credit report or a credit card statement and notice charges you didn't make – or until you're contacted by a debt collector.

Identity theft is serious. While some identity theft victims can resolve their problems quickly, others spend hundreds of dollars and many days repairing damage to their good name and credit record. Some consumers victimized by identity theft may lose out on job opportunities or be denied loans for education, housing or cars because of negative information on their credit reports. In rare cases, they may even be arrested for crimes they did not commit.

Here are some suggestions to prevent identity theft:

- Install reputable anti-spam and anti-virus software. Most reputable anti-spam software programs today are also programmed to identify known spyware, possible malware threats and viruses, which could contain Trojan horses as well. Many threats are delivered by email, specifically spam. A good anti-spam program will help reduce your risk of inadvertently opening an email that contains a threat.

- Keep your anti-virus, firewall and operating systems updated. Set your computer to update the Windows or Mac operating system automatically for critical updates. This procedure can be set to run during the night or whenever you please, but it should be set to automatic updating. Set antivirus software to update daily, so that when it scans (either scheduled scan or real time scan) it is running with the most recent virus information. Do not let your antivirus subscription run out! Many users with cable companies or DSL companies may find that those companies will provide free antivirus software! After all, they don't want you on their network spreading a virus to all their other customers. Check with your provider about what they offer! If you see a "time to update" notice sent by the supplier of your operating system, verify that it is authentic and then do so.

- Be certain of both the source and content of each file you download! Don't download an executable program just to "check it out." If it's a Trojan horse virus, the first time you run it, you're already infected! In other words, you need to be sure that you trust not only the person or file server that gave you the file, but also the contents of the file itself.

Trojan horse attacks pose a serious threat to computer security. In today's computer world, a Trojan is a malicious, security-

breaking program disguised as something benign, such as a screen saver, game or joke. It might send itself to everybody on your email address book or IRC channel, erase or modify your files or download another Trojan horse program designed to steal your passwords. Many Trojans also allow hackers to take over your computer and "remote control" it. Trojans have become more sophisticated in recent years, as hackers use them to scan your system for vital information (credit card numbers, SSNs, bank account numbers) and use the retrieved information to open accounts, run up huge credit card debt, or drain the bank accounts of unsuspecting victims.



Trojans can be spread in the guise of literally anything people find desirable, such as a free game, a nude picture, an MP3 song, etc. You might have downloaded the Trojan from a Website or file transfer site without even knowing it. That is why it is important to always know what you are down-

loading and who is sponsoring the program.

Remember that a virus or Trojan might cause your friend's computer to automatically send you the questionable file. Many viruses and Trojans are sent from unknowing friends who contacted the virus, which then used their email addresses to send it to you! In general, there is no reason for even a friend or colleague to send you an executable (.exe, .com, .pif, etc.) file. When in doubt, ask them first before opening the attached file. Be aware that "free" programs or spam might also contain a troublesome file. If you download commercial games or other software from unknown shareware sources or "spam," it's just a matter of time before you fall victim to a Trojan or virus.

Be cautious of dealing with pop-ups. This is a perfect place to plant a virus or Trojan program. You never know who wrote the program, or that person's intent. If you don't know the supplier, do not allow it to run or install!

Beware of hidden file extensions! Windows by default hides the last name extension of a file, so that innocuous-looking picture file, "susie.jpg," might really be "susie.jpg.exe," an executable Trojan! To avoid being tricked, unhide those pesky extensions so you can see them. This is an option selected in Windows Explorer under Tools\Folder Options\View. Make sure to "Apply to all folders." That way the final extension will show in all programs.

Don't be lulled into a false sense of security just because you run anti-virus programs. Many anti-virus programs do not protect against all viruses and Trojans, even when fully up to date. It's a race between the virus creators and the anti-virus cures. You need both virus protection and firewall programs to be fully protected against hackers and intruders.

Many homeowners insurance policies provide coverage for identity theft, and it can also be bought separately. Feel free to call our agency if you 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!

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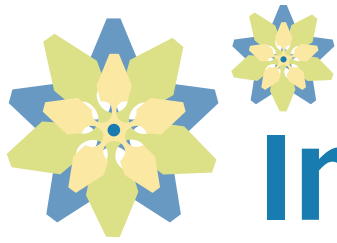
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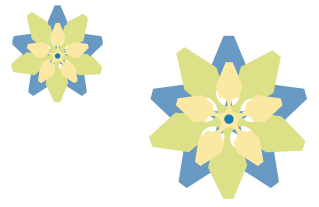
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Welcome New Members!
The Club gives a great big welcome to these new members, who recently joined the Club:

New Members

Airports

Cristina Cabrera
Alex Fagin
Christina Gomez
Gary Gordon
Francis Gray
Jennifer Hagan
Blanca Juarez
Tuan Luu

Animal Services

Rodney Bingley
Ricardo Botello
Christine Carr
Christina Cates
Graciela Ruiz
Eddie Sezate

Building and Safety

Luis Barrales
Manuel Garcia
Armen Jivalagain
Larry Lee
Robert Vorhis

City Attorney

Joshua Geller

City Council

David Roberts

General Services

Richer Bernard
Xavier Corral
Eugene Korchmarev
Jerome Munoz
Alex Navarro
Daniel Rios
Herbert Schmidl
Micheal Tamayo

