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Joe Govea, 91, Retired, Building and Safety, and former Rifleman, First Infantry Division, nearly made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom.

**INSIDE:** Joe recalls the Battle of the Bulge, his serious injury and Purple Heart, and the meaning of freedom.

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Joe Govea, 25 years of City service, wearing his original World War II Army dress uniform, including his beloved combat infantry badge, a rifle surrounded by a wreath on his left chest.

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**A Message From the CEO**

# A Hard Road To Heroism

by John Hawkins,  
President and CEO, The Club

This month's visit with American hero **Joe Govea**, 91, Retired, Building and Safety, is our 116th *Alive!* interview. I've participated in most of them. And I have to say, as we celebrate another Independence Day this month, it's an important interview – Joe's words hit me deeply.

I'd met Joe before, but most recently I ran into his wife, **Shirley**, and him at a Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) event. We got to talking – he is an Army veteran, and I'm a Navy veteran – as I wanted to learn about what he went through. We sat down in his back patio as he shared at least some of his memories. The stories might be amazing to hear to those of us who weren't there, but they were harrowing, to say the least, while they were happening.

Some people want to know what it feels like to be a true hero. Warning: It's not always pretty – we encroached upon a lot of bad memories for Joe. Shirley can't get him on a cruise because it reminds him too much of the troop carrier he took to England with German U-boat dangers lurking all around him. He hasn't been back to Europe, even once. He hasn't seen his name inscribed in a Paris memorial as part of the French Legion of Honor. He can't watch the awesome *Band of Brothers*, a source for many of us who were not there 70 years ago.



Army veteran Joe Govea (right) shares his World War II experiences with Navy veteran John Hawkins, Club CEO.

Joe told me he didn't even know he was part of the Battle of the Bulge – he was smack-dab in the middle of that epic, horrific fight – until 2004, when his family wrote to the Army Records Center in St. Louis to get his paperwork. When you're focused on getting the job done and staying alive while doing it, you don't think about the name of the battle you're in. Like the true rifleman that he was, he wasn't too concerned about impressive-sounding titles.

A few horrific stories did come out of him, but there's more than modesty going on in his reticence to tell them. There are pain, and anger, and horror, and nightmares that he's trying to stay on top of. Of course I wanted to know the stories, but not knowing them all doesn't limit the respect and awe I feel for Joe and all of our bravest who keep us safe to pursue what matters in life – family, faith, purpose and community.

His family, like all military families, sacrificed a lot. His late mother, **Lucia**; his first wife, **Esther**, who died of cancer; Shirley; and their children **Susan**, **Cynthia**, **Yvonne**, **Michael** and **Sarah**, all helped Joe get through his demons. And with patience and prayer, he succeeded.

Our freedom cost people like Joe a lot. Like most of the people of the Greatest Generation, he says he was just doing his job. We all know that it was more than that. Spending time with him and his fellow heroes – those who we still have left – is the greatest honor we can bestow upon them. So don't wait. Sit down, ask gentle questions, and then *listen*. I'm glad I did, and I suggest you consider it, too.

This month's issue is another strong one and carries other good stories, with lots of retirements, graduations, and the like. I love seeing all the sons and daughters of Club Members graduating. Impressive! 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.

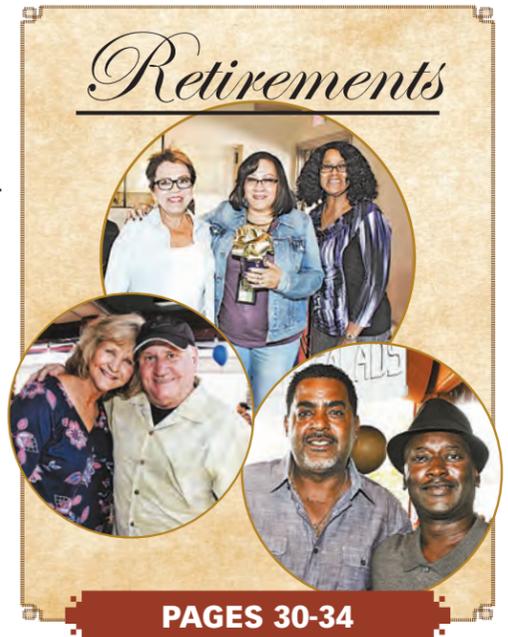
I wish you a great Independence Month, and I salute Joe and all those like him who helped make it possible.

**JOHN**

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From left: Joe Govea, Retired, Building and Safety, and World War II hero, is photographed at his home by Summy Lam, Club Director of Marketing.



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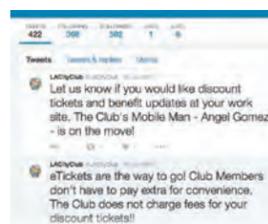


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# Letters to the Editor

## Chef Larios Is One for The Books



### Cooking with the Club

I enjoy reading *Alive!* (especially the recipes published by Chef Larios). I would like to suggest that the Chef put his recipes into a hard copy cookbook, which I know will be a top seller.

Through the years, his recipes have been a "go-to and save page" and are always delicious, with easy-to-find ingredients and are simple to make.

My idea is for his cookbook to contain a cooking with kid's section, which would be great for parents and grandparents to have memorable bonding experiences with children, which will also get them away from electronic devices and teach them a life skill.

I would also like a reference at the bottom of any recipe that can be used with a slow cooker, with the actual slow-cooker-adapted recipe added in the slow cooker chapter.

Every few years, the Chef could update his cookbook, or springboard to introduce a grilling/camping cookbook, or a cookbook based on recipes from the many varied ethnic sections of Los Angeles. This could be a springboard for introducing City-themed kitchen products (aprons, dish towels, mats, etc.) or at some point a cookbook that includes submissions from City employees.

This cookbook would be great to market as a retirement or birthday gift. with the profits donated to downtown missions or other worthy nonprofits. I think Chef Larios is camera-perfect and could cook in an online show, and perhaps morph into the next Food Network star

Thanks for listening.

— **Armeda Collier, Retired, DWP**

**Hi Armeda:** You bring up a great idea and something I have been thinking about since the first time I had the opportunity to publish "Cooking With the Club" in 2002. I think a cookbook would help many more employees make quick, simple and delicious dishes at home. I also want to thank you for introducing yourself to me at the DWP Retirees Association picnic at Whittier Narrows in early June — it was an honor to meet you. — **Chef Larios**

**H**ey! It feels like a piece of our lives is taken from us when we don't see Chef Larios cooking up his next delicious recipe. We understand when his column doesn't get published, but please, please, please don't make a habit of it. Our family, especially our kids, loves reading it.

— **Monica Victorino, LAPD**

**Hi Monica,** *Alive!* has been full to the brim lately with news of Club Members, and of course our great Club benefits, and sometimes things get pushed due to space. We promised we won't do it very often. — **Ed.**

### Moms and Dads Are a Big Part of the Club Family

Thank you for thinking about all the moms and dads out here in the tribute pages. It is wonderful that the newspaper dedicates the time and space for them. They deserve it, and I know each of their families thinks so, too. Keep up the great work!

— **Mark Frederickson, DWP**

### Add Instagram to the Ways Club Connects With Members

I noticed that the Club is now on Instagram! That is terrific! I have followed you guys on Twitter and Facebook, but I like the format on Instagram enough to know that your presence on this social media will keep

more of us informed about what is happening with discounts and special promotions.

— **Lana Moore, General Services**

### Club Van Always Brings Jolt Of Energy ... and Great Deals

I always see the Mobile Man's picture in the newspaper but I finally had a chance to meet him at the Hyperion Treatment Plant when he visited us in his cool Club Van. He brought two of his Club staff members, too. He is always energized and full of caffeine, but Angel tells me that he hardly ever drinks coffee. Go figure! Anyway, we love having him here and hope to see him around this way again soon!

— **Terry Davis, Public Works**

## Robert's Question of the Month

BY ROBERT LARIOS, Chief Operating Officer  
[rlarios@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:rlarios@cityemployeesclub.com)



Fellow Club members answer the Question of the Month

### 'What is one freedom you cannot go without?'



"Being in total control of my life!"

— **Tim Shelton, Retired, Public Works/Street Services, 32 years of City service**



"Being able to make my own choices and take action at a moment's notice!"

— **James Duncan, Street Services Supervisor II, Public Works/Street Services, 26 years of City service**



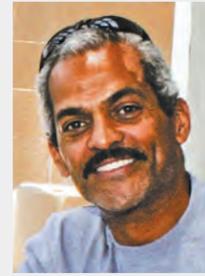
"Go and do whatever and whenever I want to do!"

— **Wayne Monroe, Retired, Public Works/Street Services, 31 years of City service**



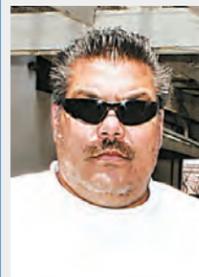
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— **Phillip Langston, Motor Sweeper Operator, Public Works/Street Services, 8 years of City service**



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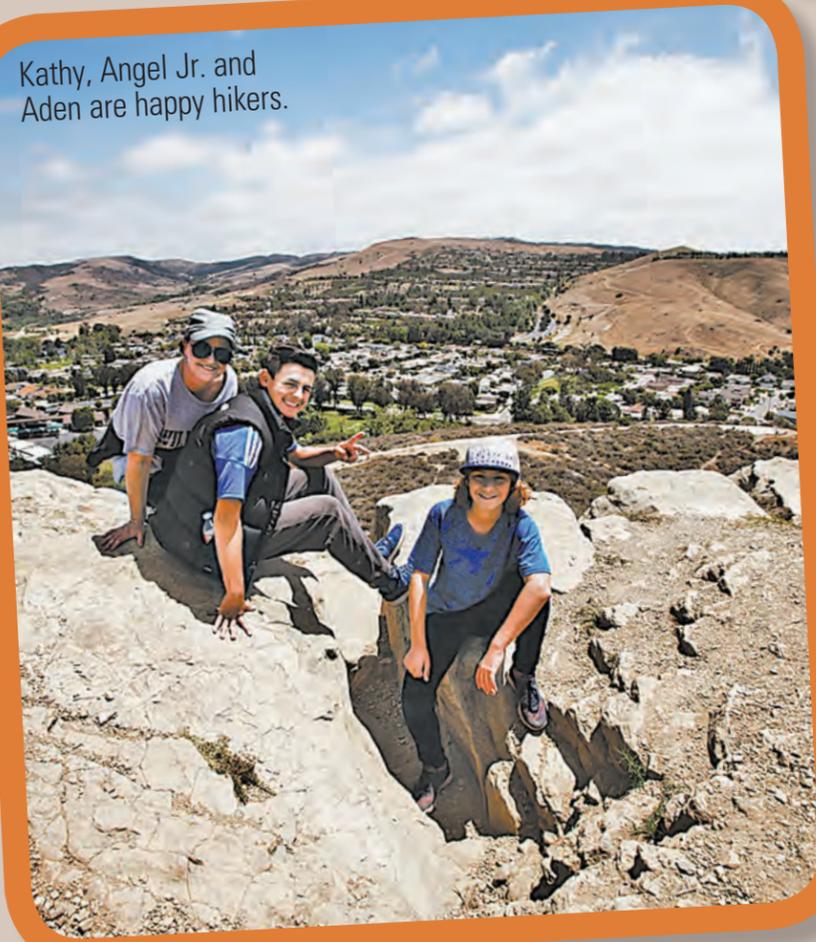
# Angel's Be Alive!



# Turtle Rock Viewpoint Trail

- Irvine

Kathy, Angel Jr. and Aden are happy hikers.



### Hello again!

This month we are going to take a short walk in Irvine. The trail is actually behind an elementary school. If you go on the weekend, you can find parking right in front of the school. The trail is very short but the view is amazing! Once you get to the top you can see 360 degrees. It's so relaxing; I stayed up there for at least 30 minutes. In addition to the view, you can actually walk in a circle around the area and get different perspectives.

### Let's begin!

**The Trail:** We arrived and walked through the Bonita Canyon Elementary School, which is connected to the Chaparral Park. The park is closed from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Once we got to the trailhead there were a few paved flights of stairs to take. After that we left the pavement. Immediately we were in front of a decent-sized hill. It may look intimidating at first, but it was very easily scaled (to the top) and not difficult at all.

After we reached the summit we could see over most of Irvine. This would be a good place to have lunch with friends or family.

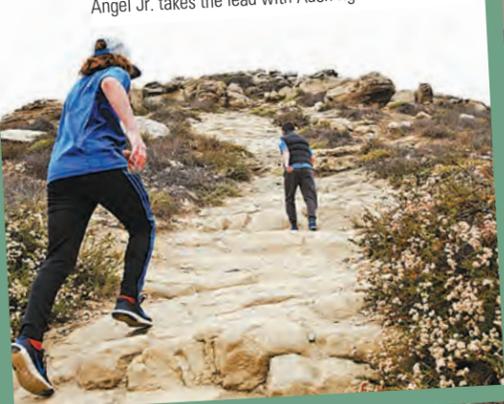
Then we continued on the trail, which goes around in a loop. It was mostly grassy surroundings. After the loop was completed, we went back down the rocky side of the trail and continued to the stairs, which lead to Chaparral Park. It was only 2.7 miles round trip and a 250-foot gain in elevation. It took us approximately an hour and a half to complete the round trip.

The trail is very easy; the most difficult part was climbing the rocky section, which again was not very steep. Bring some sunblock because there is no shade along the trail, or at least wear a hat. And lastly, always bring water to keep you hydrated.

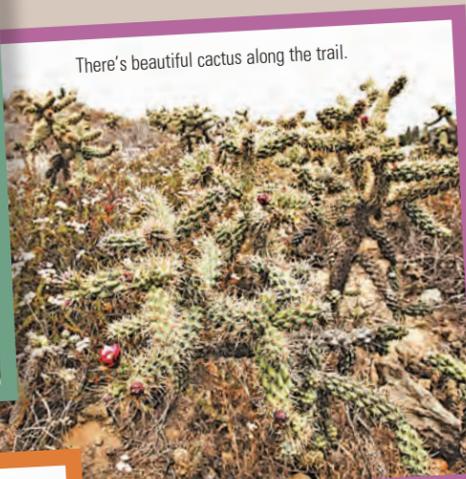
I recommend this trail for the families and also for anyone who just wants to go out and enjoy an amazing view.

Until next month, be safe and "Be Alive!"

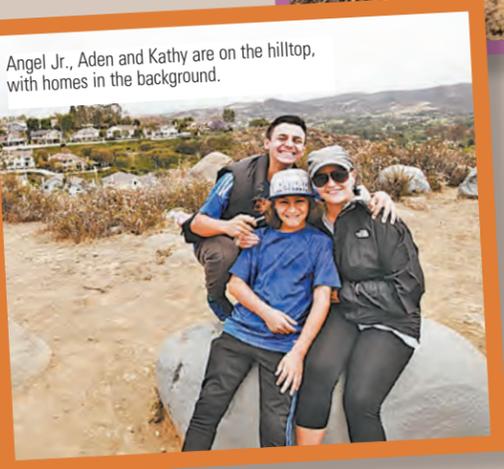
Angel Jr. takes the lead with Aden right behind him.



There's beautiful cactus along the trail.



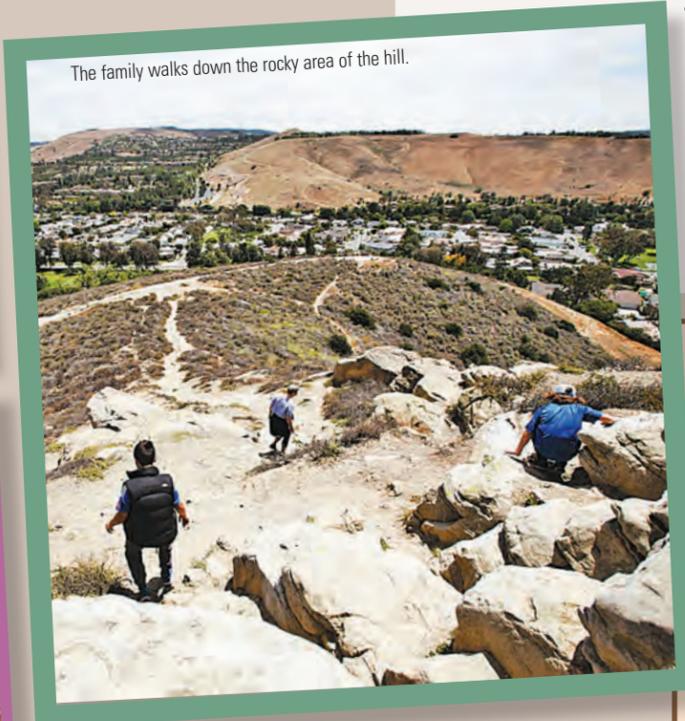
Angel Jr., Aden and Kathy are on the hilltop, with homes in the background.



This trail was made for walking.



The family walks down the rocky area of the hill.



## Turtle Rock Viewpoint Trail

1 Sundance Drive  
Irvine, CA 92603

**Directions:** Take the CA-110 south to the I-405 South to Bonita Canyon Drive, then take exit 12 from the CA-73. Continue on Bonita Canyon Drive to Turtle Rock Trail.

**Hours:** 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

**Parking:** free (street)

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## Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



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### Irwindale



Capt. Michael Barnes, Harbor, stepped back in time when he visited the Renaissance Faire at the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area.

"Oh how we love the Renaissance Faire," Michael writes. "Every year we make our pilgrimage to the faire, which over time has changed. Now it's more family oriented."

But still a great place to bring your friends and family, and it's only about an hour drive from LA.

"My wife and my friends all dress up as Elizabethan peasants, as that's part of the fun, but you will also see an assortment of people in costumes from different eras and dimensions, like bearded Vikings, strange green fairies, *Star Trek* voyagers, pirates, and even Batman and Robin."

"Our favorite shows are 'Moonie the Magnificent,' who has a very dry sarcastic wit; the Dread Crew of Oddwood (Elizabethan heavy metal band), and the jousting, of course, with all the cheering (children young and old love this show). We enjoy the bawdiness of the Belles of Bedlam and other saucy wenches acts, you may even get invited to join them on stage, as I did."

"Tip: Prepay your ticket online (during the sale), and you will not have to wait in the long line for ticket booth."

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### The Orient Express



Mary Jo Curwen, Retired, Deputy City Attorney, is pictured about to board the Orient Express in Venice, Italy on her way to Paris. Hubby Colin Chiu (Retired, Assistant City Attorney) captured this shot as they embarked on a tour of France.



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**Club Angels**

**Scholarship Deadline July 29**

**Simplified applications for Club Scholarship are available online and at the Club Store. *Deadline is noon, July 29, 2016.***



Joannie Mukai.

The application deadline for the 2016 Joannie Mukai Club Scholarship Program, which expects to grant 20 awards, is quickly approaching.

The Club's scholarship program is named after the late Club Board Member Joannie Mukai.

**Continuing in 2016:** 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 29, 2016.

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 2016.

"Our Club Scholarship deadline is almost here – it's the end of this month," said Club CEO John Hawkins. "With the Club Scholarship, we're doing what we can to recognize excellence in the Club family."

"This is the time to apply, so get those applications in. Good luck!"

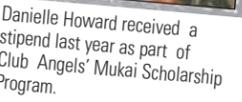
The Joannie Mukai Club Scholarship program is part of the Club's Club Angels outreach, which reflects the scholarships' nature of giving back.

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

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**Eligibility requirements:**

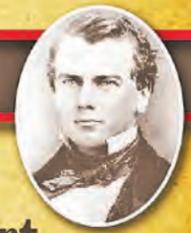
- All Club Members and their spouses, and children of Club Members under the age of 25, are eligible to apply. Club Members must be in good standing.
- The successful candidate must attend an accredited four-year college or university full time in the fall semester 2016. Current high school seniors matriculating to a four-year school in Fall 2016 are eligible.
- Candidates will be judged for academic excellence, community service and financial need.
- Scholarships are expected to be awarded in equal amounts of \$500 (each).
- **DEADLINE:** Applications must be in the Club Store, 120 W. Second St. downtown, by noon July 29, 2016. 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.



Danielle Howard received a stipend last year as part of Club Angels' Mukai Scholarship Program.

Send questions to: [scholarship@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:scholarship@cityemployeesclub.com)

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BY JEFF GELINEAU  
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## Brush Fire Season

California continues to experience a long-lasting drought, and the hot weather raises questions again about how to protect against brush fires.

### Brush Fires: A Big Deal

Brush fires cause over \$1 billion worth of damages every year and destroy thousands of homes.

If you live in an area that is highly susceptible to brush fires, then you are already aware of this danger. The good news is that there are precautionary measures you can take to keep your family and home safe. Please read on to make sure you are prepared and to understand the steps that might just keep you safe.

### Have a Plan

It is always good, no matter where you live, for your family to have an emergency kit and an emergency plan that all members of your family understand. Some water, medical supplies, food, flashlights and extra clothing or blankets could be very important in the event of a fire or earthquake.

Having a kit is important, but it's even more important for every member of your family to know how to communicate with each other in the event of an emergency, what to do and where to go. Give some attention to this simple instruction, and it could save lives in the future.

### Prepare your Home and Yard

Design and landscape your home with wildfire safety in mind. Select materials and plants that can help contain fire rather than fuel it.

Use fire-resistant or noncombustible materials on the roof and exterior structure of the dwelling, or treat wood or combustible material used in roofs, siding, decking or trim with fire-retardant chemicals evaluated by a nationally recognized laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

Plant fire-resistant shrubs and trees. For example, hardwood trees are less flammable than pine, evergreen, eucalyptus or fir trees.

Regularly clean roof and gutters.

Inspect chimneys at least twice a year. Clean them at least once a year. Keep the dampers in good working order. Equip chimneys and stovepipes with a spark arrester that meets the requirements of National

Fire Protection Association Standard 211. (Contact your local fire department for exact specifications.)

Use 1/8-inch mesh screen beneath porches, decks, floor areas and the home itself. Also, screen openings to floors, roof and attic.

Install a dual-sensor smoke alarm on each level of your home, especially near bedrooms; test monthly and change the batteries at least once each year.

Teach each family member how to use a fire extinguisher (ABC type) and show them where it's kept.

Keep handy household items that can be used as fire tools: a rake, axe, handsaw or chainsaw, bucket and shovel.

Keep a ladder that will reach the roof. Consider installing protective shutters or heavy fire-resistant drapes.

Clear items that will burn from around the house, including woodpiles, lawn furniture, barbecue grills, tarp coverings, etc. Move them outside of your defensible space.



### Water! Water! Water!

Identify and maintain an adequate outside water source, such as a small pond, cistern, well, swimming pool or hydrant.

Have a garden hose that is long enough to reach any area of the home and other structures on the property.

Install freeze-proof exterior water outlets on at least two sides of the home and near other structures on the property. Install additional outlets at least 50 feet from the home.

Consider obtaining a portable gasoline-powered pump in case electrical power is cut off.

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Winners of the LAFCU 2016 Jack C. Mathews College Scholarship are, from left: Ben Blanco, Cheyenne Lira, Kate Margheritis, Ashley Tripp, Gabriel Zendejas, LAFCU President/CEO John Dea, Kara Mfume, Natalie Diaz, Lily Toyoma and Morgan Moore.

## LAFCU

# Credit Union Scholarship Winners!

LAFCU announces its most worthy.

Local college-bound recipients of the Los Angeles Federal Credit Union (LAFCU) 2016 Jack C. Mathews College Scholarship competition were named at a special reception in their honor June 14. The nine winners, who are headed to a university in the fall, were each awarded \$1,000 by John Dea, LAFCU's President/CEO at the credit union's Glendale branch. Parents or grandparents of the winners, close friends, members of the scholarship committee, and LAFCU managers and staff were in attendance at the reception.

Selected from nearly 40 applicants, the winners are Ben Blanco, Cheyenne Lira, Kate Margheritis, Ashley Tripp, Gabriel Zendejas, Kara Mfume, Natalie Diaz, Lily Toyoma and Morgan Moore. The win-

ners plan to attend Cal Poly Pomona; Cal State Fullerton; Hampton University in Virginia; Rocky Mountain College in Montana; San Diego State; University of Nevada, Reno; University of California, Riverside; University of Wisconsin, Madison; and the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

Applicants were evaluated on their academic transcripts, letters of recommendation, extracurricular activities, community service, and an essay or self-made 15 or 30-second video on the topic "Why is LAFCU More LA Than Your Bank?" The question is a promotional tagline currently used by the credit union that focuses on the advantages of banking with LAFCU versus banks. A total of

33 essays and six videos were submitted to the credit union, and this was the first year applicants could submit a video instead of an essay.

Established by LAFCU's charity, LACA, the scholarship program is designed to help young members pay for their education and achieve their goals. It is named in honor of the late Jack C. Mathews, a former active and longstanding LAFCU Board member. Anyone who lives in most counties of Southern California can join LAFCU and take advantage of its financial services. For details, visit [www.LAFCU.org](http://www.LAFCU.org); call (877) MY LAFCU (695-2328); or visit a branch.



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## Golf Tourney Drives Strong Attendance

2010 Club Excellence Award Recipient



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

I want to thank Tom Stenrock and his committee for all their efforts in making the 38th annual RLACEI invitational golf tournament on June 2 a great success. We had 95 golfers who had a great lunch, great trophies and lots of raffle prizes, gift certificates and Dodger tickets with parking.

Don't forget Aug. 11: It's our annual picnic and corporation meeting at Grace E. Simons Lodge in Elysian Park. See you there!

### RLACEI Golf Tournament

## TROPHY WINNERS



#### Member

Men, low gross	Chris Paredes
Men, low net	Michael Perez
Ladies, low net	Alison Taylor

#### Guest:

Men, low gross	Alan Lau
Men, low net	George Hernandez
Ladies, low net	Judy Vanderhook

#### Closest to the Pin (three golf balls each)

7th hole	Charles Clement
8th hole	Michael Perez
11th hole	Horace Lumpkin
13th hole	Charles Clement
15th hole	Joe Gras

#### Longest Drive (three golf balls each)

Men, 2nd hole	Julian Campbell
Men, 12th hole	Chris Heinz
Ladies, 2nd hole	Alison Taylor
Ladies, 12th hole	Cathy Bushey

#### High Gross, men (three golf balls)

Sam Rios

#### High Gross, ladies (three golf balls)

Gloria Vargas

## A Pension Study Of 3 Governments



Michael Karsch

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

Arizona ... Puerto Rico ... Brazil: What do these governments have in common?

They each try to provide reasonable retirement benefits for their government workers and face a need to change various provisions in their funding of such. But there are differences, too: Arizona has achieved considerable reform, but Puerto Rico and Brazil face monumental debt problems that stem from their pension systems.

Arizona voters approved Proposition 124 in mid-May to strengthen their Public Safety Personnel Retirement System. Backed by the Legislature and organized labor, this will lower increases in retiree benefits and alter the way in which cost of living increases (a cap of two percent) are paid to retirees. Over the next 30 years, this will save \$1.5 billion for the pension systems. The unfunded liability of the state systems was at only 50 percent. The costs of hiring had become so high that some cities in Arizona were curtailing new hires. This is a constitutional

amendment. There was opposition by the Arizona Tax Research Association and the Goldwater Institute. The measure will be litigated before the Arizona Supreme Court.

The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico has been in the news for months about its impending doomsday when they cannot pay their bondholders. A bailout measure (or sorts) is moving through Congress, with the acquiescence of the White House. This would restructure the commonwealth's \$72 billion debt by a federal oversight board, which was done previously by Congress for the debt problem of the District of Columbia in the 1990s. The board would consist of two members appointed by the Speaker of the House, two by the Senate President pro tem, one from the minority leader of the House, one from the minority leader of the Senate, and one by the President, all to be set up and functioning before Jan. 1, 2017. The board's actions may preempt conflicting laws and regulations of Puerto Rico. Legal challenges to the board's actions will be heard in federal courts, not in the Commonwealth courts. Of the \$72 billion in debt, approximately \$46 billion is due to the pension system. Reforms have already been made in raising the

retirement age, increasing worker contributions, and shifting employees to a hybrid plan. The new fiscal plans must provide adequate funding for the pension systems and also respect creditor priorities and be "in the best interest of creditors." This is a compromise worked out by both parties in Congress.

The United States of Brazil (yes, the official name) is in turmoil after impeaching their President, Dilma Rousseff, on charges of graft, corruption and bribery (a trial will soon take place). The acting president, Michel Temer, is tackling a prominent part of the country's financial disaster, the pension systems. These systems are currently short of adequate funding by \$37 billion, a 47 percent increase over the 2015 deficit. In 2017 the shortfall is expected to be 66 percent. As a whole, Brazil spends 41 percent of its budget on pensions, while the United States of America stands at 24 percent. Standard & Poors has reduced Brazil's credit rating to junk status. The individual Brazilian states are doing no better; the State of Rio de Janeiro delayed pension payments to 137,000 pensioners in April for lack of funds. And the Olympics are coming to Brazil this summer?

## LACERS' Update



Mary Beetz

BY MARY BEETZ

### Health Plan Eligibility Audit

LACERS was to conduct a health plan dependent eligibility verification audit in June. The audit was to ensure that current covered dependents were still eligible for coverage. LACERS was working with HMS, an audit firm, on this project.

LACERS wants to make sure that the dollars spent on health benefits for our Members are being used in accordance with our governing codes and rules. In addition, the audit will assist us in validating our current health enrollment and family status change processes. Our goal is to make the process as easy as possible for you.

If you are covering a dependent in a LACERS health plan, you were to receive a letter from HMS

asking you to verify your dependents' status. If you have any questions about dependent eligibility for LACERS health plans, please refer to page 4 of your 2016 Health Benefits Guide. You may also view the guide online at [www.LACERS.org](http://www.LACERS.org) at the bottom of the Retired Member page. LACERS will provide more details about the audit in the coming months.

### Cost of Living Adjustment for 2016

By May of each year, the LACERS Board of Administration is required to determine the consumer price index (CPI) for the Los Angeles area to provide a cost of living adjustment (COLA) to eligible retirees and beneficiaries. The Administrative Code states that the COLA cannot exceed three percent annually for Tier 1 Members. When the CPI is

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

In 2016, the CPI for the Los Angeles area is .9 percent. The LACERS Board of Administration adopted the cost-of-living adjustments for eligible retired Members and beneficiaries, effective July 1, at their Feb. 9 meeting. This COLA will be included in your July 31 check or direct deposit. All Members who retired after June 30, 2015, will receive a COLA of 1/12th of 0.9 percent for each full month of retirement completed by June 30.

## LACERS

## For Retired Club Members

# The Best Years

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## Some Pensioners Are A Tale of the Numbers

## LARFPA



Lee Kebler

In May, Venita Picinich, 109 years old, passed away. She was the oldest member of the Los Angeles Fire and Police Pension System. Venita, a fire widow whose husband died in 1984, enjoyed the Fire Relief Association's holiday party last year and meeting many of the Fire families in attendance. Our next oldest pensioner is a Police widow, Florence Kinney, 104. All survivors older than 100 are widows or dependent children of Firefighters or Police Officers.

The oldest sworn member of the system is retired Fireman Delbert Jones. He was born Feb. 17, 1916, was appointed to the Fire Dept.

in 1941 and retired after 29 years of service in 1970. The oldest retired Police Officer (just one month younger), Lindo Giacomuzzin, born April 1, 1916, was appointed to the LAPD in 1942 and retired in 1964. What is unique about retirees appointed after World War II was they were told their life expectancy after retirement was seven or eight years. Look how our oldest retirees defied those odds. Life expectancy for those borne in the 1920s was 57.6 years for men and 60.6 years for women. Today, life expectancy for men is 78.5 years and women 83.2 years. There are 338 people older than 90 on our pension rolls.

During this era, there were three to four active employees to help pay the pension cost for each beneficiary. As the Departments' manpower grew and then stabilized, beneficiary population continued to grow at a faster rate until now there is about one active employee for each beneficiary. Soon we will have more beneficiaries on the pension rolls than we have active employees. According to the last annual pension report, there are 13,068 active Firefighters and Police Officers employed, and 12,593 beneficiaries in the Pension System. It's something to think about.

## RETIRES AROUND THE WORLD



Take the Club with you, wherever you go!

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### Indonesia

Tara Miller, LACERS Well Program Coordinator, reads *Alive!* on her tablet while on vacation in Indonesia. You can read *Alive!* on your computer, laptop or tablet, too, by switching to digital delivery.

See page 15 for the details!

## RETIREMENT HELPLINE

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

**Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System:** (800) 779-8328

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

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

**DWP Retirement Plan Office** (213) 367-1722

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## Almost Picnic Time!

Retirees, don't forget next month's annual RLACEI summer picnic. See you there!

Aug. 11

11:30 a.m.

Grace E. Simons Lodge

Make your reservations now.

Call (800) 678-4145, ext. 701.



Martha and Ed Harding dance to the picnic music.



# The Best Years

For Retired Club Members



## Orangutans in Borneo

Hal and Co. head to Southeast Asia for a 21-day land tour. **Part 5**

In April and May 2015, Hal and Evelyn took a land tour of Southeast Asia, starting in Bangkok and including Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Malaysia and Taiwan. In each place they hired a private car and guide, except for Taiwan.

2013 Club Excellence Award Recipient



By Hal Danowitz, Secretary, RLACEI

Borneo, May 2, 2015: It's orangutan day for Evelyn. As soon as we landed in Sandakan, Malaysia, Borneo, we went to the orangutan feeding platforms at the Sepilok Nature Resort. More on that in a minute.

The drive back to the Kuala Lumpur airport seemed quicker that morning, although we almost had a very bad accident when we came around a blind curve and found a stalled car in our lane; part of the problem was a very large bus next to us. Whatever our driver did we made it through and got to the airport.

The staff at the airport was very helpful, and they seemed to have a great respect for older people. We made it through the process and the flight left on time, and we arrived in Sandakan at 1:15 p.m. as scheduled. I stopped counting the flights, but I knew by the time we got home we will have been on 11 separate flights. No wonder the bag is getting heavy.

Borneo is an island divided into three countries: Malaysia in the north, Indonesia in the south and Brunei. Malaysian Borneo takes up a little more than half of the entire island.

We arrived at Sepilok Nature Resort just after 2 p.m. We checked in and just had time to use the bathroom before we had to leave for the platform for the 3 p.m. feeding. This center rehabilitates orangutans to reintroduce them to the wild and return them to their natural habitat. We spent about one and half hours observing the orangutans. The animals were allowed to roam free within this area, which included our resort. On the way to our cabin there was one in the tree just outside our door. We had to be careful because some could become aggressive.

The resort had 23 cabins and reminded me of the resort we stayed in at in George, South Africa. It was a very pretty setting with long wooden walkways and a lake in the middle. There was no Internet in the room, but it was available in the lobby. The resort was in a beautiful setting, but it was not five stars. The next day we planned to see the 10 a.m. feeding.

Both Evelyn and I were still having stomach problems, so we rested after our visit and didn't go to dinner until 7 p.m. Both of us were trying to keep our strength up, so we forced ourselves to eat. We both figured it was caused by something we picked up in Vietnam.

We had scheduled a river cruise and overnight stay in the rainforest after the next day's morning feeding. But not feeling well we decided to cancel that part of our trip, and I extended our stay here by one night.

The next day, May 3, we didn't eat much for breakfast, and Evelyn decided to skip the morning orangutan feeding, but I felt well enough to go. I was with a group of two newlywed couples and a family from Holland. They were all very nice people – the two young men from Holland were very helpful to me because they thought I was old, which I'm sure I looked. That morning's feeding did not draw as many animals as the day before's, but I had a good spot and got lots of good pictures and video. Afterward we walked to a protected preserve for sun bears and got a

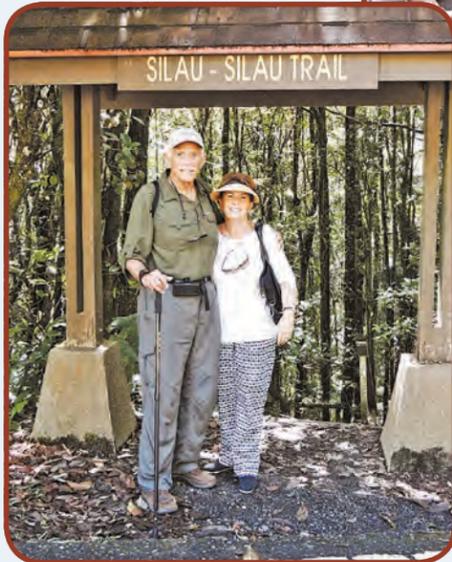
few pictures. Sun bears look like black bears, only smaller. I got back to our cabin and Evelyn was still down for the count. She promised to try to rally for lunch.

The tour company was scheduled to pick us up the next day for our flight to Kota Kinabalu, where we would spend two nights.

Later that day, both of us felt better. I had a light lunch and Evelyn managed to get down a piece of toast. I ordered the toast when I went for lunch. There was no toast on the lunch menu, so I



Hal and Evelyn arrive to witness the feeding of the orangutans.



Getting ready to hike the Botanical Gardens.



An orangutan.

from a number of African, and other, countries. We found a small one that we added to the collection.

We stopped at the Botanical Gardens and took a walk through the tropical rain forest before visiting the gardens. The walk in the rain forest reminded me of the walk we took in Costa Rica. It was very wet and muddy; I was better prepared (with my walking stick) than was Princess Evelyn, but she came though like a real trooper. I used my walking stick, which really helped with my balance as we climbed up and down the trail. The garden walk was more exercise – there weren't many flowers.

Our final stop and lunch was at the Hot Spring Park. These were natural freshwater springs. The park had at least a dozen bathing pools, and we saw a number of families in their own bath pool. It was in fact a "public bath," free of charge. Our guide told us the hot springs came out at about 150 degrees fahrenheit. There was also a cold tap at each bath. We decided to not try it.

We had lunch at the spring, a typical Malaysian lunch, at least seven courses. It was very filling and too much food. It started to rain and we started our drive back to the city. We were always on the lookout for a restroom, and the ones we found here were very clean.

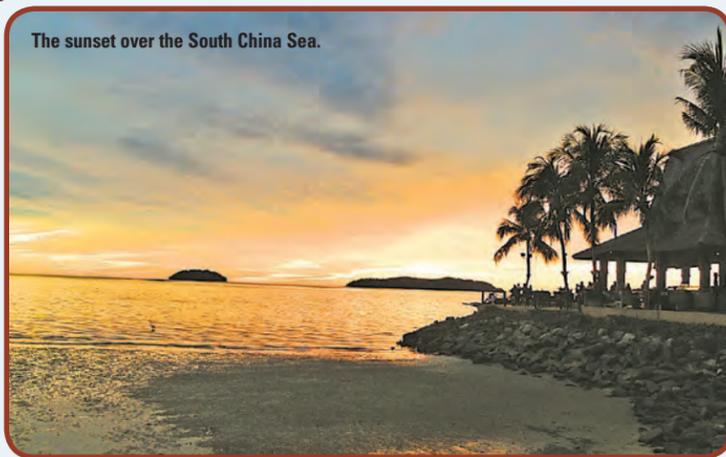
Just remember that there may or may not be toilet paper in the stall; sometimes it was on the way in or not at all. I would suggest little packets of Kleenex. At the spring there was an attendant who kept the bathroom clean. I offered her a tip on the way out but she wouldn't take it.

We left for the city about 2 p.m. and got to the hotel around 4:30 p.m. KK City had a number of Starbucks, so we stopped for mugs. The store didn't have a city mug, but we got a set of five that covered some of the Malaysian states.