Frank Walling

Harbor

Jen Barrientes
Antonio Guerrero
Ericka Howell
Shalona Murray
Tessalyn Sutton
Graciela True

ITA

Jonathon Robinson

Library

Patricia Miranda

LAFD

Jack Albert
Patrik Cloud
Daniel Colbert
Zachary Coughlin
Raymond Covarrubias
Edgar De La Cruz
Chase Doughty
Thaddeaus Farmon
Aaron Funez
Joseluis Garcia
Jacob Gonzalez
Scott Harris
Anthony Hernandez
Jason Jasgus
Kyle Johnson
Andrew Loera
Jason Mass
Matthew Okula
Donald Spreeman

LAPD

Rudolph Baca
Billy Brockway

Michael Cannon

David Cortes
Hector Diaz
Antonio Estrada
Minerva Gaines
Martha Grabe
Guillermo Hernandez
Daisy Ibanez
Mario Jacinto
Richard Ringen
Narvel Sandoval
David Steussie
Tanya Thomas
Tan Trinh
Andres Vera
Patricia Zamorag

Mayor's Office

Denise Villamil

Personnel

Robert Chase
Faye Galong

Planning

San Miguel Arana

PUBLIC WORKS

Engineering

Justin Kent
Bobby Rivera

Sanitation

Randy Armour
Randy Barrios
Alfonso Chavez
Shirley Crawford
Miguel Gamboa
Jesus Garcia
Maria Hitt

Raquel Marinez
Cesar Najarro
Juan Reyna
Cleofas Solis
Miguel Zuniga

Street Lighting

Matthew Duncan

Street Services

Edward Singer

Rec and Parks

Winnie Beranek
Joel Blanco
Kelly Caldwell
Raul Campos
Ramon Cerrillos
David Eda
Roberto Gutierrez
Julio Hernandez
Elton Howerton
Earnest Kelley
Maria Macias
Jimmy Macwilliams
Eloy Mendoza
Aaron Mitchell
Manuel Morales

Eugenia Ortega
Rafael Perez
Jacqueline Reyes
Raeann Rodriguez
Jesse Ruiz
Chris Slack
Luis Tobar
Irene Valencia
Rosa Vargas
James Vigil

Transportation

Fredie Garcia
Robert Gutierrez
Daniel Lopez
Charles Parra
Anthony Perez

DWP

Michael Butler
Justin Carpenter
Kevin Carpenter
Tyrone Dinneen
Angelie Fulton
Kevin Goya
Damion Hughes
Betty Johnson
Richard Kizzee
Jose Mendez

Terrence Nadle
Marvin Redeemer
Steven Short
Larry Taylor
Phillip Vega
Bruno Vidal
Juan Villareal
Mitchell Whittington
Darci Woodford

Other

Kelly Anderson
Noah Badgett
Rafael Cabrera
Thomas Davis
Peter Dicarolo
Luis Garcia
Lula Garner
Teri Guzman
James Hammontree
Dale Hooks
Richard Kanayama
Daniel Leal
Edwin Marin
Juanita Montague
Hector Peraza
Arthur Reyes
Ruben Rubi
Gloria Vargas



BY TIFFANY SY,
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Peace of Mind



Don't Forget the Kids

City kids are out of school, and I hope you and your families are enjoying outdoor summer fun and much-needed rest and relaxation! When we think of our City Employees Club benefits, we think of coverage for ourselves, and some of you have covered your spouse. Did you know we also cover your dependents? In addition to covering your children until they achieve legal age, on some of the Club's plans, we've extended coverage well into adulthood. For instance, the Club's life insurance provides coverage, whether or not your kids live with you or go to school, up to the age of 27.

The following chart offers a quick glance at identifying the duration of coverage for dependents.

Some of us know that, although our children/legal dependents

have reached a certain age where one may hear chuckles from an IRS agent if we tried to claim them, some parents understand that some kids never leave the nest. Some of you have also raised responsible kids who have shown some type of financial accountability to take it upon themselves to continue great insurance as an independent adult. Depending on the insurance plan, some companies allow your kids to convert their coverage to an individual policy, when they no longer qualify to be your kids according to some legal writing.

Check in with the Club regarding your dependents' coverage.



Dependent Coverage Chart

INSURANCE PLAN	DEPENDENT ELIGIBILITY
Term Life Insurance	Up to age 26 regardless of marital and student status; may convert to individual whole life policy
Accident Plan	19 or age 25 if full-time student
Accidental Death and Dismemberment	Up to age 26 regardless of marital and student status
Cash Cancer Plan	Under 18 or up to age 25 and full-time student; may convert to individual policies
Family Legal Plan	Unmarried children up to age 23 living in your home
Funeral Pre-Plan	Up to age 18; may convert to individual policy
Privacy Armor ID Theft Protection	Up to age 25 and full-time student

Graduations

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



Erica Noelle Barin graduated from USC (in three years), earning a Bachelor's degree in health promotion and disease prevention, and minoring in natural science. She plans to pursue a career in the medical field as a doctor, specializing in pediatrics/neonatal care and OB-gynecology. She is the daughter of Farah Barin, Economic/Workforce Development, and Perry Barin.



Joshua K. Beltran graduated with honors from Cal State University Los Angeles with a Bachelor of science degree in business administration. He is the son of Rosa Beltran and Jose Beltran, Custodian Supervisor, Airports/LAX. "Your family is very proud of you, Josh. Congratulations, and thank you for being a good son."



Jaime Cruz is moving from kindergarten to first grade at Reidy Creek Elementary School in Escondido. He's son of Carmelino and Patty Cruz, and the nephew of Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations. "Congratulations, Jaime, on your promotion to first grade! We love you and we are so very proud of you."



Sabrena Rakel Anjelec Edwards graduated from Whittier College with a Bachelor's degree in kinesiology and nutrition science. She plans to pursue a Master's degree in physical therapy. She's the daughter of Brenda Edwards, Public Works/Sanitation.



Aden Gomez graduated from the Primanti Montessori School in Whittier and is moving on to 7th grade. Aden is the son of Angel Gomez, Club Director of Sales, and is seen frequently in the monthly *Be Alive!* column in this newspaper.



Nadine Alyssa Murillo Gonzalez graduated from Early College Academy for Leaders and Scholars/Sotomayor High School in Los Angeles. Nadine plans to attend Cal State University Los Angeles in the fall to obtain a degree in business administration. She's the daughter of Irma Gonzalez, Personnel.



Noah Hawkins graduated from Heritage Christian High School in Northridge and plans to study psychology in college next year. He's the son of Kelley and John Hawkins, Club CEO. Noah looks forward to doing as many "People We See" interviews in *Alive!* as his school and work commitments allow.



Sandra Heib, Retired, LAPD graduated from the USC School of Social Work with a Master's degree in social work. She plans to work in the mental health field as a therapist. She's married to Christopher Heib, DWP.



Eryn Hillard graduated from North High in Torrance and plans to attend San Francisco State University in the fall. Eryn is the daughter of Officer III Robert Hillard, LAPD, and stepdaughter of Erika Hillard, Personnel.



Daniel Jamgotchian graduated from Loyola Marymount University with a Bachelor's degree in business finance. Daniel is also a founding father of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity at LMU. He is the son of *Alive!* designers, David and Marie Jamgotchian, JILA Associates. "Congratulations, Daniel!"



Congratulations to Jennifer Lauren Owen on her graduation from UCLA with a Bachelor's degree in international relations, and a minor in environmental systems and societies. Jennifer was also a Bruin tri-sports athlete in cross country and indoor and outdoor track. She is the daughter of Lourdes P. Owen, Retired, General Services, and Jeff Owen, Retired, DWP. "Well done, Jennifer!"



Maggie Rose Pazdernik graduated from Los Alamitos High School and plans to attend Cypress College in the fall. She's the daughter of Thomas Pazdernik, Airports.



Matthew Ponce de Leon graduated from 8th grade at Richard L. Graves Middle School in Whittier and plans to attend California High School in Whittier in the fall where he will also be attending the Scholars Academy. He's the son of Sophia Ponce de Leon, LAPD.



Caesar E. Ramirez graduated from Theodore Roosevelt High School and plans to attend the University of California Davis in the fall, majoring in biological engineering. He's the son of Noe Ramirez, DWP, and nephew to Edward La Voie, DWP.



Vincent Spicer graduated from Rancho High in Cucamonga. He's the son of Alicia Spicer, Airport Police. "We are so proud of him!"



Kristan Renee Thompson graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Eastvale, Cal. She plans to study child psychology. She's the daughter of Melonie Harrell, Airports.



Victoria Veljagic graduated from Schurr High School with highest honors and plans to attend UC Santa Barbara in the fall, majoring in economics. She's the daughter of Walter Veljagic, DWP.



Leon G. Wert Jr. graduated from Phineas Banning High School in Wilmington, and he plans to attend UC Irvine in the fall. He's the son of Leon G. Wert Sr., Transportation.



Angie Quintanilla graduated from Hollywood High School and hopes to major in the arts. She's the daughter of Jenipher Quintanilla, Airports.

Life's Important Moments, continued



Graduations



Oscar Meza graduated from Valley Center High School and plans to attend Cal State San Marcos in the fall.

“Congratulations, Oscar! The entire Larios family is so very proud of you, and we love you. We look forward to seeing you continue on your path of success!”

He’s the nephew of Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations.

From left: Norma Larios with her sons Oscar Meza, graduate, and Marcos Meza, “rising school star.”



Anthony Acosta (left) and Diego Ventura both graduated from Lennox Math, Science and Technology Academy.

Anthony plans to major in civil engineering, and Diego plans to major in psychology. Anthony is the son of Martha Acosta, Airports. (Diego is Anthony’s friend.)



Jeremiah and Dominique Richardson graduated from El Camino Real Charter High School in Woodland Hills. Jeremiah plans to attend Cal State

Northridge, and Dominique is considering a career in the military. They are the children of Sarah Richardson, LAPD, and grandchildren of Elvis Murray, Retired, Public Works.