At the hotel we took pictures of the sunset and then had the international buffet dinner. The cost was \$32 per person – great value, and the food was good, too.

We were scheduled to leave the next day for Taipei. We were being picked up at 3:40 p.m. I asked the front desk for a late checkout so we didn't have to sit in the lobby for three hours.

Next month we will finish our trip with our visit to Taipei. ■



The sunset over the South China Sea.

had to explain to the limited-English waitress that I wanted just toast, with no sandwich. I felt like Jack Nicholson in *Five Easy Pieces*.

We sat on the lodge patio for about an hour in the afternoon and again in the evening. There was no Internet reception in the rooms, but near the patios it was strong. The area was very tropical and lush. The night sky was full of stars and we heard the sounds of birds and animals. So far there were very few bugs.

On May 4, both of us felt much better, me a little more so than Evelyn. That morning we flew to Kota Kinabalu for two nights, which will finish our time in Borneo. The next day we had a full day excursion to Kinabalu National Park, and I hoped we would be up to it.

At checkout I was surprised at my bill. Because we stayed an extra night I had to pay for it. I thought it was \$235 for the extra night, but it turned out to 235rm, which is like \$68. The total bill, including food and drink, was just more than \$100.

We were picked up at 10:30 a.m. and arrived in Kota Kinabalu at 1:30 p.m. This was a resort city of around 600,000 people right on the South China Sea. We stayed at the Shangri-La's Tanjung Aru Resort and Spa, another five-star resort.

I felt fully recovered, and Evelyn felt close to it – I could tell she was feeling better

because she was complaining again, about the three hours flying in coach.

We had dinner at Coco's and Joe's Bar and Grill, part of the hotel. It was located on the ocean side, and we had an amazing view of the sun setting over the South China Sea. I felt hungry for the first time in a number of days, but Evelyn was about a day behind me.

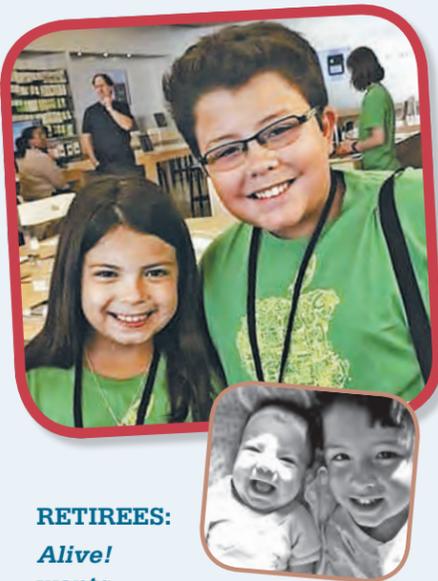
The next day, May 5, we drove to the Kinabalu Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our guide and driver, Nick, picked us up at 7:30 a.m. The park is 88 km from Kota Kinabalu (the locals call it KK City), and the drive though morning traffic and the two-lane mountain road took at least two and half hours. Our first stop was about an hour in, to take pictures of Mt. Kinabalu, the highest mountain in Southeast Asia; it's about 14,000 feet high. Our guide was smart because we got some very good shots of the mountain; in the afternoon on the way back to the hotel, it was covered with clouds. Evelyn was able to buy a few things from local vendors. There was no pressure, and it was a nice experience. Some of you know we collect tribal masks

# 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
Adenwala, Drupad	Management Analyst	LAPD	35	Gentry, G. Laverne	Sr. Admin. Clerk	LAPD	18	Paxton, Jeffrey L.	Director, Enforc. Oper.	Housing	25
Aguilar, Andy F.	Equipment Operator	Public Works	35	Gilmore, Fred D.	Bus Operator	Airports	15	Popoola, Tayo A.	Dep. City Attorney	City Attorney	30
Aiken, George E.	Superintendent of Op.	Airports	18	Glover, James Melvin	Traffic Officer	Transportation	30	Reid, Tyrone Carlis	Ref. Coll. Truck Op.	Public Works	29
Alexander, Naomi Yvonne	Police Service Rep	LAPD	31	Goldberg, Robert Leonard	Physician	Personnel	17	Reimer, Gregory G.	Equipment Mechanic	Gen. Services	35
Alvarado, Ricardo H.	Refuse Coll. Truck Op.	Public Works	36	Henderson, Kenneth W.	Street Serv. Worker	Harbor	30	Reyes, Janet B.	Dep. City Attorney	City Attorney	26
Amezquita, Jaime	Management Analyst	Econ/Wrkfrce Dev.	28	Hess, Eric A.	Sr. Construction Insp.	Public Works	28	Rodriguez, Mary H.	Admin. Clerk	Transportation	27
Aue, Keith Wendell	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	Gen. Services	29	Hooks, Darrett B.	Sergeant, Airport Police	Airports	24	Romero Melendez, Elizabeth	Exec. Admin. Assist.	LAPD	35
Banks, Anthony Carl	Traffic Officer	Transportation	29	Humanic, Richard W.	Automotive Super.	Gen. Services	20	Schmidt, Christine D.	Sr. Admin. Clerk	Fire/Police Pen.	15
Barrera, Oscar A.	Sr. Systems Analyst	LAFD	30	Ikedo, Gary S.	Building Mech. Insp.	Build. & Safety	30	Session, William C.	Light Equip. Operator	Rec and Parks	17
Bautista, Nicolas	Sign Painter	Transportation	17	Ingalla, Leo	Envr. Engr. Associate	Public Works	30	Smith, Jennifer R.	Pr. Clerk	City Attorney	20
Belleville, Pauline Regina	Management Analyst	LAPD	28	Jackson, Thiren Douglas	Mech. Repairer	Public Works	13	Smith, Rachel Margaret	Secretary	LAPD	37
Bernhardt, Frank Georg	Info. Systems Op. Mgr.	ITA	29	Jimenez, Oscar S.	Storekeeper	Gen. Services	34	Stancil, John C.	Rec. Assistant	Rec and Parks	1
Bischoff, David G.	Management Assist.	Airports	31	Johnson, Kirkland Deon	Facility Director	Rec and Parks	16	Tolentino, Edgardo	Systems Analyst	Public Works	13
Bloch, Anna M.	Librarian	Library	22	Jurado, Constantin M.	Special Prog. Assist.	Rec and Parks	1	Tovias, Danny Michael	Plumber Supervisor	Gen. Services	16
Brown, Felicia A.	Sr. Personnel Analyst	Personnel	31	Kambara, Ken G.	Dep. City Attorney	City Attorney	33	Trujillo, Steven J.	Instrument Mech.	Public Works	27
Candido, Aileen Voloso	Management Analyst	Housing	13	Koepke, Myra Miranda	Accounting Clerk	Personnel	35	Upchurch, Jack W.	Sr. Build. Mech. Insp.	Build. & Safety	30
Casarez, Robert L.	Dir. of Maintenance	Airports	35	Kolody, John M.	Constr. Maint. Supv.	Rec and Parks	30	Valmores, Rossano S.	Tax Auditor	Finance	16
Casian, David	Sr. Housing Inspector	Housing	16	Kopitzke, Jon E.	Aquatics Director	Rec and Parks	32	Rubal, Roberto Ventura	Signal Syst. Elect.	Transportation	36
Cervantes, Laura M.	Admin. Clerk	Public Works	20	Leung, Paul	Automotive Supervisor	Gen. Services	33	Welding, Gary J.	Mech. Helper	Harbor	18
Crawford, Dorla A.	Storekeeper	Gen. Services	26	Lin, Mimi C.	Sr. Mngmnt Analyst	LACERS	28	White, Brooke	Dep. City Attorney	City Attorney	10
Crishon, Karl E.	Equipment Mechanic	Gen. Services	26	Lung Tam, Agnes Y.	Chief Mngmnt Analyst	ITA	30	Williams, Richard J.	Safety Officer	Airports	21
Durham, Barry	Electrician	Rec and Parks	26	Martinez, Alma Gloria	Traffic Officer	Transportation	30	Wilson, Donnette	Street Serv. Invest.	Public Works	33
Dyer, Zoya Mariya	Database Architect	Harbor	30	Martinez, Jana S.	Sr. Admin. Clerk	Public Works	16	Winston, Anthony W.	Wastewater Coll. Supv.	Public Works	35
Edwards, Edward L.	Truck Operator	Rec and Parks	29	Martinez, Maximina V.	Custodian	Airports	11	Wirth, Serafina	Council Aide	Council	5
El Fadly, A.A.	Civil Engin. Assoc.	Public Works	29	Mendibles, Frank G.	Background Invest.	Personnel	10	Worne, Richard Brian	Equip. Operator	Public Works	27
Fellows, Kim Monique	Sr. Detention Officer	LAPD	26	Monk, Caydene R.	Management Analyst	LAPD	29	Wright, Donna M.	Sr. Admin. Clerk	Harbor	33
Flores, Maria R.	Custodian	Airports	11	Morelos, Luz	Custodian	Gen. Services	11	Yeroomian, Irena	Airport Guide	Airports	9
Fortman, Richard	PR Inspector	Build. & Safety	27	Orellana, Oscar	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	27				
Franklin, Cassandra	Administrative Clerk	LAPD	33	Ortega, Linda Jean	Police Service Rep	LAPD	30				
Galan Garcia, Sylvia Ann	Principal Librarian	Library	36	Patino, Eduardo F.	Custodian	Airports	13				

## Show Us Your Grandkids!



### RETIREES:

*Alive!* wants to show off your grandkids! So send in those photos!

#### Here's how:

1. **Make sure to have the permission from their parents.** If you send in a photo, *Alive!* assumes you have already received that permission.
2. Photos with you in them are better, but if not, that's okay, too.
3. Make sure you list the names of your grandkids.
4. Tell us, in a sentence or two, a little bit about them - their school, their accomplishments, what they love to do, how proud you are of them, etc.
5. Digital photos are best! Send them to: [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

#### Send Prints To:

Grandkids  
City Employees Club of Los Angeles  
120 W. 2nd St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
(800) 464-0452

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

### RLACEI

## RETIREES: Save Money and Trees!



When you sign up to read *Alive!* on the Internet instead of in print, RLACEI will send you a \$5 gift card from either Starbucks or See's Candies (your choice). Reading *Alive!* online will save RLACEI the cost of printing and mailing ... and lots of trees! It's all the same great *Alive!* content every month - retiree news, wellness information, newly retired lists, and of course all the great ticket and apparel Club deals to stretch your budget.

#### How to switch to the digital *Alive!*:

- ▶ Send your request via email to [retiree@rlacei.com](mailto:retiree@rlacei.com). Include your name, address and the last four digits of your social security number (not the whole number), and your choice of either a Starbucks or See's Candies card.
- ▶ Gift card offer limited to the first 1,000 RLACEI Members who apply and to members not currently receiving *Alive!* by email.

## Switch Today!





## Ask the Dietitian

Tara Miller, MS RD/N  
LACERS Well Program Coordinator



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

### Questions?

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

# 'Dem Bones, 'dem Bones, 'dem *Healthy* Bones!

*An Overview of Osteoporosis*

### What is osteoporosis?

On May 25 LACERS Well hosted its third annual Wellness Extravaganza, *Move Well to be Well*, at the Airtel Plaza Hotel in Van Nuys. Osteoporosis was one of the topics covered at the event by the keynote speaker, Dr. Erik Book, West Regional Medical Director, UnitedHealthcare Medicare and Retirement. Since many of you were unable to attend, I would like to touch upon osteoporosis in this "Ask the Rd" column.

Osteoporosis means "porous bone" and occurs in more than 10 million Americans. A frequent cause of broken bones among women and men over 50, it often goes undetected until a fracture occurs, which can then lead to more serious complications due to immobility, surgical risks and a compromised immune system. Thankfully, osteoporosis is not only preventable, it can also improve significantly with simple lifestyle changes like a diet rich in calcium, walking regularly, and in more prolonged cases, medical management.

Although some bone loss is normal as we age, not everyone will develop osteoporosis. There are some uncontrollable risk factors that should be considered and discussed with your doctor to determine if early testing is right for you including, being over 50, early- or post-menopause, a family history of osteoporosis, low body weight, and broken bones or significant height loss (occurring after

50). Additionally, conditions such as Type 1 diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis, inflammatory bowel disease, and hormonal disorders are also linked to bone loss.

If these risk factors are present, your doctor will likely recommend a DEXA (dual X-ray absorptiometry) scan, which measures bone density. Although osteoporosis involves the whole body, the scan focuses on two main areas, the hip and spine, and uses a measurement, or T-score, to predict likelihood of fractures at other sites. The DEXA scan is painless and takes about 10 to 20 minutes.

Luckily, there are things you *can* control, and you're never too old (or too young) to improve the health of your bones. Some tips include the following:

- Get enough calcium and vitamin D, and eat a well-balanced diet. The average person over 50 needs 1,000-1,200 mg of calcium, and 800-1,000 units of vitamin D per day. To find out information on foods rich in calcium and/or vitamin D, please visit [www.nof.org](http://www.nof.org)
- Engage in regular, weight-bearing exercise. *Weight bearing* refers to any activity that can be done while standing, which promotes new cell growth in bone. It is recommended that adults get 150 minutes of exercise each week. Strength training and balance exercises like yoga and Tai Chi do not assist with bone growth, but are also helpful because they protect the

bone, aid in flexibility, and decrease the risk of falls.

- Avoid smoking and limit alcohol to one or two drinks per day. Both alcohol and smoking significantly decrease the absorption of calcium.
- Cut back on sodium and caffeine intake. Salt can cause excessive calcium excretion in the bones. Approximately six grams of calcium is lost with every 100 mg of caffeine ingested.

In some cases, lifestyle improvements alone may not be enough to adequately reduce or revert bone loss. Various medications are available to improve the health and strength of bones by increasing the body's ability to grow bone, regulate calcium and phosphorous, and/or decrease the availability of osteoclasts, which cause bone breakdown. There are several factors to consider when discussing your treatment plan with your doctor, including current medications being taken, level of pain (if any) and



potential side effects, but since bone growth takes time, medications should be taken as directed, for the indicated length of time, for optimal improvement.

For more information on prevention, treatment, and management of osteoporosis check out the following:

- [www.webmd.com/osteoporosis/default.htm](http://www.webmd.com/osteoporosis/default.htm)
- <http://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/osteoporosis/basics/definition/con-20019924>

The National Osteoporosis Foundation:

- [www.nof.org](http://www.nof.org)



From left: Phil Orland, Director, RLACEI, with Hal Danowitz, Secretary/Treasurer, RLACEI and "Adventures with Hal" columnist in *Alive!*

## Wellness Fair

LACERS Well hosts annual wellness extravaganza.

To celebrate the official kickoff of the "Healthier, Leaner, Stronger" campaign, LACERS Well organized its third annual *Extravaganza: Move Well to Be Well!* May 25. The event, held at the Airtel Plaza Hotel in Van Nuys, was loaded with expert speakers, fun activities and valuable health resources.

The event featured sessions on subjects including diet, proper sleep, body movement and osteoporosis, and health screenings. Booths contained health partners, including insurers, Metro, foundations, the RLACEI, LACERS and the Club.

Special thanks go to Tara Miller, LACERS Well program manager and *Alive!* columnist, for providing information.



From left: Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor and Retirement Specialist, with Heather Ramirez, Management Analyst II.



Josie and Jim Campbell. Jim retired from Rec and Parks with 40 years of City service.



Yoga class.



From left: Bernadette Molina and Heather Ramirez of LACERS.



Diana Medina, Public Works, 37 years of City service, with Club COO Robert Larios.



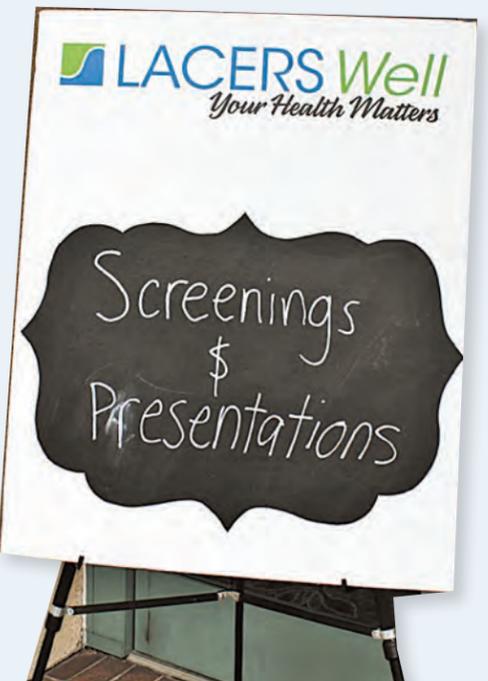
Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor and Retirement Specialist; and Alex Rabrenovich, LACERS Division Manager, Health Benefits Administration and Communications.



Henry Starks and Tara Miller at the LACERS Well Champions table.



Leo Rosen, Public Works/Engineering, 43 years of City service, gets a health screening along with his wife, Norma.



DWP Retirees Association

# Picnic Time!

**DWP Retirees enjoy their annual summer picnic.**

The DWP Retirees' annual picnic took place June 4 at Whittier Narrows Park. The event was sponsored by the DWP Retirees Association, the DWP Employees Association, and the DWP.

Helping to produce the event were the following members of the DWP Retirees Association: 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; Vince Foley, Chairman, Retirees' Healthcare and Benefits Committee; and Dave Cox, At-Large Director.



From left: Freda-Jean Trujillo, 28 years of City service; and Sherri Valdez, 34 years.



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



Luis Carlos, 30 years of City service, with his granddaughter, Darla Garcia; wife, Ana; and daughter, Lillian Garcia.



The first couple of the DWP Retirees Association: Dolores Foley, President, 32 years of City service; and Vince Foley, Chairman, Retirees' Healthcare and Benefits Committee, 37 years.



From left: Dorothy Brown, 14 years of City service; and Jean Kilian, 22 years.



David Blakes, 37 years of City service.



From left: Armeda Collier, 32 years of City service; and Betty Porter, 27 years.



Quintin Micu, 22 years of City service.



Marilyn Washington, 38 years of City service.



From left: Fred Barker, 30 years of City service; and Dave Cox, 35 years.



From left: Fred Hines, 31 years of City service; and Johnny Clark, 30 years.



Ellen Allen, 25 years of City service.



From left: Bob Bower, 30 years of City service; and Johnny Clark, 30 years of City service.



Pedro Rivera, 41 years of City service, with his wife, Florence.



Leo Ramirez, 23 years of City service.



Dolores Foley, DWP Retirees Association President, 32 years of City service, with Club COO Robert Larios.



Gladys and Joseph West, 35 years of City service.



John Harrigan, 38 years of City service.



From left: John Mendez and Jesse Perez, 38 years of City service.



Ralph Salcido, 32 years of City service.



Johnny Hart, 32 years of City service.



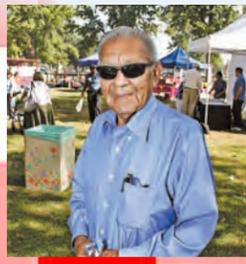
From left: Cruz Cervantes and Epifanio Felix, 35 years of City service.



Jerry Weltzman, 31 years of City service.



Rosie and David Schneider, 40 years of City service.



Ralph Mendoza, 34 years of City service.



Angelito Reyes, 36 years of City service.



# In the Swing of It!

**Retirees Association hosts annual golf tournament.**

*Photos by Robert Larios, Club COO*

The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) held its 38th annual golf tournament June 2 at Alhambra Golf Course. Almost 100 golfers participated.

Golfers represented the following departments: LAPD, General Services, Public Works, Airports, Transportation, LAFD, County Sheriff's Dept., and Planning.

Final results are listed in this month's RLACEI column by Ed Harding on page 12.

The Club provided a great variety of attendance prizes. Sprint was also present to promote the discounts available to retirees.

Miller Toyota sponsored a hole-in-one contest for a new car. No one won the car.

The Club thanks Ed Harding, Tom Stennock, Phil Orland, May Beetz, Michael Wilkinson and the rest of the RLACEI Directors for their assistance.