Special Achievements



Roman Beetz, 7, and his Rancho Palos Verdes Boy Scout troop placed flags at the Veterans Administration Cemetery in Westwood on May 20, in anticipation of Memorial Day. He’s the grandson of Mary Beetz, RLACEI Director and *Alive!* columnist.



Congratulations to Thomas Heib at Los Alamitos High School! Thomas (wearing number 2) is the CIF Southern Section Masters Meet 800-meter champion, with a winning time of 1:51.49. The meet was in May. Thomas is ranked third for the state meet, and first in Orange County. He is the son of Christopher Heib, Sr. EDM, DWP.

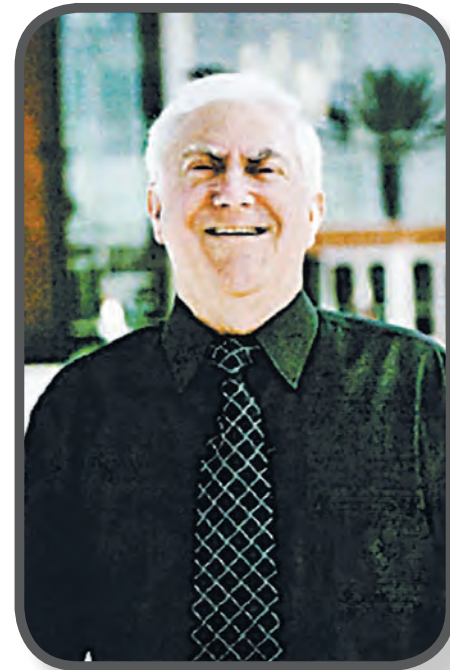


Photo courtesy Cal State/Long Beach.

Phillip Orland, Retired, Rec and Parks, won the Alumni Community Service Award from his alma mater, Cal State

Long Beach. The award notes his service to the school, but also his membership on the board of directors of the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI), and his many efforts at promoting wellness for retirees through the RLACEI’s wellness program. He also coordinates RLACEI seminars for retirees to better understand the Affordable Care Act.

Congratulations, Phil!



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

- Dodos, Hubert, Airports, 8
- Emory, Gary, DWP, 28
- Keyes, Robyne, Library, 7
- Pecoff, Steve, Rec and Parks, 7
- Santos, Albertino, Rec and Parks, 17

Retired

- Arnold, Barbara, Rec and Parks, 43
- Badostain, Anita, DWP, 31
- Beck, Bryan, DWP, 26
- Benavides, Robert, Harbor, 23
- Bilderback, Ryoko, Transportation, 28
- Bohlig, James, Public Works, 36
- Bohnsack, Thelma, LAPD, 16
- Bonccek, James, Public Works, 30
- Campanella, A.M., DWP, 18
- Cartwright, Robert, Airports, 25
- Castro, Henry, ITA, 34
- Charles, William, DWP, 24
- Cuneo, Craig, DWP, 36
- Dalton, Robert, Public Works, 32
- Davis, Jerry, Airports, 25

- Dizacomo, Mildred, Transportation, 19
- Doll, Edward, DWP, 24
- Eisinger, John, Library, 28
- Enriquez, Mario, Building and Safety, 13
- Finn, Morris, Public Works, 30
- Frankhauser, Herbert, DWP, 23
- Frick, Karen, LAPD, 30
- Galvan, Jose, Library, 28
- Gasca, Lucas, General Services, 46
- Grieve, Floyd, General Services, 27
- Hatano, Louis, LAPD, 21
- Hertz, Harold, DWP, 45
- Hickey, James, Finance, 37
- Hildreth, Will, DWP, 30
- Johnson, James, LAPD, 19
- Kerley, Donna, City Attorney, 30
- King, Paulene, LAPD, 21
- Kono, Jim, DWP, 10
- Lew, Albert, DWP, 10
- Lieggi, Nick, General Services, 26
- Lindgreen, Gurli, DWP, 15
- Lund, Keith, DWP, 29
- Lynch, Dennis, Personnel, 30
- Nielsen, Florence, DWP, 17

An Alive! feature

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

- Ortiz, Gaston, Public Works, 25
- Polston, Samuel, LAPD, 16
- Pratt, Benjamin, Public Works, 35
- Roje, Olga, Harbor, 21
- Rosenlund, Jack, DWP, 35
- Rothermel, Robert, DWP, 32
- Ruiz, Ralph, DWP, 31
- Sanford, Alfonzo, General Services, 30
- Small, Daniel, City Clerk, 10
- Small, Daniel, DWP, 30
- Smith, Joseph, Public Works, 5

- Spehar, Joseph, Public Works, 16
- Stewart, Fred, DWP, 34
- Thompson, Steven, DWP, 29
- Tummel, William, Rec and Parks, 10
- Ullman, Kurt, Airports, 5
- Waitman, Benjamin, CAO, 30
- Walker, Lonnie, DWP, 26
- Weathers, Jerome, Rec and Parks, 34
- Wicksell, Raleigh, DWP, 33
- Williams, A.H., Public Works, 18
- Wilson, Arthur, DWP, 32

Flo Goes

Florence Broughton retires from the LAPD after 20 years of City service.