From left: Dennis Bass; Steven Goodwin, LAPD, 14 years of City service; George Hernandez; and Arin Arrendondo.



Winner (member), low gross score, men: Chris Paredes, who scored a 69.



From left: Earl Gales, Airports, 34 years of City service; Edward Gales; Charles Clement, Rec and Parks, 38 years of City service; and Julius Nueace.



From left: George Walker, General Services, 30 years of City service; Oliver Cunningham, Public Works/Sanitation, 30 years; Billy Johnson; and Scott Goldman.



From left: Bruan Fujita, Chief Operations Officer, LACERS; Tom Stennock, RLACEI Director; and Lita Payne, Assistant General Manager, LACERS.



Winner (member) low net, men: Michael Perez. Who scored a 70; with Cliff Cannon, RLACEI Director. Michael was the General Manager for the Fire and Police Pensions with 36 years of City service.



From left: Michael Cordova, Public Works/Sanitation, 29 years of City service; Geno Gandara, Public Works/Sanitation, 17 years; Carlos Herrera, Airports, 18 years; and Bernard Spears, Public Works/Sanitation, 20 years.



From left: John Sepulveda, Planning, 33 years of City service; J.R. Gomez, Ed Harding's grandson; Richard Gomez, Public Works/Street Services, 18 years and Martha Harding's son; and Chris Paredes.



From left: Mike Lee, Building and Safety, 33 years of City service; Wayne Smith, Building and Safety, 30 years; Joe Gras, Building and Safety, 33 years; and Jerry Goodman, Building and Safety, 27 years.



From left: Michael Stawicki, Transportation, 31 years of City service; Richard Flores, Transportation, 32 years; and Hector Ramirez, Airports, 25 years.



From left: Ken Yasaki, PSR, LAPD, 25 years of City service; Gloria Vargas, LAPD, 32 years; and Gary Mattingly, RLACEI Director, 38 years of service with Fire and Police Pensions.



From left: Tom Stennock, RLACEI Director, with Toyota representatives Alex Perez, and Tom Lu.



From left: Richard Hovious, Building and Safety, 27 years of City service; Frank Allen, Public Works/Sanitation, 32 years; Alison Taylor; and Jeremy Marshall.



From left: Dennis Vanderhook, Public Works/Sanitation, 36 years of City service; Judy Vanderhook, LAUSD, 16 years of school service; Paul Wilt, Public Works/Sanitation, 38 years; and Joe Mundine, Public Works/Sanitation, 38 years.



From left: Vic Orosco, Public Works/Sanitation, 41 years of City service; Russell Zamora, Public Works/Sanitation, 29 years; Richard Wozniak, Public Works/Sanitation, 42 years; and Dennis Barret.



From left: Victor Penea, Building and Safety, 30 years of City service; Horace Lumpkin, Building and Safety, 31 years; Rick Okawa, Building and Safety, 15 years; and Lloyd Suehiro, Metrolink, 15 years of County service.



From left: Chris Heinz, LAPD, 18 years of City service; Ron Waravilla, LAPD, 8 years; David Quan, LAPD, 21 years; and Rudy Vasquez, LAPD, 21 years.



From left: Richard Ellis, Transportation, 45 years of City service; Steve Perez, Public Works/Street Services, 38 years; Randy Hee, Transportation, 35 years; and Al Aramijo, Public Works/Street Services, 26 years.



From left: Cathy Bushey, LAPD, 30 years of City service; Joe Kombau; Betsy Melancon, LAPD, 30 years of City service; and Greg Spiker.



From left: Fred Ige, Planning, 30 years of City service; Chris Kalatzis; Roy Takemura; and Jerome Thibodeau.



From left: Doug Bohlmann, Public Works/Sanitation, 30 years of City service; Marty Steiner, Public Works/Sanitation, 35 years; Jordan Siplon, Public Works/Sanitation, 31 years; and James Woosley, Public Works/Sanitation, 34 years.



From left: Ed Itagaki, Public Works/Engineering, 32 years of City service; Mase Beastro, Public Works/Engineering, 32 years; Roy Yoshioka; and Sam Furuta, Public Works/Engineering, 30 years.



From left: Steven King, Transportation, 27 years of City service; and Michael Perez, Fire and Police Pensions, 36 years.



From left: Brian Jones, County Sheriff's Dept., 30 years of County service; Richard Telles, Rec and Parks, 35 years of City service; Raymond Reyes, husband of Carmen Reyes, Retired, LAPD; and Leo Dunn.



From left: Jesus Barba, DWP 12 years of City service; Julian Cambell, DWP, 26 years; Dave Rios, DWP, 15 years; and Sean Rios, DWP, 15 years.



From left: Walter Naydo, Public Works/Engineering, 38 years of City service; George Egami, Public Works/Engineering, 34 years; Ken Hayashi; and Allen Lau.



From left: Laura Robles, LAPD, 36 years of City service; Denice McCreadary; Jan Crawford; and Patti Miller, Southern California Edison, 32 years.

# Coloring

with **Mariana!**



Compiled by Mariana Guevara, Club Store Manager

## The *Alive!* Children's Coloring Contest

Deadline for submission:

**Aug. 9, 2016**

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:

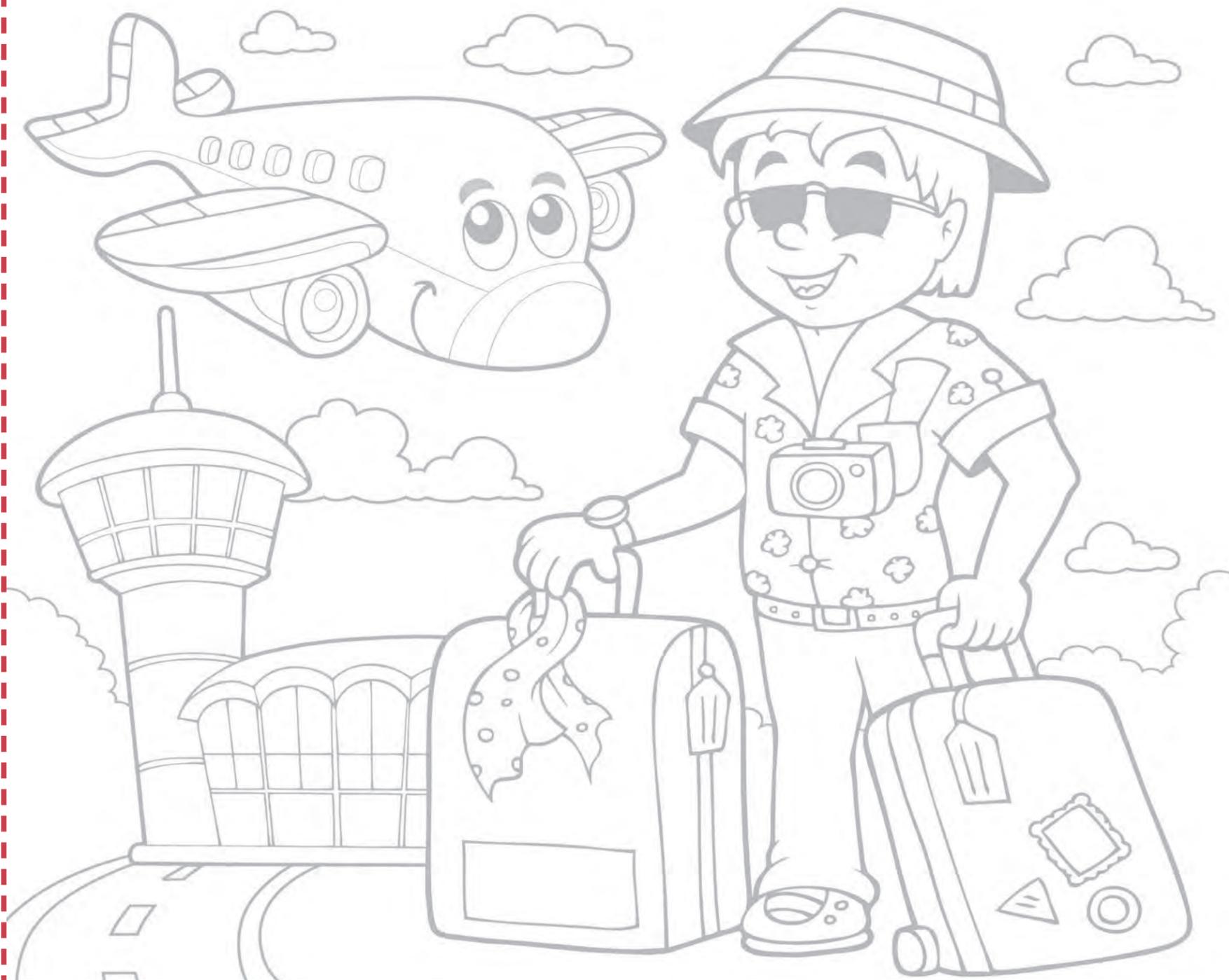
Name of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Job title and department with the City: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Club Membership number: \_\_\_\_\_



THIS MONTH AT THE



# Griffith Observatory

## Sunset Walk

**July 19**  
7:50 – 8:50 p.m.

The Observatory offers a sunset hike led by a Park Ranger and a museum guide. The easy walk 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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**Rec and Parks**

Photos by JuanCarlos Chan, Rec and Parks

# Lotus Festival Blooms Again

The Lotus Festival, one of the signature cultural celebrations in the City, is ready to bloom again July 9-10 at Echo Park.

The festival returned two years ago after a three-year absence; during the interim, Echo Park Lake, the festival's location, was refurbished.

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

The festival attracts an estimated 100,000 people.

This year's 36th annual Lotus Festival celebrates Asian Pacific cultures with two days of attractions and entertainment in scenic Echo Lake Park. The weekend kick offs with an opening ceremony, continuing with live music, a film screening, cultural performances and more. Teams compete in the colorful Dragon Boat Race on the lake, and there are martial arts



**Annual festival returns.**

demonstrations and dance showcases, both traditional and contemporary. Each year, the festival focuses on a different ethnicity within the Asian Pacific region. This year, the festival will honor the culture and traditions of the Korean community.

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.

In 2012-13, the Lotus Festival was placed on hold while the City embarked on a major Prop O stormwater improvement project, as 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.

**Lotus Festival**  
**July 9-10**  
**at Echo Park**



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# John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins, Club CEO



"This was taken at bristlecone pine forest near Bishop, Calif. This type of pine tree is one of the oldest live organisms in the world."

– Sarah Morton, DWP/Bishop

**John's comment:** Hi Sarah – this is another wonderful picture! I really like the angle of this photo – it gives the Bristlecone an air of stature and authority. And after being around 5,000 years, it should have all the authority we can give it. I have always wanted to go see the Bristlecone pines. One day I will have to venture out that way and see them for myself.



"I would like to share my once-in-a-lifetime shot. It was sunny and raining, so I grabbed my camera and drove to the other side of San Pedro to see if I could capture a good rainbow shot, and there it was. In spite of the wires, you have to take the shot! If you could have followed the rainbow to the ground it would have landed on the eternal flame for JFK Memorial."

– John Nance, Retired, DWP

**John's comment:** Awesome picture, John – and you are right, this is definitely a once-in-a-lifetime shot!



"This is a picture of the Arlington Garden in Pasadena taken near sunset. It is definitely a secret garden."

– Linda Wang, Airports

**John's comment:** Hi Linda – these are beautiful photos! I especially like how you were able to get the light bursting through the branches of the tree. It makes all the difference! Thanks so much, and after everyone sees your picture, it might not be so secret anymore :)



"'ET Comes Home' – The Space Shuttle's external tank (aka ET) makes its way home to the California Science Center."

– Karen Kishita, Public Works/Street Services

**John's comment:** It's truly amazing how moving huge objects like these and the Space Shuttle are accomplished. Thank you, Karen, for capturing a little bit of LA history!

## 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@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:pictureperfect@cityemployeesclub.com)
- The contest is all in good fun: The Club cannot be responsible for delays in delivering *Alive!*, or for delays in the transmission of responses.

# CLUB SPORTS

News from Sports Leagues sponsored by the City Employees Club of Los Angeles • July 2016



## FROM THE COMMISH:

### Anticipation Is Building For Club Softball 2016!

If you're a Club Member, your Wednesdays at work are pretty typical. But if you're a Club Member who plays as part of the Club Softball League, your Wednesdays are very different, and exciting.

#### It goes something like this:

On a normal overcast Wednesday morning, a City Employees Club Member goes to work after packing a regular cotton T-shirt with a number on the back, plastic cleats, an aluminum bat, a leather glove and bottled water in their trunk. That Club Member then spends hour after hour anticipating what is to come that evening. After completing the last assignment for the day, the Club Member locks their cubicle drawers, logs off their computer, grabs their personal items, takes the long walk to their vehicle and fights the typical California traffic.

With only a few more traffic lights to pass, the Club Member feels a sigh of relief for the park is in sight, and they let go all of the stress of the day. This is what it is like to be a Club Softball player on Wednesdays!

That's how it is for me, and I'm sure I'm not alone.

The park, that fun-filled place where Club Members gather Wednesday nights to enjoy a safe but competitive game of softball, is either Shatto or Downey Recreation Center. Club Members look forward to their opportunity to hit the ball, run the bases, catch a fly ball, tag a runner out and make an outstanding play that cannot be easily replicated. Loud cheers from the crowd can be heard, team mascots run up and down the foul lines, and the Sports Dude tosses Club merchandise and gifts to the fans.

#### You want to join, now, don't you? Come on out and join us for the fun!

This season, approximately 15 teams (13 returning teams, one free-agent team and one new team) will compete in three divisions (that's up from two last year), starting on Wed., July 13, at approximately 7 p.m. For the last two seasons, the free agents' teams – Club Members who have signed up to play as individuals are placed on free-agent teams – have competed in the playoffs.

Each season, all-star games are held right before the playoffs. Club Members invite their teams, family, co-workers and friends out to the park to cheer them on as they participate on their respective team of selected most valuable players. Players from all teams have an opportunity to further network and possibly create new friendships.

Let's get this season started by filling the seats at Shatto and Downey parks July 13! Seasonal fans will welcome you as you share a kind evening of friendly banter or common ovation. This is a very small world, really friendly world: I have seen Club Members that I recognize from the softball league while I'm shopping in other cities, playing in other tournaments or leagues, at the movies, and during promotional examinations. It's a great group of people just waiting for you!

Come out, meet new people and introduce yourself to the players, umpires, scorekeepers and passersby. Enhance your networks while enjoying a wonderful evening in the park with kind people. I'll see you there!

– Lady Smith, The Commish

### Lady Smith, The Commish

**Returning for 2016:** The Softball Commish, Lady Smith! Read Lady's comments each month in *Alive!* during the softball season.



## Sign Up for Softball!

New season starts July 13. New this year: Three Divisions, due to high demand!

Welcome to the 2016 season of Club softball! Games are scheduled to start July 13 at these locations:

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

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

**Registration is due by the time you read this, 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 x134, or via email [sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto: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 2016 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.**

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## Hoops, Bowling, Softball: 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](mailto:sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com) or call the Club at (800) 464-0452 to be placed as a free agent and for more information.



**Robert Larios, The Sports Dude**

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



# The Smart Move

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

## Five Critical Steps as Retirement Nears

If you're within five years of retirement, don't procrastinate. Five years may seem like a long time, but it goes fast. And research shows those who start planning at least five years out have a happier retirement! There is nothing to lose and only happiness to gain by taking the following five short-term retirement planning steps as soon as possible.

### 1. Increase cash reserves.

Applying for pensions and Social Security, as well as setting up withdrawals from IRAs and 401(k) plans, takes time and paperwork. Things can get delayed, and you may not always get your first pension check on time, so you want to plan for a glitch or two along the way.

### 2. Estimate how much money you need to retire.

To decide if you have enough to retire, you must develop an accurate estimate of the amount of money you spend, and the amount of income you will have each month.

Although boring, this is the most important retirement planning step you can take.

Start with a yellow pad and write down your current take-home pay and your current monthly expenses. Don't forget about variable costs like hobbies, home improvements, and vehicle repairs.

Then write down the monthly income that will be available from pensions, Social Security and IRA/401(k) withdrawals. Is this number close to your current take-home pay? If not, you have four choices: spend less in retirement, save more now, work a few extra years, or earn a higher rate of return on your investments.

### 3. Evaluate tax consequences.

Will you be in a lower tax bracket in a few years? Then be sure to maximize tax-deductible contributions now. Retirees routinely underestimate the amount of taxes they will pay in retirement. A little planning in this area can keep you out of major trouble later on.

### 4. Diversify your investments.

Watching your portfolio go up and then back down again is never enjoyable, but in the end, as long as you end up with a big enough pot of money, it doesn't really matter how you got there.

Once you are retired, however, it's a different story. When you are taking regular withdrawals from a portfolio, volatility has a much greater impact. This is something us retirement planners call sequence risk. Reducing the up's and down's can significantly increase the odds that your money will last through your life expectancy.

Spend time figuring out what mix of investments will achieve the rate of return you need while having a level or risk that is reasonable for you. The risk/return characteristics of your portfolio will determine how much income you will have, and how long it will last.



### 5. Educate yourself.

Although it is advisable to seek professional guidance, the truth is no one will ever care about your money as much as you do. Take the time to learn about retirement planning and investing.

You'll want to learn about investing approaches that affect the distribution phase in retirement as it is quite different than the accumulation phase. And throw out old beliefs like "annuities aren't good" or "reverse mortgages are bad." Approach your planning with an open mind and with the goal of making sure your income is secure. This approach will lead you to make more appropriate choices than if your focus is on getting the highest rate of return.

Some suggestions: attend an investment class at the local community college take an online investment class, read books, and use the internet to learn. You spent a significant amount of your life earning this money; now it's time to learn how it will earn for you.

**You can contact CBLife at (888) 443-8829.**

CBLife is The Club's new partner for four areas – life insurance, critical illness insurance, retirement income and accident medical expense insurance. Currently the Club offers three CBLife products: the Security Builder Plan, the Timber Ridge Critical Illness Plan, and Accident Medical Expense Plan.