Florence Broughton, Police Service Rep II, LAPD, recently retired after 20 years of City service.

On Aug. 22, 1994, PSR II Florence (Flo) Broughton was appointed as a Police Service Representative (PSR) trainee in class 52. Today, as she retires, she is the penultimate floor PSR from her class after serving 20 years and 257 days in Communications Division (CD). The gregarious Canadian transplant successfully completed the arduous training and began a distinguished career that spanned more than two decades. In 1996, she was selected to complete Bureau Communications Coordinator (BCC) training. In this quasi-supervisory assignment, she oversaw field activities in her assigned bureau and assisted her Radio Telephone Operators (RTO) with their duties.

Throughout her career she received a bevy of bureau and area commendations for initiative, teamwork, leadership and commitment to excellence for a variety of tasks. Not surprisingly many of her commendations were for her expert handling of officer emergencies on the Radio Telephone Operator (RTO) position. Affectionately known as an "emergency magnet," Broughton deftly handled any type of field emergency that occurred, whether it was the foot pursuit of a murder suspect to a lengthy vehicle pursuit. On one occasion she was commended by a Commander for quickly sending resources to an officer who requested additional units. However, there was no response from field units. The Commander remarked that Flo's quick action averted a "tactical nightmare" and supplied the needed help to the requesting officer.

As an Emergency Board Operator, Flo received a commendation for her astute and compassionate handling of a murder/attempted suicide. An 86-year-old male shot and killed his wife and attempted to commit suicide.

Florence remained on the line with the suspect and encouraged his surrender until officers arrived and took the suspect into custody. During the trial, Florence's testimony was crucial evidence that resulted in the suspect's conviction. Force Investigation Division deemed Broughton's EBO performance and testimony without reproach.

Flo received a certificate of appreciation for being the PM Watch high performing call taker on the Auxiliary Telephone Operator (ATO). Her work ethic and attention to duty contributed the efficient handling of the CD call load.

Florence was on duty during some of the milestone events affecting the LAPD and provided compassionate support to the citizens of Los Angeles. She was recognized for her work during the 9/11 Terrorists Attacks in 2001 and the Lakers Champion Celebration unrest in 2009.

Unbeknown to many, Flo's generosity was extraordinary. When she learned of a need that someone was experiencing, Flo was quick to donate time, effort and monetary assistance. She graciously assisted with the planning and execution of a retirement party for one of her coworkers. In recognition of the Communication Division (CD) supervision, she planned an appreciation luncheon for them.

Post retirement, Flo plans to get some much-needed rest and to get into shape for her American-Canadian road trip, where she will dote on her beloved nieces and nephews! Flo, your caring ways and friendship will be truly missed. We wish you the best!

At Florence Broughton's retirement event.



THIS MONTH AT THE

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**Sat., July 25
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Club Angels

Club Scholarship Deadline July 31

*Simplified applications for Club Scholarship are available online and at the Club Store. **Deadline is noon, July 31, 2015.***

The application deadline for the 2015 Joannie Mukai Club Scholarship Program, which expects to grant 20 awards, is quickly approaching.



Joannie Mukai.

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

Continuing in 2015: Club Scholarship applications have been simplified, for greater ease in filling them out.

All materials must be physically in the Club Store and Service Center downtown, 120 W. Second St. by noon, July 31, 2015.

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

Those eligible include Club Members, their spouses and their children who are in college or will be attending an accredited college or university in Fall 2015.

"Through *Alive!*, the Club loves recognizing excellence in City Employees. And the Club Scholarship program recognizes academic and service excellence in our Club Members and their families," said John Hawkins, Club CEO. "The Club Scholarship Program reflects that commitment, too."

"The Club loves recognizing excellence in our Club Members and their families. The Club Scholarship Program reflects that commitment."

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

You can pick up an application at the Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St. downtown, or download an application at:

www.cityemployeesclub.com/scholar.asp

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

"Apply now, and good luck."

Eligibility requirements:

- All Club Members and their spouses, and children of Club Members under the age of 25, are eligible to apply. Club Members must be in good standing.
- The successful candidate must attend an accredited four-year college or university full time in the fall semester 2015. Current high school seniors matriculating to a four-year school in Fall 2015 are eligible.
- Candidates will be judged for academic excellence, community service and financial need.
- Scholarships are expected to be awarded in



Jean-Paul Vercher received a stipend last year as part of Club Angels' Mukai Scholarship Program.



Brittany Norris received a stipend last year as part of Club Angels' Mukai Scholarship Program.

equal amounts of \$500 (each).

■ Deadline: Applications must be in the Club Store, 120 W. Second St. downtown, by noon July 31, 2015. All applications must be physically in

the Club office at that time to be eligible. Sorry, but the Club is not responsible for delays in delivery.

- Decisions will be made by Club personnel and will be considered final.
- Club Store address: 120 W. Second St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Send questions to: scholarship@cityemployeesclub.com

Rec and Parks

Story and photos courtesy Banning Museum

Banning Birthday BBQ

Banning Residence Museum to host annual barbecue/ concert fund raiser.



An outdoor Western barbecue is offered.



Friends of Banning Museum plan to celebrate the birthday of the "Father of the Los Angeles Port" Phineas Banning with a special evening of barbecue, music and dancing. The evening is set for 5 – 8 p.m. Aug. 15.

In the spirit of the Rancho-period of the Banning property, guests will be treated to a Western-themed evening with live music provided by local favorite, "South Bay Country;" free line dance instruction; country style dancing; and a good old fashioned barbecue buffet provided by Southland Favorite, "The Outdoor Grill." Country-Western attire is admired but not required.

There are two levels of participation: The "picnic" option costs \$10 for general admission, (free for Friends of Banning Museum members). With this option, guests bring their own dinner and beverage and a blanket/low chair to enjoy the concert. They will be treated to complimentary birthday cupcake, line dance instruction and dancing on the front lawn of the mansion.

The higher level – "VIP" – costs \$45 and includes on-site BBQ buffet dinner prepared by "The Outdoor Grill" with a birthday cupcake, line dance instruction, reserved seating and gated parking. Guests are welcome to bring their own wine or beverage.

Reservations required for all guests. The Banning Museum is at 401 East M St., in Wilmington. For more information or to reserve your ticket, call (310) 548-2005.

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



South Bay Country will provide the tunes for the annual Banning barbecue fund raiser.

Reviews by Fellow Club Members

ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies

• *In the cinema*

I'll See You in My Dreams

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Blythe Danner plays an aging widow in this touching themed-comedy about embracing life with all its unknowns. After the death of her pet dog, Danner's character learns to first make friends with her pool boy and later joins her peers in meeting men and taking some unexpected chances. While this could easily have been a cliché-ridden film, one we've all seen before, the excellent cast gives us a performance that is satisfying and enlightening. And for a change, there emerges a really fine story line behind all the humorous adventures in this buddy comedy.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

Love and Mercy

Rated PG-13

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This Beach Boys movie is the story of group leader Brian Wilson and his several-decades struggle with family and mental problems. The film shows Wilson's genius to create a '60s band and music that was both unique and influential. In the group's early days, the struggle was with the family, but later the struggle is with Wilson's mental problems and his attempt to free himself from a manipulative and controlling therapist, thanks to his girlfriend/future wife. *Love and Mercy* is enjoyable and engrossing, with lots of cultural references and great music to match its high-level of acting.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

San Andreas

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This is a great disaster movie! It's got a cracking dam, a tsunami, crumbling buildings and, best of all, the Rock. Dwayne Johnson plays a search and rescue guy on a mission to save his family. There's also a British kid in the movie who provided some comic relief. He almost stole the show. There's not much to the story line and the dialogue is predictable, but we didn't care. My husband and I went to see this movie to be entertained, and that it did.

— Marilou Romney, LAPD

Hot Pursuit

Rated PG-13

My Score: 2 (out of 5)



Man, talk about a wasted opportunity to take advantage of the charisma and talents of Reece Witherspoon and Sofia Vergara. *Hot Pursuit* could have totally made for a great *Odd Couple*-type film, but the forced jokes and

overall bland story just made it so unwatchable that not even the attraction of both women and their immense acting talents could save the film. It all boils down to one big jumbled mess that had me losing interest in the film about 30 minutes in. What a shame, because I really wanted this film to showcase what these two actresses are capable of.

— Richard Cardenas, LAPD

On a Screen Near You

• *Movies via DVDs, downloads and streaming*

The Wrecking Crew (2008)

Rated PG

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

The recordings of the great Los Angeles rock groups of the late '50s through the early '70s owe their musicality to a group of studio musicians called The Wrecking Crew. This group of fewer than 20 men and women, with their background in Big Band, jazz and country music, composed and played on a majority of the era's successful albums. Much great music back-history is documented in this, a modest but very entertaining film. Footage of the Beach Boys, the Mamas and Papas, the Byrds, the Righteous Brothers and more is a delight and a surprise. Don't miss.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

Book Reviews

If Jack Had

Steven Rappaport, *Quirky fiction*, 214 pages, *Black Rose Writing*

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

If Jack Had is a kind of quirky book in the vein of Mel Brooks or Woody Allen (or some kind of weird amalgamation of the two) blended with the dark tones of the movie *Memento*, which combines mystery and murder and the mundane. Just imagine if a *New York Times* reporter doubled as an assassin for the mob. That is what you get in the basic premise of the book. However, the trails and irony of the dual nature Jack leads is a bit too frustrating for him to continue and leads to a wonderful POV narrative within the pages of this intriguing book.

— Richard Cardenas, LAPD

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Video Gaming

• *Video games via online, rental or purchase*

Pokémon Rumble World

Rated E10+ for Everyone 10+ For 3DS

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

For some younger gamers and some frustrated veteran gamers as well, the Pokémon games can be a bit tedious and time consuming. Enter *Pokémon Rumble World*.



This game is more of a beat-'em-up than an RPG, and the fluidity of the animated combat and ease of controls makes this much more enjoyable and can be played at short intervals; there's no need for all-encompassing quests or missions. Some Pokémon veterans may argue that the game is too easy, but this really is just a casual action game with Pokémon elements added in for fun. It's definitely worth giving it a try – and it's free.