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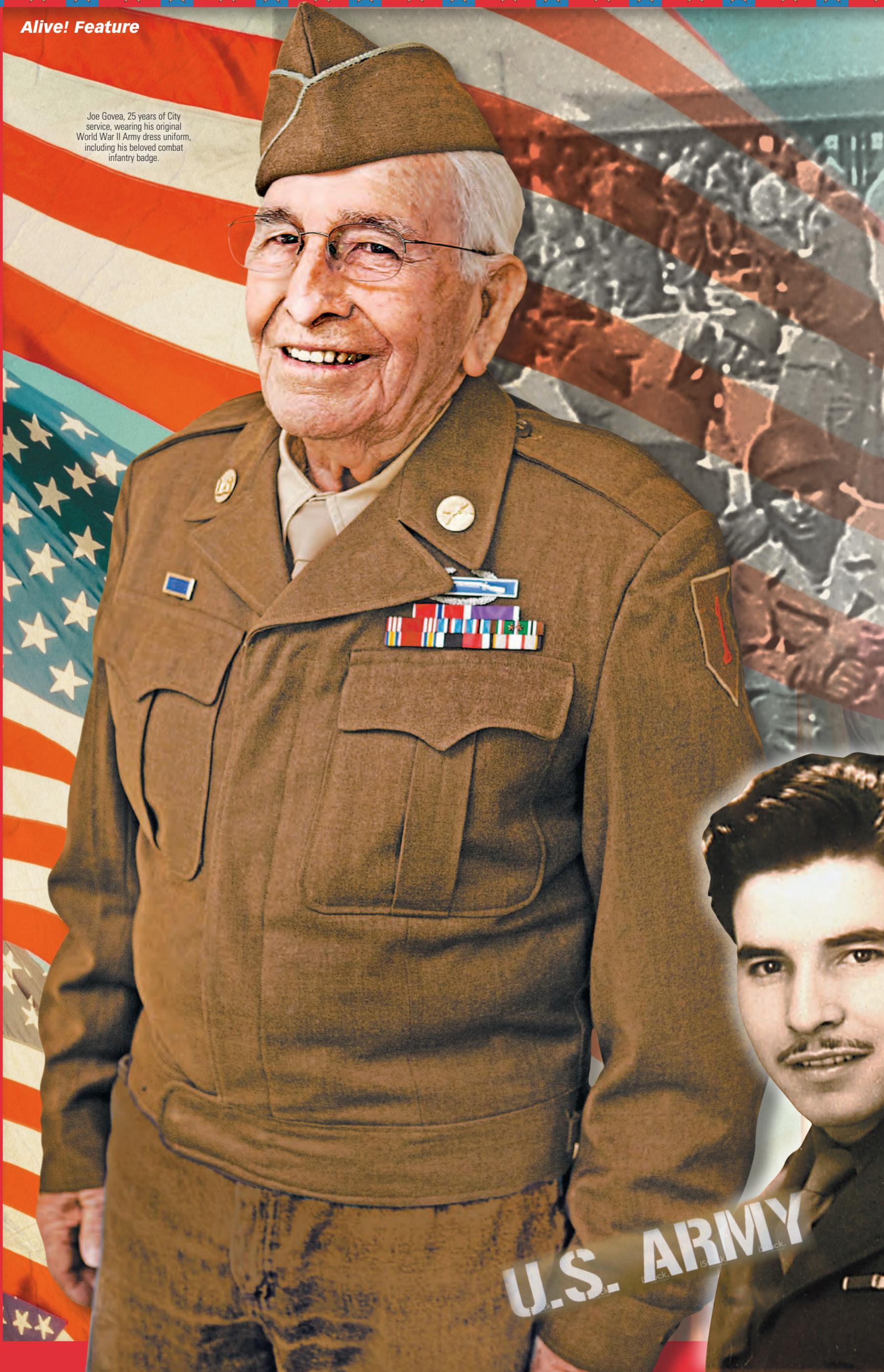
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Joe Govea, 25 years of City service, wearing his original World War II Army dress uniform, including his beloved combat infantry badge.



**U.S. ARMY**

## INDEPENDENCE DAY 2016

## Building and Safety

# Honor and Duty



**Joe Govea, 91, Retired, Building and Safety, and former Rifleman, First Infantry Division, United States Army, nearly paid the ultimate price for freedom. Here's his tale of sacrifice and service, and his call to remember those whose stories are fading into history.**

In 1944, Joe Govea, 18, left San Fernando to step courageously into the horrors of World War II – events he still hesitates to recall today. After nearly two years in Europe, he came back, he came back to California a different person. He was recovering from a seriously wounded left hip ... and he was sometimes angry, solitary and short with people, despite a resounding Allied victory to which he contributed significantly.

Joe went on to create a successful City career in Building and Safety, raise a family, and grow friendships with those with whom he served – people like himself who understood what it was like to face death at least twice, and probably more often than they want to tell. Joe's a living example of what it means to serve.

He's been awarded with the Purple Heart and several other medals, from at least two countries, but the honor that means the most to him is the Rifleman's badge that you cannot get if you have not seen actual combat.

As we celebrate freedom in this month of Independence Day, *Alive!* salutes Joe Govea, 91, proud Club Member; those soldiers who served this country in any of its conflicts; and those soldiers who saw battle and uniquely know his triumph. ■

## Joe's World, Circa 1944

Here's a brief note and map about the Hürtgen Forest, the location of the battle where Joe was seriously wounded. The battle, one of the fiercest in U.S. military history yet not well known, is considered part of the Battle of the Bulge in World War II.

The Battle of Hürtgen Forest was a series of fierce battles fought from Sept. 19, 1944 to Feb. 10, 1945 between U.S. and German forces. The Hürtgen Forest starts about 50 miles east of the Belgian–German border. The battle was the longest on German ground during World War II, and is the longest single battle the U.S. Army has ever fought. Joe Govea was shot in the left hip Dec. 20, 1944 in the Hürtgen Forest; for his sacrifice, he was awarded the Purple Heart. ■



## The *Alive!* Interview

### 'Freedom – the Only Thing in the World'

On May 6, the *Alive!* team – John Hawkins, Club CEO; Summy Lam, Club Director of Marketing; and John Burnes, *Alive!* editor – visited with Joe Govea, Retired, Principal Building Mechanical Inspector, Building and Safety, 25 years of City service, and his wife, Shirley, at their Northridge home. We thank them for their welcome and graciousness through some difficult memories.

Joe was born in North Hollywood, went to elementary school at San Fernando Elementary and then San Fernando High School through the tenth grade. After that he worked on a farm before being drafted in the Army in 1944. He retired from the City in May 1990.

**Thanks for telling us your stories, Joe. Before we get too far into your experiences in World War II, let's talk about your City career.**

**Joe Govea:** Sure.

**Where did you start with the City? What was your title when you started?**

I started as a Building Inspector with the city, and then I went to work at the zoning counter as a Zoning Analyst. Then I went to Investigations at the Investigation Division, and then I worked for the Conservation Bureau. After that I came back to the Building Bureau. I was promoted to Senior Inspector, and then Principal in the Van Nuys office.

**Did you enjoy your time with the City?**

Yes, very much so.

**What did you love about it?**

I liked the idea of being able to help the City's environment, and also help people better themselves, to get out of blight, and just do good public relations, in spite of the fact that I was an enforcement officer.

**What did you do between getting out of the service and joining the City?**

I quit high school in tenth grade, and I went up north to work in a ranch as a ranch hand to help support my family because it was after the Depression. Things were tough, and I decided to help my family.

**Where was that?**

Manteca, just south of Stockton.

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Joe Govea, First Infantry Division, United States Army, upon his return to the United States after a four-month rehab in England and his honorable discharge in 1946.



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**After you got out of the Army, what did you do for employment before you started with the City?**

I went into construction, and I took classes. I went to school under the GI Bill to learn construction as a whole, because my dream had always been to build my own house. I come from a very poor environment, and housing was terrible – my dad during the Depression lost everything, so we were jumping from house to house. I said, "I don't want that." The City was willing to send me to UCLA to go into construction, and I told them, "I'm a high school dropout. How can you get me into a school?" the interviewer said, "We'll worry about that. We can do it." So apparently I got a very high grade in the interview. I went to night school for ten years. Then I went into construction and I did very well, and I got my contractor's license. I built my house in North Hills when I was 25 years old, and married after that.

**You were 40 years old when you joined the City.**

About 40, yes.

**You did quite a bit before you joined the City.**

Yes. I was a successful contractor and I joined the City on a lark.

I had a lot of projects on schedule. And then one morning I woke up at about three o'clock with a terrible pain in my side. It was my kidneys. And one of the contractors came to me and he said, "You know, the City wants inspectors." I said, "Not me."

**Why not? What changed your mind?**

My wife's pressure. She said, "Joe, you're getting old. You had surgery. You're not able to do this. Take it." So I did. My first check for two weeks was less than I used to make during one week as a contractor. I said, "This isn't going to work." She said, "Stick with it." Sometimes you have to listen to your wife.

I was very successful in construction, and I think one of the biggest compliments I got when I walked into the City office, Inspector



Joe Govea (left) tells the story about seeing the Statue of Liberty on his way back to the United States at the end of the war. Listening are John Hawkins, Club CEO (center) and John Burnes, *Alive!* editor.

Sorensen, who was one of the best inspectors there in Van Nuys, came over and shook my hand. He said, "You'll be a good inspector. I'm not the most popular inspector," he said. "But I'm the most respected. You seem to be the same."

**That's what made you a really good inspector – you'd been there. You'd been a contractor.**

Yes.

**Welcome to the War**

**Were you enlisted, or were you drafted?**

I was drafted.

**How old were you when you were drafted?**

Eighteen. I was inducted with five of my buddies. I like to remember the pleasant things. We got on the bus as school buddies – and the guys are singing and very happy. We were inducted the same day. We trained at Camp Roberts together, in Paso Robles.

After we finished training, we were deployed. One of the fellows, David Gonzalez, suffered an appendectomy after training and he was taken to the hospital. He was killed in the Luzon landing in the Philippines and was awarded the Medal of Honor. Another guy was a son of a Mexican grocery store owner, and he was a prisoner of war. Two of us were wounded, and one went through it unscathed. We were all riflemen.

**Have you stayed in touch with any of them?**

They're all gone.

**Did the Army give you a choice of what you wanted to do?**

No. They didn't even give you a choice on your haircut!

**When were you drafted?**

Just prior to the Normandy landing. I was with the First Infantry Division, which landed in North Africa, then Sicily, and then led the Normandy invasion. I was drafted in March and the Normandy invasion was in June.

**What was your entry point into the European theater?**

Glasgow, Scotland. We went by boat, escorted by a convoy of ships that were all blacked out.

**Because of the German submarines in the Atlantic.**

Yes. I went to Europe on the *Ile de France*. It was the third largest boat in the world at the time, after the *Queen Mary* and the *Queen Elizabeth*. It was packed. Before that I traveled from Ford Ord in California, to Camp Shanks in New York by train, which was also blacked out. And then I was taken by boat to Glasgow. From Glasgow we came down to the English Channel.

**You went through Normandy?**

I went through Normandy, but I was not at the landing.

**After it had been secured.**

After the invasion, yes. After it had been secured.

**How soon after?**

I was trying to remember. I know my brother's first daughter was born in July, and I know I was gone overseas, so it must have been around July or August.

My brother-in-law was in the Normandy landing, and when people asked him about it, all he would say was, "There were a lot of bodies floating on the sea." He wouldn't say anything else.

**So where in France did you land?**

Either Cherbourg or Le Havre, but I think it was Cherbourg, France, in the Normandy area. There are two ports there. I went in one and out the other, but I don't remember which is which. I didn't give it much importance. I was just a kid.

Scotland – that's the first time I'd had tea with milk. I thought it was coffee.

And then we went through Northern France and Belgium. The First Division, we were the first ones to cross the German border and take the first big German city, Aachen. I never knew where I was because everywhere I went was

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Private First Class Joe Govea wears his dress uniform while serving in Europe. The uniform is the same one he wears on this month's cover.

Joe Govea as he convalesced in an Army hospital in Taunton, England.

March 1944  
– to –  
May 1946

Private First Class Joe Govea, serving in Europe before being seriously wounded in the Hürtgen Forest.

Joe Govea with his mother, Lucia, in San Francisco after completing basic infantry training before being shipped off to the front in Europe.

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destruction. I hear stories about guys who say, "Well, at six o'clock we were here." I don't remember. I don't want to remember, number one. But I knew where we were because I had heard of the Siegfried line, the line on the German border. They were pillars with a flat top, and they were there to stop the tanks from crossing into Germany. We blew some of them up to go through.

### The Wounding

#### So you were in Germany at that point?

Right outside of Aachen. We were on rest and recreation. We were replaced because we were on R&R, and I always wonder about this.

#### Wonder if that's why the Germans pushed back?

Right — two of our soldiers were replaced by one soldier right around Malmedy, right at the breakthrough, and I think that's what caused it. That's what encouraged Hitler to push back.

#### The beginning of the Battle of the Bulge. That's when the counteroffensive started.

Yes. So we were resting. We were away from the front, and then we got notice to pack up. "We're going." So we went there, and then we went in through the Hürtgen Forest. Have you ever heard of the Hürtgen Forest?

No.

The Hürtgen Forest is a very dense forest right there in the Ardennes area. Scary.

Because of the shortage of men and because I had a little more experience, I was an acting squad leader right before I was wounded, and as a result I never got the rank. Acting as squad leader is one of the reasons I was wounded — I was giving the password for the day to our soldiers in our foxholes. Every day we had a new password.

#### Can you explain that?

As the war progressed, some American German kids were going to Germany to fight for Germany against us. They were part of the German Army. The German Army got these kids to dress up as American soldiers and infiltrate our groups, our troops. Somebody might come up to you, somebody from the other side, and start a conversation. That's a no-no. A foxhole is sort of a barrier. So I was giving the password of the day to our soldiers. If someone said a word to you, like "stump," your response was something totally disassociated with it. Maybe "pulley." You would have to say pulley, or you were in trouble.

#### Friend or foe.

Yes. Yes. So I was going from foxhole to foxhole giving the password for the day, and a sniper had his sights on me. I found this out ten years later, from the adjacent squad leader, whom I

This unnamed Belgian woman from the Pons family took a big risk and saved Joe Govea's life.



Joe displays the back of the photo (above), upon which he wrote some details of the ordeal.

## A Breath Away From Death

*Joe Govea intentionally avoids talking about many of his harrowing World War II experiences. But he did share this story, and he paused while retelling it to keep his voice steady.*

Near Verviers, Belgium, about 23 miles from Aachen, Germany (his squad's destination), his squad took on serious casualties from the German infantry.

"We were ambushed," Joe explained, with heavy U.S. casualties. "Two of us were wandering in the forest when we came upon a woman and her daughter — their last name was Pons. They knew there were Germans all around, so they hid us in their cellar through a trap door that was covered by the carpet.

"We went down there as quickly as we could. Just a few minutes later, we heard German soldiers stomping above us, inside the house. We didn't make a sound.

"They didn't know we were under their feet. A few minutes later, they were gone, and we were okay."

saw ten years after the war. My wife and I were at the market and this guy looks at me, and he kept looking at me. I really hadn't seen him, but my wife said, "That somebody is watching you." I turned around and I said, "Vick!" And he looked at me and said, "Joe." He turned as white as a ghost. He said that when I was hit, I was in motion, and the bullet hit me and spun me up in the air and I landed in a foxhole.

#### Wow. Where did it hit you?

On my left hip. I was hit by what they call a dum dum. The Germans were scoring the bullets so they were like a hollow point and explode on impact. I'm really surprised it didn't tear my whole hip off. It took five surgeries to get me walking again. So I was in the hospital for a while.

#### Where were you when you got shot?

That was in the Hürtgen Forest.

#### How far away was the sniper?

I have no idea. Vick said he was close by. Vick was like me; he didn't want to talk about the war. He said, "I thought you were dead."

The minute you're hit you holler, "Medic," and the guys who don't get enough credit, the combat medics, came for me.

They wore white coats with a red cross, and they were without a weapon. The Geneva Convention will not allow the enemy to shoot the medics.

#### And then you were evacuated out of there?

Yes. I was in the hospitals in France, maybe three or four, and then in England.

In the Paris General Hospital, I actually knew the ward boy — the orderly, I guess, from back home in California. His name was Poncho. Actually, Alfonso, but we called him Poncho. He looked at me and he said, "Who are you?" Here's a guy who grew up with me, so I must have looked terrible. I had a beard and I was dirty, and I had lost a lot of weight. Battle is bad. I told him who I was, and then he said, "You're going home. Your case is marked ZI," Zone of Interior. So eventually I went home. I was in three or four hospitals in France, and then they sent me to Taunton, England, and that's where I was awarded the old Purple Heart.

#### How long were you in England, in the hospital?

I was released the day the war ended, so about three or four months. I was in the hospital a long time, rehabbing. I didn't see any of England except one day when they took me to a little town by the name of Bath.

#### So Dec. 20, when you were wounded, all the way until basically the end of the war.

Yes. They re-classified me as Attached Unassigned, just to keep me in the service until I got out. But I really didn't do much after that. I came back to the States at the end of 1945.

#### So well past the end of the war.

Yes. I'm considered to be part of the occupation of Europe, but I was Attached Unassigned.

#### Right. Do you remember getting hit?

When I was hit, the medic said, "Do you need anything?" And that's all I remember. I blacked out, because he gave me a little tube of morphine. I was heavily sedated for a long time, to keep me immobile.

But you know, something I remember, is that one of the hospitals in France had German war prisoners as ward boys, attending to us.

#### Really?

I never understood that.

#### Did it bother you?

No, not at all.

## The Brutal Battle Of the Bulge

#### How far away were you from the German troops?

Depends. I remember one day — we were setting up high and the Germans were down below doing their thing. World War II was the element of surprise. You never knew where you were going or what you were going to do until you did it. The Germans were very close. Maybe like across the street.

When they were advancing, you had to shoot them.

#### What kind of rifle did you have?

M1 Garand.

#### Was it heavy?

We carried 35 pounds on our back. We were loaded.

#### Was there ever a time where you wished you just had a little more ammo?

Sure. You had to keep track. You didn't want to be empty.

#### Do you remember the first time you had to fire your weapon for real, as opposed to practice?

No, but I remember the first time they told me to make sure we were loaded. We were in a combat area. I don't want to talk about the rest of it.

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An example of a Siegfried Line, built by the Germans to stop the Allies from entering Germany. When Joe and his company passed a similar structure, he knew he was in Germany.



Joe Govea displays his Purple Heart, awarded to him as a United States Veteran wounded in action.



Joe Govea, Retired, Building and Safety (center), explains a war ration booklet to John Burnes, *Alive!* editor (left) and John Hawkins, Club CEO. (The swastika armband, while authentic, was acquired later, not during wartime.)



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# Honor and Duty

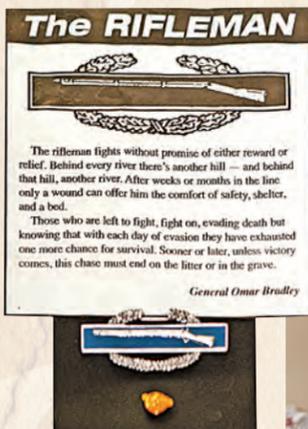


## Joe's Medals

Joe Govea, former Rifleman, First Infantry Division (Gen. Omar Bradley's outfit) during World War II, earning numerous accolades due to his service, bravery and sacrifice in being seriously wounded Dec. 20, 1944, during the Battle of the Bulge.

### Joe's major awards and honors:

- Combat Infantry Badge
- Bronze Star
- Purple Heart (for being wounded in combat).
- American Campaign Medal
- European-African-Middle-Eastern Campaign Medal (with two battle stars)
- World War II Victory Medal
- Good Conduct Medal
- Battle of the Bulge Medal (commemorative)
- French Legion of Honor Medal



Joe Govea displays his Infantry Combat Badge – the Rifleman's Badge, surrounded by a wreath, signifying that he saw combat.



Without doubt the accolade of which he is most proud is his Combat Infantry Badge – the Rifleman's Badge.

"You get that when you're a rifleman in the infantry," he explained. "You have to see combat to have it. The wreath denotes combat.

Anytime you see somebody wearing that, you know he's been there. When I look at pictures of high officials and generals, that's the first thing I look for."

### The text that accompanies the medal reads as follows:

#### THE RIFLEMAN

The rifleman fights without promise of either reward or relief. Behind every river there's another hill – and behind that hill, another river. After weeks or months on the line, only a wound can offer him the comfort of safety, shelter and a bed. Those who are left to fight, fight on, evading death but knowing that with each day of evasion they have exhausted one more chance for survival. Sooner or later, unless victory comes, this chase must end on the litter or in the grave.

– General Omar Bradley

"Sometime right after the start of the war, the Air Force was getting a lot of publicity. So General Bradley, said, 'Wait a minute, the Air Force is getting its proper credit. The ground crew isn't getting any credit. We should think about the riflemen, the guys who are out there leading.' So he came up with this.

"The other awards are nice medals. But this is the one that I covet, really." ■

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**No problem, Joe. Do you think about these stories every day? Are they staying with you, the stories that you don't tell people?**

I try to make it not part of my life.

**So you'd rather not open that door.**

That's right.

**Got it. How long were you in the combat area before you were wounded?**

I would say two or three months.

**You were hit during that brutal winter, right?**

Yes. It was the coldest winter in Europe ever. It was so cold that you could hardly pull the trigger; your fingers were frozen. We not only fought the enemy, we fought the weather and the elements. Can you imagine at night, when it's raining or snowing, the trees are falling and a German might be right behind you and you don't hear them? Fortunately for us, we did not have the problem that they had in the Asian theater. The Germans were not very good night fighters. They were a very well-oiled organization, but they didn't do much night fighting.