— Richard Cardenas, LAPD

For Father's Day

Here's a Father's Day greeting that came in after our final deadline – but the sentiment is as timely as ever. – Ed.

"Happy Father's Day, Dad! It's true what they say: The best dads get promoted to grandpa."
— Christopher Sevilla, Harbor

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The Car Club

By EVERETT BENNETT, Inspector,
Public Works/Contract Administration



Car Show for Tommy

The 10th annual Tommy Scott Memorial Inaugural Ride and Car Show was held on Saturday April 25th at Westchester Park. The event was greeted with a beautiful sunny Southern California day that helps remind us of why we call this place home. Some might call it paradise, but I don't. (My paradise doesn't have traffic and Prius owners flicking cigarette butts out their windows while listening to Taylor Swift, but I digress.)

The car show was a perfect representation of all the different makes and models that one can put time and money into. From VW Bugs, to an original 1934 Dodge Sedan, to a new Camaro with a supercharger, there was something for everyone. The crowd was full of car enthusiasts, kids, and even dogs enjoying the perfect location to remember why we were all gathered – Tommy Scott.

After walking and looking at beautiful cars, hunger usually stares at you in the face. A quick walk to the food truck area was a must to indulge in some of the amazing food these wandering chefs prepare in minutes. Lines formed quickly and the hunger epidemic was under control before it even started. As I was two bites into my grilled cheese sandwich, I heard the rumble of motorcycles getting closer and closer. As I entered the parking lot area to see where the noise was coming from, about 50 beautiful motorcycles introduced themselves. Loud pipes amplifying the purr from the Harley-Davidson motors and music blasting from the custom stereos helped keep an audience while they cruised around the parking lot before finding their resting spot on the grass.

The opening ceremony happened soon thereafter and was a special treat. The ceremony included the Honor

Guard presenting colors. The raffle kept things going, but at the end of the day I was a loser. I still left with a smile, though. How could you not, after meeting new friends, eating great food and being part of a good cause?

The memorial was exquisitely planned and executed. I will definitely be there next year and so should you. It's a fun family day to remember a lawman gone too soon.



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Cooking with the Club

with Chef Robert Larios



CILANTRO/LIME RICE WITH SAUTÉED ALMOND SHRIMP

Simplicity in cooking often results in fantastic-tasting food. Sometimes less is more with cooking up dishes in the kitchen. Dishes like grilled cheese sandwiches, oven roasted Brussels sprouts and even a Waldorf salad make the list.

In this month's dish, I make a cilantro and lime rice topped with sautéed almond shrimp. This can be made in about 30 minutes or fewer. The rice has a good balance of lime flavors and cilantro that is a refreshing combination for the summer months. I used shrimp in this recipe, but feel free to use scallops or cubed chicken breasts with the almond slices. I married the rice to it but you may make it separately, too.

¡Buen provecho! *Chef Larios*

INGREDIENTS:

DIRECTIONS:

Makes 4 Servings

Photography by Patricia M. Larios

Cilantro and Lime Rice

- 2 cups water
- 1 cup white rice
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 limes; use juice and lime zest
- 1/2 cup finely chopped cilantro

Sautéed Almond Shrimp

- Sautéed Almond Shrimp
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds
- 1/4 cup diced white onion
- Sea salt and freshly cracked pepper to taste
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- Juice one lemon
- 1 dozen uncooked small shrimp (41/50 size), peeled
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil



[A Cook's Dictionary]

Cilantro:

The bright green leaves and stems of the coriander plant. Cilantro (also called Chinese parsley or coriander) has a lively, pungent fragrance that some describe as "soapy." It is widely used in Asian, Caribbean and Latin American cooking, and its distinctive flavor lends itself to highly spiced foods. Cilantro can be found year-round in most supermarkets and is generally sold in bunches.

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



1 Bring the water to a boil; stir the butter and rice into the water. Add cilantro, sea salt and pepper. Cover, reduce heat to low, and simmer until the rice is tender, about 20 minutes.



2 Remove zest from two limes and then squeeze lime juice from each. Set aside until rice is cooked. Add juice and zest, then mix.



3 In medium heat, add olive oil in a skillet. Add minced garlic, diced onion, sea salt and pepper. When almonds begin to turn golden brown, add (peeled) shrimp and lemon juice. Once shrimp turn pink, turn heat off.



4 Use a small bowl to pack rice to brim and place on plate to make a decorative appearance. Add shrimp and almond pieces to the top of the rice structure. Add some more chopped cilantro and sautéed almonds around the plate.

Fun Food Quote:

"If words had flavors, hers would be bitter almonds and coffee grounds." – Jodi Picoult

Cooking TIDBIT

You may use different sizes of shrimp and even other types seafood including fish or scallops.



John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins, Club CEO



"Here's a view from the South Rim of the Grand Canyon."
– John Hicks, LAFD

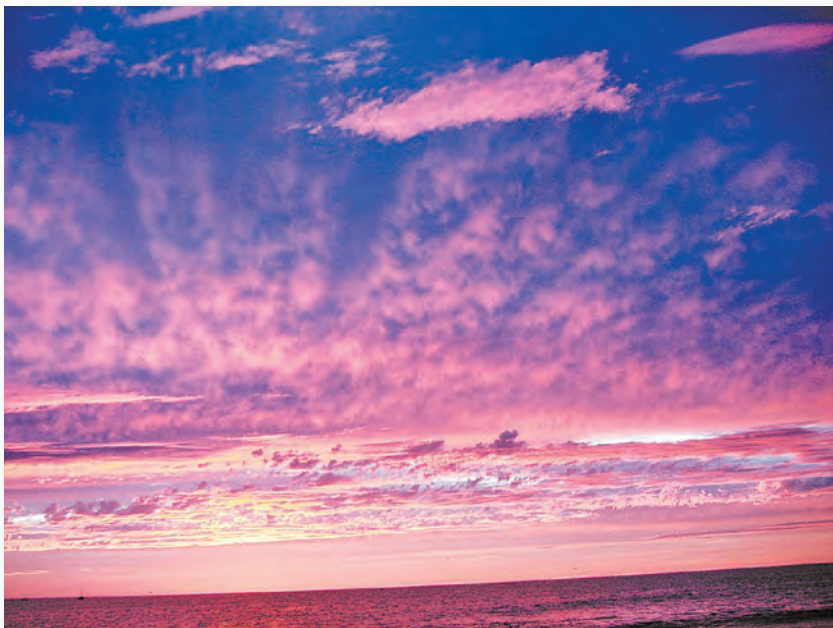
John's comment: I've been in love with the Grand Canyon since I was 14, and it's shots like this that bring back such great memories. Thanks, John, for this wonderful photo of the South Rim.



"Here's another submission from my 'I wish I were there now' files. I captured this image on one of my trips through Tuscany, Italy – and up to this day I find myself wondering what it must be like to live in that house by the trees."

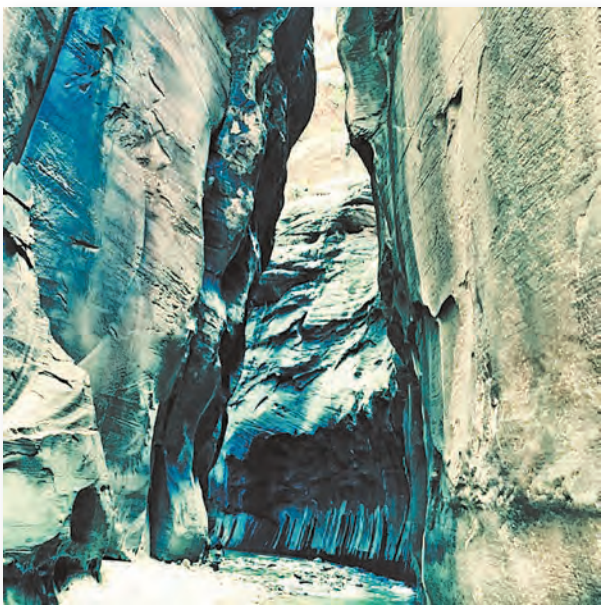
– Yves Didier, LAPD

John's comment: Yes, I really do wish I were there living in that little house by the trees ... a Picture Perfect indeed!



"This colorful sunset over the Pacific was taken on vacation in Mazatlán, Mexico, on March 19."
– Diana Felszeghy, Retired, LAPD

John's comment: It's amazing how beautiful our sky can be as the sun sets ... and this is no exception. Thanks for capturing this, Diana!



"Here's a photo of my recent trip to Zion National Park in Utah. This is the Narrows Virgin River Trail, a five-hour hike from start to end."

– Jesus Hernandez

John's comment: While the colors are muted in this picture, the result is very dramatic due to the angle you chose. Nice work, Jesus!



"I actually got this effect by turning the picture upside down. It's an early morning photo of the Silver Lake Reservoir outlet tower. Simply invert it to see real picture."

– Mike Aubin, DWP

John's comment: Mike, I didn't realize how awesome this picture was until I turned it upside down. It's truly a unique picture!

RULES:

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

Story courtesy Sgt. Belinda Joseph, Airport Police
Photo by Sgt. Elliott Wade

We Have Winners!

Ontario Airport hosts 25th annual golf tournament.

On May 8, more than 144 players and 32 teams participated in the Friends of Ontario Airport 25th annual golf tournament at Sierra Lakes Golf Club in Fontana. Coming in first place for teams was an Airport Police foursome of SACU Officers Tyrant Chisholm, Scott Peterson and Public Safety Officers Mike Rasmussen and Raul Rodriguez.

The event was to benefit the USO in Ontario, Travelers Aid of the Inland Empire as well as to help support Ontario's educational outreach for disadvantaged students.



From left: Officers Tyrant Chisholm, Mike Rasmussen, Raul Rodriguez and Scott Peterson.



Griffith Observatory

Sunset Walk

July 28

7:45 – 8:45 p.m.

The Observatory offers a sunset hike led by a Park Ranger and a museum guide. The hike starts on the Observatory's West Terrace, proceeds up the Charlie Turner trail to the Berlin Forest on the hill just north of the Observatory, and then returns to the West Terrace.

The distance covered is about half a mile over the course of an hour at a very moderate pace with stops along the way to discuss the highlights and history of Griffith Park, and objects visible in the evening sky.

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

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