**They depicted that pretty brutally in *Band of Brothers*.**

If you watched *Band of Brothers*, you watched the area that I was in.

**That was your life.**

That was my life.

**How far was Bastogne from where you were?**

Not far.

**Were you hungry?**

One can of food, the size of a can of tomato sauce would subsist us for a day.

**You lived each day on a can of tomato sauce.**

Well, whatever we could get. But you could live a day on it. Sometimes we would get K or D rations with chocolate bars and crackers, and Raleigh cigarettes. That was dangerous. When you smoked, you had to cover yourself because the enemy would see the smoke.

**Right, or the bright flame.**

At night, yes; and in the day, it was the smoke.

**It was really tough.**

I try not to talk about it, unless I am with buddies. I was with a guy at a funeral of another friend; we were standing there next to the casket before they did the military honors, and he said to me, "Joe, only you and I know what really happened." War is horrific.

**Were you isolated and cut off? What was that like?**

Yes. Combat is combat, and you don't think of the whole picture. It was designated the Battle of the Bulge, but that was only part of the front.

The title came years later. There are thousand-page books about strategies and isolation and so forth, but when you're in the reality of it as you were, you're not thinking about all of that.

You're thinking about not getting killed.

Here's something odd: The Forest Lawn Cemeteries have a Veterans and Memorial Day celebration. Walter Ehlers, who won the Medal of Honor for heroism during the Normandy invasion, was also in the First Division and was the speaker of the day. I told him I was also in the First Division, the Big Red One. He said, "How far did you get?" I said, "I got as far as the Hürtgen Forest." He said, "That's where I was wounded [again]." So was I. Turns out we were both wounded at nearly the same time, at nearly the same place.

## The Past Is the Past

**Have you been back to Europe?**

Well, no ... in spite of the fact that my name is in the Legion of Honor building in Paris.

**Have you seen it?**

No. I've never been there.

**Today, when you meet a German person, does it – or did it – ever bother you? Was there ever any animosity?**

Never. I never held any animosity for the Japanese or the Germans, because when we would capture some of the German soldiers, they were kids just like us, following orders. So I had – I'm not going to say compassion, but I had some feeling for them. Of course they were scared, scared to death, especially the ones who understood English.

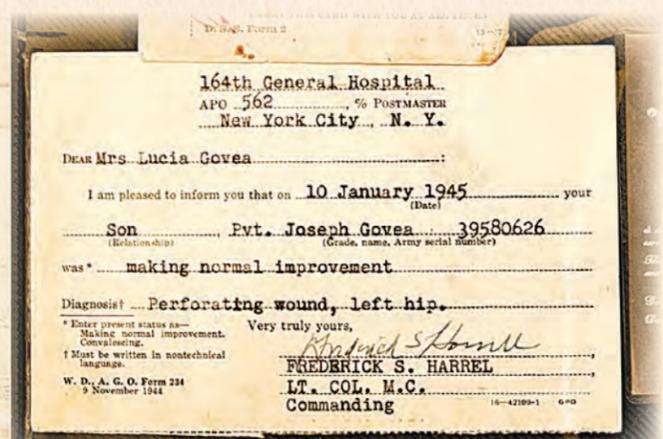
**I think you're a very courageous person. Do you feel that way?**

No, I don't. I'm very proud of the fact that I'm an American, that I was able to serve my country, and I did whatever I could, and I have no regrets. The military got me out of the environment I would have probably followed. It actually it helped me. It helped me see the other side of the world, because – and I say this very loosely—there's a lot of discrimination on both sides of the racial divide, between different ethnicities. Going into the service got me to deal with people in general.

**What do you want people to know about your experiences in World War II? What would you like people to know about what it was like, or what you sacrificed?**

Number one, I think that if they knew, they would appreciate veterans more than they do today. I think that people should know the history of any war – not necessarily just World War II, but any war. They should be aware of the sacrifice that a person makes when they put on the uniform. And [my wife] Shirley reminded me of this: Think of all the mothers who had their children go into the service and then not know if they were going to come back. I feel sometimes that there is not enough appreciation for the veterans.

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This card was sent to Joe Govea's mother, Lucia, to keep her apprised of his recovery from being wounded during the Battle of the Bulge. He was recuperating in England at the time, but this card was sent out of New York.

What I remember the most is the camaraderie amongst us. We were all one. There was no difference – we were all the same, and we worked together. We had an objective and we went after it. We had goals – the unity within the military is what to me is very impressive.

**I was in the military but I never saw any action. It was the Cold War, so nothing happened. But there was still camaraderie, but there probably would have been more of a heightened sense if there were something happening, or our lives were in danger. We would have had to rely on each other more.**

We relied on each other. I trained with a fellow in Camp Roberts who was from National City. I remember seeing him running, and shrapnel sheared his jaw off. His last name was Martinez. Something like that comes to mind, but there are other things that I don't want to talk about.

One day Shirley and my sister and brother-in-law, who was in Korea, were having dinner at the table, and my brother-in-law said, "Joe, do you know how many Germans you killed?" Shirley said that I turned as white as a sheet.

**Did you answer him?**

I just – no, I didn't. Some people like to talk about combat. I would rather not.

**People who did it like you, you have that right. Did *Band of Brothers* get it right?**

I've only watched small portions of it.

**It's kind of hard.**

Yes. It brings back too many memories.

**But it must have been fairly accurate if it brought back too many memories.**

Yes.

**It's hard for people who haven't been in combat to not want to hear a little piece of how it was. It's human nature.**

It's hard for me to talk about something when people don't have a picture of what was going on. My doctor put it kind of succinctly. He said, "You know, Joe, we never think about the weather during the war." He meant combat – the stench, the moans, the groans, the bombings, the explosions, the atmosphere. It's hard to show that on film, the way it really was.

**Prayer and Patience**

**You mentioned before we started about your struggles with post-traumatic stress disorder, and how you got through it.**

When I got out of the service, I was angry, and Shirley will tell you – and my late (first) wife would have told you more – I was very hard to get along with. I was very short-fused. I didn't show the compassion that I hope I show today. I was a totally different person. There was a situation after I got out of the service, where if I had to hurt somebody during an argument or whatever, I would have done it. I carried that with me for a while, and that's not right.

**How did you get through it?**

Time and prayer. I used to have nightmares. Time went on, and today I look at myself and ask, "Was I really there?" The anger is gone.

**How long did it take you?**

Years and years. Shirley and I have been married 29 years, and there was still a smattering of that when we got married. My daughters have told her, "You've softened Dad up."

**What does your freedom mean to you?**

It's the only thing in the world, freedom. Especially when I hear of other countries, how they've suppressed it.

But freedom should have its limitations, also.

**I hope that our feature on you helps people know what you sacrificed for freedom.**

Well, I hope and pray that people are made aware of what happens during war – not only World War II, but in warfare. More people should be aware of the sacrifice made by the veterans, regardless of branch or service. I think the schools should include this as part of their history. I used to be involved in the Veterans History Project, a program mandated by Congress that the Board of Education make all high school seniors aware of the sacrifices we made. Part of their curriculum was to interview veterans, and I used to be interviewed by high school seniors. That doesn't happen anymore.

I have received calls from kids who want to interview me over the phone. They have two or three questions and they just want to fulfill their commitment, and that is the extent of it. "Were you in the service?" "Yes." "Were you wounded?" "Yes." "How long were you in the war?" That's pretty much it. Part of the education should be the history of our wars and the sacrifices made by the veterans.

**It's all too easy to declare war. People making those decisions really need to think about it – they're creating Armageddon, and people will die, young children, kids. Students need to have that knowledge when they grow up.**

When I was raised in the barrio and just about draft age, I would hear, "So-and-so was killed." And even then, I wasn't smart enough or sensitive enough to think about it. You're just a kid. The government should make a real effort to teach that. I went to get my car serviced one day. My car's got the Purple Heart license plate on it. The clerk asked me, "What is that for?" She didn't know. And she was not a kid. They're not aware of it. The Purple Heart is very highly recognized, but there are other medals that are just as valid. Just the fact that you were there and were able to contribute should mean more than it does to a lot of people.

**I agree. It's such an honor to talk to you, to know what you went through, even though I don't know everything. But just to know what I know now makes me a better person than I was when I came here this morning.**

Well, thank you. With all sincerity, I don't feel that I'm telling a story. It's just something that happened.

**It's deeper than telling a story. You lived the real thing. Do you feel you are part of the Greatest Generation?**

I agree with that, and not just in that aspect of war. I saw electricity come in. I saw the radio come in. I saw television come in. I saw records come in, which people don't know what I'm talking about. I've seen so many changes in my life that it's astounding.

**Right. Thanks for your time.**

You're welcome. ■



Joe Govea points out a reproduction of a newspaper front page that tells the news that his First Army Division had made it into Germany.



Joe Govea, Retired, Building and Safety (left), shows his Army dog tags to John Hawkins, Club CEO.

There can be no more welcoming sight in the world – after a journey that took Joe far from his California home, that threatened his life on numerous occasions and nearly destroyed his left hip, that repeatedly placed him in horrible situations, that challenged him to stay warm and fed and questioning his own soul – than the rising flame of Lady Liberty over the horizon.

"After the war, I was on a battleship coming back to the United States," he recalls. "We had a band on board our ship – Les Brown and his Band of Renown. The band was playing on the ship.

"And all of the sudden I saw a lot of commotion, and people going to one side of the boat. And everyone said, 'There she is, there she is! It was the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor.

"As we got closer and closer, Les Brown started playing 'Sentimental Journey.' And we all cried.

"When we hit the port, the guys were kissing the ground and everybody was hugging each other. Can you imagine it?

"So 'Sentimental Journey' is very close to me." ■

**Home at Last**



John Hawkins, Club CEO, holds a Nazi infantry helmet that Joe Govea acquired after the war.



Joe Govea's U.S. Army dress uniform, which he still fits into (see this month's cover).



Joe Govea, Retired, Building and Safety (center) describes his Army service memorabilia and medals to John Burnes, *Alive!* editor (left) and John Hawkins, Club CEO.

# Retirements

## Retirements Galore!

Over the past few months, the Club has attended many retirement parties. Congratulations to you all; thanks to all who celebrated your career achievement, and the Club wishes you all the best in your Best Years.

(And don't forget to join your respective retirement association – the RLACEI, the DWP Retirees Association, Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association, or others.)

### Economic/Workforce Development



## Lucy Reinhardt-Ulatowski

**A retirement luncheon was held May 19 for Lucy Reinhardt-Ulatowski, Executive Administrative Assistant III, Economic and Workforce Development.**

The party was held at the Monty Bar on Seventh Street downtown. Lucy retires with 25 years of City service. Congratulations, Lucy, on your impressive career!



From left: Grace Benedicto, Sr. Management Analyst, 21 years of City service; Lucy Reinhardt-Ulatowski, Retiree, Brad Dawn, Management Analyst II, 15 years; and Robert Sainz, Assistant General Manager, 20 years.



Sharmg Aditya, guest, with Elliot Blue, Management Analyst, 19 years of City service.



From left: Steve Lew, Management Analyst, 16 years of City service; and Antonioni Estrada, Sr. Project Assistant, 17 years.



Eva Bitar, Citywide Filming Coordinator and Industry Liaison, with David Eder, Deputy Director, Workforce Investment Board.



From left: Maybes Tabiber, Sr. Accountant, 28 years of City service; and Tess Pasco, Principal Accountant, 26 years.



Lucy Reinhardt-Ulatowski and her husband, Joshua.



From left: Anita McKinney, retired, 34 years of City service; and Lucy Reinhardt-Ulatowski, Retiree.



From left: Debra Anderson, Sr. Administrative Clerk, 31 years of City service; and Rebecca Parks.



From left: Sandy Oxford, Administrative Clerk, Housing, 9 years of City service; Lucy Reinhardt-Ulatowski, Retiree; Pat Scott, Systems Analyst, Housing, 8 years; and Jessica Dominay, Administrative Clerk, 20 years.



From left: Lucy Reinhardt-Ulatowski, Retiree; and Jeff Whitmore, Chief Management Analyst, 28 years.

### Public Works



## Tim Shelton

**Tim Shelton, Street Services Supervisor I, has retired from Public Works. A luncheon was held in his honor May 27 at the Manchester Street Services Yard on Denver Avenue.**

Tim retired with 32 years of City service. Congratulations, Tim, on your long and dedicated City career. Enjoy your retirement!



From left: Tim Shelton, Retiree and Club COO Robert Larios, who presented Tim with the coveted Club Retirement Award.



From left: Andy Vargas, Public Works/Street Services Superintendent, 18 years of City service, with Tim Shelton, Retiree.



From left: Michael Cox, Superintendent, 27 years of City service; Tim Shelton, Retiree; and Chi Ming Gong, Street Cleaning and Maintenance Division Manager.



From left: Wayne Moore; Lynne Gregiore, Public Works/Street Services Investigator, 27 years of City service; and Tim Shelton, Retiree.



From left: James Duncan, Public Works/Street Services Supervisor II, 26 years of City service; Wayne Monroe, Retired, 31 years; Tim Shelton, Retiree; and Aida Valencia, Supervisor I, 26 years.



From left: David Luna, Truck Operator, 19 years of City service; and Christopher Sands, Supervisor I, 18 years.



From left: John Nelson, Supervisor, 33 years of City service; Phillip Langston, Motor Sweeper Operator, 8 years; David Frances, Heavy Equipment Operator, 28 years; Tann Kiam, Maintenance Laborer, 14 years; and Anna Patton, Heavy Truck Operator, 11 years.



From left: Mack Gilchrist, Sweeper Operator, 35 years of City service; and Jason Hill, Power Equipment Operator, County of Los Angeles, 27 years of County service.

**Controller**



# Leonor Kuratomi

**Leonor Kuratomi, Payroll Analyst, Controller's Office, 30 years of City service, retired May 28. A celebratory luncheon was held in her honor on that day, at the Yard House at LA Live downtown.**

The Club – especially Cecilia Talbot from the Club's claims department, and Hava Berman and Citlali Bon from the Club's data management department – are grateful for Leonor's great cooperation and service to the City Employees Club.

And we congratulate her on her long and dedicated career.

The Club also thanks Alexandria Banares and Ashleigh Haren for their assistance in producing this article.



Leonor Kuratomi, Controller's Office, 30 years of City service, with Club COO Robert Larios.



From left: Vijay Singhal; Principal Deputy Controller, 11 years of City service; Bob Hess, Payserv Project, 15 years; and Henry Chisom, Sr. Systems Analyst, 35 years.



From left: Citlali Bon, Club Data Entry Coordinator; Hava Berman, the Club's Director of Database Management; Peggie Kirkpatrick, Programmer/Analyst, 32 years of City service; and Linh Vo, Director of Systems, 26 years.



From left: Alex B., Payroll Analyst, 12 years of City service; Stephanie Griffin, Fiscal Systems Specialist I, 8 years; Ashleigh Haren, intern, 1 year of service; and Fhoa Doan, Fiscal Systems Specialist I, 10 years.



From left: Pat Avilez, Management Analyst II, 30 years of City service; Morgan Vila, Payroll Supervisor, Rec and Parks, 30 years; Brenda Richard, Administrative Clerk, 37 years; and Blanch Hill, Accounting Clerk, 9 years.



From left: Andrew Vaughn, Fiscal Systems Specialist, 16 years of City service; Leroy Beavers, Management Analyst, 17 years; and Havera Diallo, Fiscal Systems Specialist, 17 years.



From left: Lisa Banuelos, Accounting Clerk, 8 years of City service; Socorro Gonzalez, Payroll Supervisor, 31 years; Erin Makey, Financial Planner, OJB; and Tanya Makey, Financial Planner, OJB.



From left: Summy Lee, Sr. Systems Analyst I, 18 years of City service; Rosway Go, Sr. Systems Analyst II, 23 years; Nghia Tran, Systems Analyst, 9 years; and Gus Soliman, Systems Analyst II, 10 years.



From left: Leizi Soliman, Payroll Analyst II, 11 years of City service; Kathy Khou, Fiscal Systems Analyst, 26 years; and Jasmin Dominguez, Student Worker, 1 year.



From left: Ruby Love, Sr. Administrative Clerk, 35 years of City service; and Debra Lewis, Sr. Administrative Clerk, 26 years.



From left: Alexander Wong, Accounting Clerk, 18 years of City service; and Joan Washington, Payroll Analyst, 27 years.

**Harbor**



# Donna Wright

**After a successful career as a Secretary in the Port of Los Angeles, Donna Wright retired recently. A luncheon celebration was held April 27 at Cabrillo Marina.**

Congratulations, Donna, on your retirement. And the Club thanks Faye Jones and Brenda Aubert, Harbor, for their assistance.



Front, from left: Susan Gutierrez, Accounting Records Supervisor II; Donna Wright, Retiree; Denise O'Brien, Administrative Clerk; and Vanessa Taylor, Accounting Clerk II. Back: La June Toston, Accounting Clerk II; Tereza Aldrete, Accounting Clerk II; Lena Lorenzana, Accounting Clerk II; Brenda Aubert, Accounting Records Supervisor I; Olivia Tan, Administrative Clerk; and Phyllis Ninofranco, Accounting Clerk II.



From left: Donna Wright, Retiree, and Marla Bleavins, Deputy Executive Director and CFO.



Donna and family, from left: Danae Donaldson, daughter; Mark and Donna Wright, Retiree; Ananiah Ledoux, grandson; Audrea Ledoux, daughter in law; Janae Cormier, niece; Donato Donaldson; and Paul Ledoux.



From left: Susan Gutierrez, Accounting Records Supervisor II; and Brenda Aubert, Accounting Records Supervisor I.



From left: Marla Bleavins, Deputy Executive Director and CFO; Donna Wright, Retiree; and Yolanda Brown, Executive Administrative Assistant III.



From left: Olivia Tan, Administrative Clerk; Brenda Aubert, Accounting Records Supervisor I; Julie Di Tucci, Wharfinger I; Lisa Homaizad, Sr. Administrative Clerk; Eileen Tankersley, Executive Administrative Assistant III; Faye Jones, Sr. Payroll Assistant I; and Rhonda Uyemura, Payroll Supervisor II.



Donna and Crystal Gonzalez, Wharfinger I.



James David, Harbor Engineer II.



Back, from left: Rhonda Wheelwright, Principal Clerk, 26 years of City service; Renee Henry, Retired, 37 years; and Teresa Henkhaus, Principal Construction Inspector, 35 years. Front, from right: Barbara Brunt, Sr. Admin Clerk, 19 years; Diana Henderson, Management Analyst II, 38 years; Berni Edwards, Principal Clerk, 26 years; and Lisa Homaizad, Sr. Administration Clerk, 30 years.



Frank Albers, Sr. Management Analyst II, presented the Lighthouse Award to Donna Wright, Retiree.



From left: Kedren Robinson, Sr. Administrative Clerk; Faye Jones, Sr. Payroll Assistant I; Lynn Qubain, Personnel Records Supervisor; Lori Skroce, Management Analyst II; Rhonda Glenn, Secretary; and Vanesha Fuisia, Wharfinger I.



From right: Valeska Calero-Sorto, Accounting Clerk II, 16 years of City service; and LaJune Toston, Accounting Clerk, 15 years.



Donna Wright's husband, Mark.

# Retirements

DWP



**Claudette Pearson**



**James Lyles**



**Marco Valenzuela**



**Shahrokh Nabat**

**A retirement party was held March 30 for four employees in the DWP's Water Services side. The party took place in the JFB administrative building.**

Club COO Robert Larios attended and presented the coveted Club retirement plaques.

Many people attended the event to speak about the retirees, recounting stories and wishing them well as they leave their City careers.

Congratulations!

Special thanks go to Mark Lucero and John Cox for their assistance.



From left: Cree Horner, Managing Water Utility/Engineering, 32 years of City service; Joan Alexandria-Tagle, Management Analyst Assistant, 12 years; and Celso Cardano, CEA, 11 years.



Front, from left: Marco and Martha Valenzuela. Back: Jonathan Valenzuela and Joshua Valenzuela.



Front, from left: Sidney Pearson; his sister, Claudette Pearson, Retiree; and Vaughn Johnson, Claudette's son. Back: sons Stanley Lyons and Kyrn Lyons.



From left: Cesar Rubio, Sr. Water Utility Supervisor, 20 years of City service; Giovanni Mendez, Protective Coating, 20 years; and Jerrid Dorsey, Protective Coating, 21 years.



From left: Les Peacock, 29 years of City service, Water Utility Supervisor; Bob Avila, Water Utility Worker, 29 years; and Mike Matthews, Water Utility Worker, 29 years.



From left: The retirees – Marco Valenzuela, Claudette Pearson, Shahrokh Nabat and James Lyles.



Claudette Pearson, Retiree, speaks to the attendees.



Marco Valenzuela makes his address.



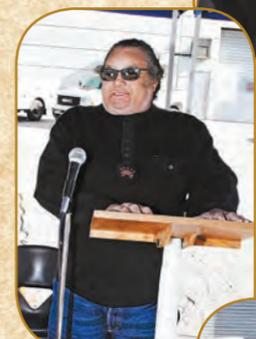
From left: Robin Nabat, son, and Shahrokh Nabat, Retiree.



From left: Rosa and Rosalio Haro, 35 years of City service; Jacinto Gomez, Maintenance Laborer, 28 years; John Chacon, 34 years; Edward "Eddie" Rodgers, Water Utility Supervisor, 31 years; Martin Villa, 34 years; and Louie Chavez, Sr. Water Utility Worker, 36 years.



From left: Juan S. Fuentes, Water Services Worker, 18 years of City service; and Allen Frederick, Water Services Worker.



Retiree James Lyles says farewell.



Shahrokh Nabat retired after 29 years of City service. He addresses the attendees.



From left: Shahram Fadakar, Civil Engineering Association; 34 years of City service; and Kioumars Pourkaemi ("The Q," CEA, 31 years.



Patrick Moore.



John Cox, Assistant Superintendent.



Mike Avila, Assistant Superintendent.



Kirk Brouyard, Water Utility Supervisor, 29 years of City service

Public Works/Engineering



# Terri Winfield

**A retirement luncheon was held May 13 in honor of Terri Winfield, Executive Administrative Assistant II, Engineering, who retired after 32 years of City service.**

The luncheon was held at Palm Restaurant. Terri has been a Club Member for 19 years. Congratulations on your excellent career, Terri!

The Club thanks Candice Arnold, Executive Administrative Assistant III, 22 years of City service, for her assistance.



Candice Arnold, Executive Administrative Assistant III, 22 years of City service, presents Terri with an award from the Board of Public Works.



Terri Winfield, Retiree, with Alfred Mata, Deputy City Engineer, 22 years of City service.



Back, from left: Barbara Nelson, Retired, 34 years of City service; Janice Mullins, retired, 37 years; and Valerie Smith, Sr. Personnel Analyst, Retired, 32 years. Front: Chris Westhoff, Assistant City Attorney, 35 years; Frank Bonoff, Principal District Engineer, 38 years, Retired; and Carl Nelson, Sr. Engineer, 24 years.



Terri with some of her family members, front, from left: Christine Frazier, aunt; Anna Mitchell, aunt; and Warren Mitchell, uncle. Back: Jeannette Howard, sister in law; Henrietta Atchison, cousin; Terri Winfield, Retiree; and Willie Howard, brother.



From left: Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer, and Terri Winfield, Retiree.



Chris Westhoff, Assistant City Attorney, 35 years of City service; and Terri Winfield, Retiree.



From left: Jeannie Park, Sr. Management Analyst I, 14 years of City service; Catherine Garcia, Management Analyst, 27 years; Karen Dacres, Executive Administrative Assistant, 22 years; and Candice Arnold, Executive Administrative Assistant III, 22 years.



From left: Kim Barton, Secretary, 22 years of City service (who also sang at the event), with Terri Winfield, Retiree.



Terri Winfield, Retiree, with Club COO Robert Larios.



From left: Sandra Gibbs, Administrative Clerk, 27 years of City service; Sharylon David, Principal Clerk, Custodian Records, Retired, 34 years; Terri Winfield, Retiree; Irene Key, Retired, 26 years; Pat Avilez, Management Analyst, Engineering, 30 years (standing next to Terri); and Madeline Smith, MP II.



Terri Winfield and family, from left: Christopher Winfield, son; Gregory Earl Winfield Jr., son; Terri Winfield, Retiree; Tiffannie Winfield, daughter; Gregory Winfield Sr., husband; Dailees Dillard, daughter-in-law; and little Jeremiah Winfield.



Front, from left: Sandra Humphreys, Sr. Administrative Clerk, 16 years of City service; Kim Barton, Secretary, 22 years; and Glenda Penate, Systems Analyst, 16 years. Back: Patricia Zavala, Sr. Administrative Clerk, 15 years; Alisa Blake, Sr. Systems Analyst II, 27 years; and Mike Kamtor, Retired, 30 years of service.



From left: Ken Redd, Deputy Engineer, 28 years of City service; Ted Allen, Deputy City Engineer, 22 years; Alfred Mata, Deputy City Engineer, 22 years; Terri Winfield, Retiree; Diana Williams, President, AFSME Local 3672; and Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer, 30 years.



Some of Terri's family members, from left: Gerald Howard Jr., nephew; Gerald Howard Sr., brother; Louvenia Butler Howard, sister in law; Richard Glover, brother; and Brian Howard, cousin.



From left: Terri Winfield, Retiree; and Nazario Saucedo, Director, Public Works/Street Services.

LAPD/Communications



# Carol Schott

**Carol Schott retired as a Sr. Police Service Representative II in LAPD's Communications Division after 28 years of dedicated City service. She had been a Club Member for 19 years.**

A retirement surprise party was held for Carole May 19 at Metro Communications and El Cholo in Pasadena.

An LAPD Communications post on Facebook described Carol like this:

"Carol is one of a kind, one of the most positive and encouraging people you will ever meet. During her tenure, Carol received dozens of commendations and founded the Care and Concern Committee, an organization dedicated to the wellness of our employees. She touched and enriched the lives of all of our employees.

"On behalf of the men and women of Communications Division and the Los Angeles Police Department, thank you, Carol, for dedicating your career to the citizens of L.A., the Officers of the LAPD, and most importantly the Communications Division family. We will forever be grateful and appreciate the positive energy and influence you brought to the Division. You are already missed."

Congratulations on your retirement, Carol!

The Club thanks Julia Cesena, Sr. PSR III, for her assistance.



Marisa Trujillo, Sr. PSR I, 19 years of City service, with Carol Schott, Retiree.



Lt. Dennis, Retired, 30 years of City service; and Carol Schott, Retiree.



Lisa Smock, Sr. PSR I, 26 years of City service, with Carol Schott, Retiree.



From left: Barbara Stone, Sr. PSR, Retired, with Carol Schott, Retiree.



Elisa Escobar-Gomez, Sr. PSR, 8 years of City service, with Carol Schott, Retiree.



Carol Schott, Retiree, with Leona Reed, PSR III, 27 years of City service.



Sr. PST II Lillian Brock, 36 years of City service, and Carol Schott, retiree



Carol Schott, Retiree, and Meg McKeever, PSR II, 28 years of City service.



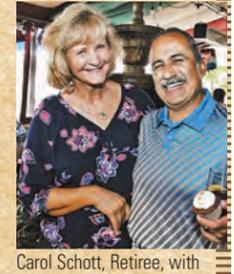
Saraj Farell, PSR III, 16 years of City service, and Carol Schott, Retiree.



Marty Ford, PSR III, Retired, with Carol Schott, Retiree.



Capt. Dave Storaker with Carol Schott, Retiree.



Carol Schott, Retiree, with Rudy Vasquez, Sr. PSR, 21 years of City service.



Connie Roberson, Sr. PSR I, 26 years of City service; Carol Schott, Retiree; and Marisa Assaf, PSR III, 26 years.



Carol Schott, Retiree, with Club COO Robert Larios.



Carol and Ron Schott.



Arin Salcedo, PSR II, 7 years of City service; Carol Schott, Retiree; and Valerie Mokricky, PSR II, 21 years.



From left: Cathy Sotos, Sr. PSR II, 28 years of City service; Carol Schott, Retiree; and Cathy Pearson, PSR I.

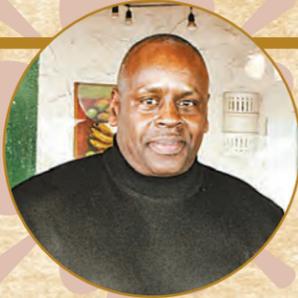


From left: Cathy Sotos, Sr. PSR II, 28 years of City service; Carol Schott, Retiree; and Cathy Pearson, PSR I.

# Retirements



**Magnus Baltazar**



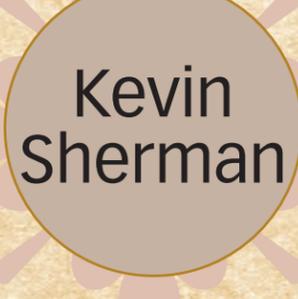
**Robert Grier**



**Joe Knott**



**Walvin Humes**



**Kevin Sherman**

## Public Works/Sanitation

**A grand party was held May 13 to celebrate the retirements of five longtime Harbor employees: Magnus Baltazar, Robert Grier, Walvin Humes, Joe Knott and Kevin Sherman.**

The party was held at Acapulco restaurant in San Pedro. Walvin Humes and Kevin Sherman were unable to attend. All five worked at Sanitation's Harbor Yard. Congratulations to the Harbor Sanitation Five for your years of dedication to the City of Los Angeles. Special thanks go to Moniquea McKee and Marjar Childs of the Harbor Sanitation Yard for their assistance.



From left: Daniel McKee, Solid Resource Manager, 21 years of City service; Robert Grier, Retiree; and James Moore, Superintendent, 27 years.



From left: Daniel McKee, Solid Resource Manager, 21 years of City service; Magnus Baltazar, Retiree; and James Moore, Superintendent, 27 years.



Robert Grier, Retiree, and Nicole Wells of Council District 15.



Magnus Baltazar, Retiree, and Nicole Wells of Council District 15.



Joe Knott, Retiree, and Nicole Wells of Council District 15.



From left: Robert Cermack, RCTO, 26 years of City service; Greg Gomes, RCTO, 27 years; Magnus Baltazar, Retiree; and Joe Franco, RCTO, 10 years.



From left: Daniel McKee, Solid Resource Manager, 21 years of City service; Joe Knott, Retiree; and James Moore, Superintendent, 27 years.



From left: Moniquea McKee, 16 years of City service; and Marjar Childs, Administrative Clerk, 9 years.



From left: Robert Grier, Retiree, with Club COO Robert Larios.



From left: Magnus Baltazar, Retiree, with Club COO Robert Larios.



From left: Joe Knott, Retiree, with Club COO Robert Larios.



Joey Pedrosa, RCTO, 29 years of City service.



From left: Robert Watson, RCTO, member of the Retirement Event Coordinating Committee, with Joe Knott, Retiree.



From left: Melba Williams, Sr. Administrative Clerk, 13 years of City service; and Lenore Jones, Supervisor, 38 years.



From left: Jerry Ramirez, Supervisor, 30 years of City service; and Dan Lucero, Harbor Supervisor, 29 years.



Dan Lucero, Harbor Supervisor, 29 years of City service.



Christopher Boykins, RCTO, 9 years of City service.



Linda and Joe Knott, Retiree.



Jonelle Gargea, RC Supervisor, 21 years of City service.



Ratasha Grier, daughter of Robert Grier, Retiree.

Story courtesy Zoo, Photos by Jamie Pham

# PARTY ANIMALS



At a previous Brew at the Zoo.

The Zoo is once again scheduling a summer of fun, with social nights after the regular gates close for adults, young adults and families.

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For 2016, Summer Nights at the Zoo brings people together through music, food, craft beer and wildlife at five unforgettable evenings for adults and one for families, including the popular three-part "Roaring Nights" Summer Music Series, "Family Jam at the L.A. Zoo," and "Brew at the L.A. Zoo."

Guests at all six evenings will experience after-hours viewing of popular animal exhibits and up-close encounters with smaller creatures.

## Family Jam

At 6 p.m. Sat., July 9, Family Jam at the L.A. Zoo presents family entertainment for all ages featuring live music, dancing, food trucks, up-close encounters with some of the Zoo's smaller residents, a rare opportunity for youngsters to experience after-hours viewing of popular animal exhibits and more. Tickets to Family Jam are \$25 for adults and \$20 for children ages 2 to 13; tickets for Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association members are \$22 for adults and \$17 for children; prices include admission to the Zoo's special **Dinosaurs: Unextinct at the L.A. Zoo** exhibit.

To purchase tickets, visit [www.lazoo.org/familyjam/](http://www.lazoo.org/familyjam/); for more information, call (323) 644-6001.

## Brew at the Zoo

The sixth annual Brew at the L.A. Zoo at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5, open to guests ages 21 and up, is one of the city's most popular events. Known for beer tasting samples from close to 50 local craft and microbreweries, the event also features music by live bands, karaoke, a DJ, pub-style grub, Zookeeper talks, up-close encounters with some of the Zoo's smaller residents, and visits to animal habitats. Tickets to Brew at the L.A. Zoo are \$65, \$60 for Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association members, \$25 for designated drivers (includes free fountain drink refills all evening at four Zoo locations), and \$125 for VIP tickets with access to exclusive lounges serving complimentary food and specialty drinks/pours and early entry to the entire route. To purchase tickets, visit [www.lazoo.org/brew/](http://www.lazoo.org/brew/); for more information, call (323) 644-6001.

The Los Angeles Zoo is at 5333 Zoo Dr. in Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura (134) and Golden State (5) freeways. Plentiful free parking is available for the summer evening events.

For additional information, call (323) 644-6042 or visit [www.lazoo.org](http://www.lazoo.org)

At a previous Family Jam.



## Bowie, Prince Tributes Added

## Roaring Nights

Roaring Nights at the LA Zoo, a summer music series open to guests ages 18 and older, continues with all-different lineups: Friday, July 29 (country music); Friday, Aug. 26 (indie rock); and Friday, Sept. 16 ('80s music, with tributes to David Bowie and Prince). Each evening will feature a live band, DJ dance party,

food trucks, full-service bars, pop-up zookeeper talks, animal encounters, visits to Zoo animal habitats, a game zone and an "Animal Artistry Paint Party" for guests to paint a favorite animal (or whatever inspiration strikes them) on a small canvas to take home as a souvenir. Ticket prices are \$25, and \$22 for Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association members; prices include admission to the Zoo's special **Dinosaurs: Unextinct at the L.A. Zoo** exhibit. For additional event information and to purchase tickets, visit [www.lazoo.org/roaringnights](http://www.lazoo.org/roaringnights).

Information: (323) 644-6001

At a previous Roaring Night at the L.A. Zoo.



# PAYROLL OR PENSION DEDUCTED

## Funeral Pre-Planning Service

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- ✓ Available to Club Members, Spouses, or Domestic Partners.
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- ✓ Paid off in 7 years.

Leave your kids the house, the jewelry, the photos...but not this.



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Pasadena, CA

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Inglewood, CA

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Long Beach, CA

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{ Who are the people you see every day? }

# People We See

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## Meet Pierre Gaddy.



Pierre says his bracelet is his most prized possession.



Pierre (Left) and Club CEO John Hawkins.

**AGE:** "I'm 31."  
**BIRTHPLACE:** "Seattle."  
**FAMILY:** "I'm an only child."  
**MEDICATIONS:** "No."  
**EDUCATION:**  
 "I went to an alternative high school, but did only three years there. They told me I had emotional problems, and that is why I am currently on Social Security."  
**WHEN MOVED TO L.A.:**  
 "Two years ago. I was bored in Seattle – same old people, same weather. I was sick of Washington and needed a change. I usually spend the night in Santa Monica, but I took the bus to LA to charge my phone."  
**WHERE DO YOU LIVE:** "On the streets in Santa Monica."  
**HOW HE ENDED UP ON THE STREET:**  
 "Lack of family. There was always drama in my family, kind of like that show, 'Family Feud.' Family is so important, but when it's dysfunctional it makes it difficult. And having my emotional disability didn't help."  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:**  
 "Bad Teacher with Cameron Diaz."  
**FAVORITE ACTOR:**  
 "Tom Cruise. No, wait, strike that – make that Jackie Chan."  
**FAVORITE ACTRESS:**  
 "Cameron Diaz."  
**FAVORITE MUSIC:**  
 "Hip-hop. Michael Jackson is my favorite artist."  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** "Quiznos."  
**FAVORITE CANDY:**  
 "I really like those mango strips, the kind with the sugar on them."  
**LAST THING READ:**  
 "I really like magazines, but I need to get back into books."  
**LAST MEAL EATEN:**  
 "Hot potato chips."  
**MOST PRIZED POSSESSION:**  
 "My bracelet – it's a dragon's tooth with a scrimshaw of a dragon. I bought it somewhere downtown here."  
**MAKE A WISH:** "A million dollars."  
**WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY:** "I would have gotten out of Washington sooner. I would have gotten away from my family."  
**ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE:**  
 "Keep moving in a positive direction, and if you have kids, keep your family unit stable for them. Be good parents."

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

*The interview, conducted by John Hawkins, took place June 9 at Third and Main Streets downtown.*

{ In this monthly feature, Club CEO John Hawkins, and Director of Sales Angel Gomez, introduce you to people you see every day, but you might not know who they are. The Club reminds you that we all have names and stories to tell. }

**Rec and Parks, Cultural Affairs**

*Photo by Kristopher Bicknell*

**Scenes by the Sea**

**Annual Shakespeare by the Sea continues in San Pedro, Woodland Hills in July, August.**

L.A.'s Shakespeare by the Sea theatre troupe, funded partially by Rec and Parks and Cultural Affairs, celebrates its 19th anniversary in 2016.

This year's season features a comedy/fantasy, *Cymbeline*, and the classic tragedy *Othello*. The productions continue at Pt. Fermin Park in San Pedro in July and August, and at Warner Center Park in Aug.

**The City portion of the program's schedule is:**

***Cymbeline:***

- This comedy is an action-adventure-fairy-tale-romance filled with magical potions, dastardly villains, ghosts, gods and lost princes.
- At Pt. Fermin Park: July 2, 8; Aug. 20
- At Warner Center Park: Aug. 4

***Othello:***

- This tragedy is an emotionally gripping thriller where gossip turns friendships rancid, and rumor brutally murders innocence. *Othello* is as unflinching in its power as it is in its heartbreak.
- At Pt. Fermin Park: July 1, 7, 9; Aug. 19

This year, the company will deliver approximately 40 performances in more than 20 locations, beginning and ending with its hometown crowd at Pt. Fermin Park in San Pedro. The tour has become a much-anticipated event each summer, drawing an audience of more than



Parolles (Cylan Brown) and Diana (Kristina Teves) in Shakespeare by the Sea's 2013 production of All's Well That Ends Well, directed by Patrick Vest. Photo: Mickey Elliot.

20,000 to enjoy Shakespeare under the summer sky each of the past several years.

Founded in 1998 and funded entirely by donations and grants, Shakespeare by the Sea brings contemporary and classic works to underserved, culturally diverse audiences to ignite imagination, promote literacy and encourage artistic expression. This season's San Pedro performances are made possible in part by the City's Cultural Affairs and Rec and Parks Depts., and funds to support the tour have been committed from the Orange County Community Foundation, Los Angeles County Arts Commission and Supervisor Don Knabe.

Bring your friends, pack a picnic and settle in under the stars this summer for Shakespeare's classic plays. It can get chilly by the sea at Pt. Fermin, so dress accordingly. Bench seating is available, but you are welcome to bring chairs or blankets.

**Point Fermin Park**  
is at  
**807 Paseo del Mar, San Pedro.**

**Warner Center Park**  
is at  
**5800 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Woodland Hills**  
<http://www.shakespearebythesea.org/>

**Larios in the City**

BY ROBERT LARIOS, Chief Operating Officer  
[rlarios@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:rlarios@cityemployeesclub.com)



Cesar Medrano, Public Works/Engineering, retiring after 26 years of City service.



Leonor Kuratomi, Controller's Office, retiring after 30 years of City service.



Ruben L. Garcia, DWP, retiring after 42 years of City service.

**Robert Larios, the Club's Chief Operating Officer, honors these retirees with the coveted Club Retirement Plaque. Congratulations!**



Terri Winfield, Public Works/Engineering, retiring after 32 years of City service.



Tim Shelton, Public Works/Street Services, retiring after 32 years of City service.



Manny Dee, DWP, retiring after 26 years of City service.



Socorro E. Gonzalez, Rec and Parks, retiring after 32 years of service.

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# Life's Important Moments

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## New Members

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

### Airports

Benjamin Aguayo  
Isaias Cantu  
Rodolfo Roy Concepcion  
Juliet Daniels  
David Dedeaux  
Lonnie Edmond  
Ruben Gaviola  
Randy Gomez  
Joseph Karbus  
Monique King  
Renee Martinez  
Chris Miller  
Maria Palacios  
Elyse Phiefer  
Daniel Ramirez Jr.  
Jamal Stewart  
Joanna Thomas  
De Aaron Williams  
Patricia Williams

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Raneshia McCruiter

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Linn Melvin III  
Louie Warnasuriya

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Heather Jones

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Jacqueline Rodriguez  
Geraldine Vasquez

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Celene Magallanes  
Marc Mahlknecht

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Bruce Aoki

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Ruth Gibbs  
Rodney Lazary  
Erika Robles  
Edwina Thompson  
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Kenneth Guardado  
Lance Jimenez  
Kevin Johnson  
Ignacio Ochoa

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Eduardo Bernache  
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Juan Duarte  
Nick Hale  
Clyde Johnson  
Philip Khajurta  
Shannon Kunajak  
Matt Maroot  
Jesus Navarro  
Robert Polanco  
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Victor Renteria  
Carlos Rivas  
Joseph Sakatani  
Garine Vorperian  
Nathaniel Wessel

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Chirzelle Makaena

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Orlando Corral  
Armida Olguin-Flores  
Jeong Yi

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Savith Pouv  
Marina Sanchez

### Library

Glenda Martinez  
Crystal Price

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Helen Rigg

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Theresa Forand

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Brian Carr  
Lilian Rubio

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Jared Barahona  
Barbara Barrist  
Zadi Borquez Rivera  
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Jose Castaneda  
Elizabeth Chavez  
Kasie Chavez  
Alex Chogyoji

### Steve Chung

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Marquis Clark  
Joseph Covarrubias  
Yvette Davis  
Marisa DeAnda  
Martha Diaz  
Derrick Dominguez  
Kelly Edwards  
Dominic Evans Sr  
Daniel Flores  
Julia Gonzalez  
Chris Gowen  
Matthew Grover  
Denise Guzman  
Michael Henderson  
Keith Hopkins  
Karen Jones  
Miguel Lara  
Walter Lawetzki  
Francisco Lopez  
Michael Maldonado  
Scarlett Martinez  
Vivian Maurin  
Megara McKeever  
Matthew Medina  
Ross Miller III  
Jonathan Moyers  
Stephen Muther  
Ross Nemeroff  
Dante Pagulayan  
Alejandro Pineda  
Timothy Pugsley  
Clarence Richardson  
Oscar Rodriguez  
Romeo Rubalcava  
Marie Sadanaga  
Olivia Sandoval  
Nicholas Sewell  
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Steven Kanady  
Maria Leon  
Maria Martinez  
Timothy Meza  
Virginia Micka  
Paige Montoya  
Paul Nicholas  
Pat Ortega  
Christopher Saldivar  
Michael Shanto  
Essam Tawdy  
Irene Valencia  
Yvonne Velazquez  
Jesse Williams  
Lorna Zamora

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Edgar Delgado  
Margaret Grijalva  
Joan Hsu  
Jeffrey Hsu  
Tonisha Johnson  
Kristoffer Mendoza  
Brain Phan  
Carlos Reynaga  
Brandon Wong

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Brian Abrego  
Nimota Animashaun  
Sam Archer III  
Kyle Briggs

Craig Brown  
Jeremy Buchanan  
Esmeralda Burgos  
Brian Carrasco  
Louis Ciminieri  
Frank Colwell  
Andrey Cordova  
Emilia Cota  
Roy Geronilla  
Griselda Gonzalez  
Jesus Guerrero  
Virginia Hatchard  
ason Hebert  
David Holland  
Whitney Jones  
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Zinita MacClellan  
Ronald Makee  
David Martinez  
Jason Martinez  
Terrence McCarthy  
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James Minish  
Erica Minor  
Jack Montano  
Craig Myers  
Alex Nguyen  
Aileen Perez  
Jose Quintero  
Patricia Siciliano  
Elena Tharavej  
Ignacio Valdez  
Richard Vasquez  
Charis Velez  
Gene Welch

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George Aiken, III  
Jacqueline Alfaro  
Rudy Alfaro Jr  
Aimee Anaya  
Aaron Arevalo  
David Attaway  
Jason Baltazar  
Darlene Battle  
David Bodi  
Christian Bolayog  
Jeanine Borrás  
Steven Brown  
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Teahna Fonseca  
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Danilo Jocson  
David Juarez  
Carlos Juarez  
Victoria Juarez  
Darnell Kirby  
Norman Kulla  
Timothy Lampros  
Anh-Tuan Le  
Eric Louie  
Jonathan Luna  
Bob Lung  
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Michelle Manabe  
Luis Marquez  
Alexander McLean  
David Miller  
Dennis Miller  
Marcus Mitchell  
Megan Moilanen  
Melissa Munoz-Fernandez  
Nadia Myers  
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Mekia Pledger  
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Jason Thompson  
Anthony Torres  
Matthew Vaughn  
Anthony Vaughn Jr.  
Alexandra Vegh  
Richard Williams  
Michael Wong



Happy Father's Day, Dad! Thank you for being an amazing dad! We love you.  
— Your sons, the Sera boys.

## Happy Father's Day!

### Father's Day Leftovers

Here are two Father's Day greetings that came in after our final deadline – but the sentiments are as timely as ever.  
— Ed.



Happy Father's day to the "best father, stepfather and step-grandfather. He makes us smile everyday. We love you, Henry Mazin Jr.!"  
— Norma Ibarra

## Share Your Life's Moments

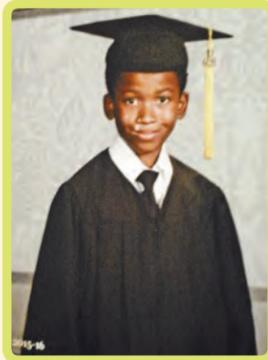
Everyone reads Life's Most Important Moments in *Alive!* Share your news... and send in a photo! Have you gotten married? Had a baby? Graduated? Is a family member in the military? Send in a photo and a paragraph, telling us the details. We love to share your good news. Send digital photos to [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

## Graduations

**Isabella Mia Montano** graduated from preschool at the Montessori Academy of La Puente in May. She plans to start kindergarten in the fall at San Jose Charter Academy in West Covina. Isabella is the daughter of Club Members and "proud momma" **Norma Montano** and niece of **Diana and Eva Montano**, all from **LAPD/Communications**.



**Jaylen Amari Minor** graduated from South Park Elementary School, LAUSD, with ultimate plans of becoming a business investor. He's the son of **Derrell L. Minor, Transportation**.



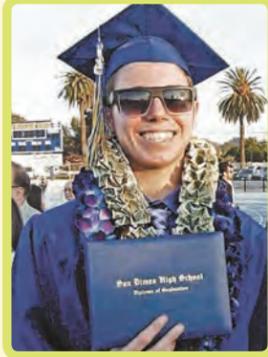
**Jorge Damien Alonso** graduated from the Palmdale Aerospace Academy at the top of his class, carrying a 4.0 throughout his four years in high school, not missing one day of school. He plans to attend Cal Poly Pomona in the fall, majoring in biotechnology. He's the son of **Jorge L. Alonso, Public Works/Sanitation**. "We are so proud of you, son!"



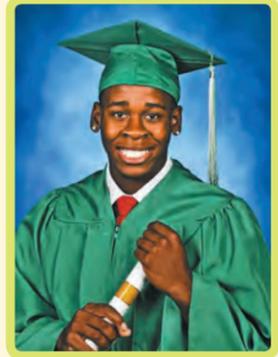
**Richard Rivera** graduated in May from Humboldt State University in Arcata, majoring in economics. He plans to take a trip to Florida with his family, and then start a career with the City of Los Angeles. He's the son of **Richard Rivera, DWP**, and **Veronica Rivera, Airports**.



**Logan Bourbon** graduated in June from San Dimas High School. He enlisted in the Coast Guard, wants to do drug interdiction, and eventually aspires to be a SWAT Officer for the LAPD. He's the son **Jeannine Bourbon, Animal Services**.



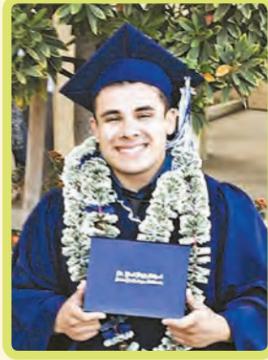
**Christopher I. Floyd** graduated with honors from Susan Miller Dorsey High School, LAUSD, as a principal merit award winner. Christopher plans to attend Benedict College, South Carolina, in the fall and has received athletic and academic scholarships. He plans on majoring in mechanical and automotive engineering with dreams of one day designing a sports car. He is the grandson of **Cherry Slusher, Rec and Parks**.



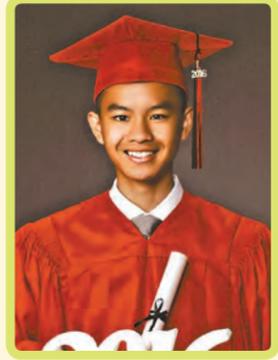
**Julianna Gonzales** graduated from Arroyo High School in El Monte. She plans to attend Pasadena City College in the fall. She's the daughter of **Ricardo Gonzales, DWP**.



**Ruben J. Solis** graduated from St. Paul High School in Whittier and plans to attend Rio Hondo College in the fall. He hopes to major in engineering but is still considering all his options. He's the nephew of **Sonia Solis, LAPD**. "Congratulations! We're proud of you."



**Adriel K. Yapana Jr.**, graduated from Glendale High School and plans to attend Cal State Northridge in the fall, majoring in radiologic sciences. He's the grandson of **Nelson Yapana and the late Leticia Yapana, DWP**.



**Darrin Givens** graduated El Camino College of Compton. He's the stepson of **Gregory Culpepper, General Services**.



**Ian Edward Pearce** graduated from Rio Hondo College, receiving an associate of arts degree in business administration. He's the son of **Gilmore and Carmen Pearce, Airports**.



**Kayla Ramsey** graduated from Oakwood University in May with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She graduated cum laude. She's the daughter of **Lisa Ramsey-Graham, DWP**.



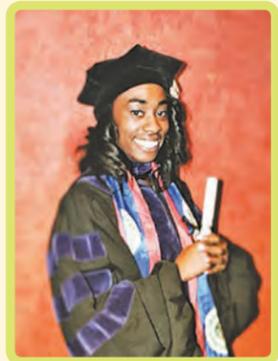
**Rebecca L. Alvarado** graduated from Edgewood High School in West Covina in May. She plans to attend UC Santa Barbara in the fall, majoring in biology, and hopes one day to work for the LAPD as a Criminalist. She's the daughter of **Alicia Diaz, LAPD**.



**Lanae K. Glosson** graduated from Pacific University, Oregon, with a master of science degree in speech-language pathology. She plans to work for the LAUSD in speech-language pathology. She's the daughter of **Faye Jones, Harbor**.



**Dayna Ramsey** graduated from Thomas Goode Jones School of Law, Faulkner University, Montgomery, Ala., with a juris doctor (law) degree in May. She's the daughter of **Lisa Ramsey-Graham, DWP**.



## 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.

DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
<b>Active</b>		Bright, Alice	20	Holinstat, Leo	32	Ritchie, Carrol	25
Charleston, Bessie	26	Burns, James	32	Hunter, Willie	10	Sandiford, Robert	33
Chen, Jeff	8	Campbell, Ronald	9	Jewett, Thurman	17	Sayrizi, Donald	38
Dykens, William	26	Carter, Leroy	15	Johnson, Darrylyn	41	Scott, Joseph	33
Grijalva, Bernard	41	Cast, Don	28	Jones, Earl	26	Seaton, Excell	16
Hobson, Robert	22	Chavez, Sally	10	Klinesmith, Donnell	28	Silvey, Gene	35
Hunter, Hattie	18	Collin, Jose	6	Linderman, Robert	39	Skavich, Robert	27
Rodriguez, Robert	29	Dancy-Judkins, Violette	26	Lucier, Thomas	27	Taneja, Virginia	19
Smith, Glynis	30	De Caro, Victor	33	Miller, David	10	Tinker, Kenneth	31
		Ganser, Joseph	30	Miller, John	31	Vanek, Gordon	12
<b>Retired</b>		Gelskey, Edward	15	Miller, Leonard	32	Warren, Rosetta	30
Abidor, Stanley	31	Giarrusso, Italia	7	Morgan, David	35	White, Gerald	32
Abrams, Donald	30	Hand, Patricia	31	Morse, Seabert	24	Wilson, Earl Jr.	17
Au, Leslie	34	Harmon, Margaret	30	Myers, Donald	40	Wilson, Walter	29
Avery, Ann	26	Haynes, Cleveland	18	Nelson, Robert	25	Weeks, Glen	31
Blackburn, Kenneth	30	Harris, Mildred	10	Norville, James	35	Wisehart, Victor	5
Bohn, Thomas	12	Henderson, Ernest	31	Parker, Kenton III	31	Wood, Earl	44
Bordner, Robert	6	Henderson, Mary	35	Roberts, Henry	31		
Bradley, Edward	30	Hinton, Mark	30	Reed, Robert	28		



# The Car Club

By EVERETT BENNETT, Inspector,  
Public Works/Contract Administration



## Cars, Saving Lives

The LAPD hosted its 13th annual "Still Saving Lives" car show June 4 at Warner Center Park in Woodland Hills. It was a beautiful clear day and extremely hot. It was so hot I saw people frying eggs for their breakfast burritos on the asphalt.

The park was jam packed with cars, trucks, customs and exotic cars. The LAPD flew in one of its helicopters to go along with the Underwater Dive Unit and Bomb Squad. Families could ask questions and take pictures. Food trucks serving fries, grilled cheese sandwiches and Vietnamese food parked around the perimeter of the park and provided a necessary feeding ground for all the hungry spectators. The ice cream truck had a long line all day with people trying to cool off. I wasn't lucky enough to win one of the raffle prizes, but many other people were, and one special guy took home a flat screen television.

Every year this show gets better and better, so remember to put this on your 2017 summer calendar.



A 1956 Ford F-100 pickup.



A 1964 Impala.



A 1929 Ford Roadster.



A 1972 Pantera – Italian body, Ford power.



A 2014 Morgan.



The General's midsize muscle from the 1960s – a Pontiac GTO, a Chevy Chevelle and a Pontiac Catalina, next to a Ford Mustang.



An LAPD chopper from Air Support.



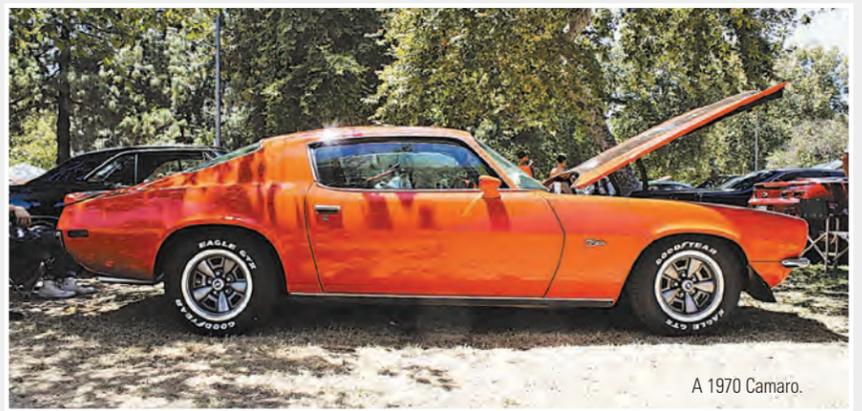
A classic 1957 Chevy Bel Air.



An early '60s VW Bug.



A 1938 Buick.



A 1970 Camaro.



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### Airports

## New Officer

Airport Police Officer Pino graduates from academy.



From left: Airport Police Assistant Chief David Maggard, Capt. Greg Staar, Officer Jon Pino, Chief of Airport Police Patrick Gannon, and Capt. Carolyn Smith.

Story courtesy Airport Police  
Photo by CSI Officer Shawn Smith



Airport Police Officer Jon Pino is sworn in by Airport Chief of Police Patrick Gannon.

Airport Police swore in a new officer in a ceremony held in downtown Los Angeles May 13. Officer Jon Pino and his 28 classmates comprised Los Angeles Police Academy class 11B-15. They successfully completed the grueling six-month-long academy.

Before swearing in the new officer, Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon addressed Officer Pino and his family. "Thank you for your hard work in the academy, it was a big step but only the first of many in your career in law enforcement," Chief Gannon said. "Welcome to the Los Angeles Airport Police."

Officer Pino will now complete a six-month field training program specific to airport law enforcement, under the guidance of a field training officer before being assigned to the Patrol Services Section.

## Send Us Your Recipes!

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

# Cooking with the Club

with Chef Robert Larios



## 'Oh No, I Don't Have Marinara' Ravioli

Have you ever started cooking pasta and then realized you have no tomato-based sauce, such as marinara or spaghetti sauce? There is a substitute of ingredients that is arguably better in flavor than the typical sauces. It's the use of extra virgin olive oil, crushed red pepper flakes, dry basil, Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, sea salt and pepper. Simplicity is at work here, but it's very effective in bringing out a classic deliciousness. In this recipe I use ravioli – store bought is okay, just as long as you find it with fresh pasta, not dried. This recipe is also a fast way to make a tasty meal for the family.

*¡Buen provecho!*

*Chef Larios*

Photography by Patricia M. Larios

### Ingredients:

- Fresh (not dry) 10 oz. package of ravioli (I used a chicken- and ricotta-filled version for this recipe)
- Sea salt and freshly cracked pepper to taste
- Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, finely grated
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- Pinch of dry basil
- 1 cup water (seasoned with extra virgin olive oil, sea salt and freshly cracked pepper)

Serves 2 to 4

### Directions:



**1**

Prepare your cooking area with the ingredients. Place a saucepot on high heat with water. Add a pinch of sea salt, freshly cracked pepper and one tablespoon extra virgin olive oil. Let boil.



**2**

Once water is boiling, add the ravioli and let cook until the water returns to boil.



**3**

Turn off stovetop and use a strainer over the sink to drain water from the pot, then return ravioli to the pot – now without any water. Begin plating by adding about six to nine pieces of ravioli. Add red crushed pepper, dried basil, Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese and drizzle one tablespoon of extra virgin olive oil.

Serve and enjoy!

### Cooking TIDBIT

*Other ravioli fillings can be purchased at your local market, or you may make your own at home – but contact me before you do, if you have never made homemade pasta. You can use the olive oil, basil, Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, sea salt, pepper and crushed pepper combination instead of a tomato based sauce on any pasta.*



### [ Food Dictionary ]

#### Ravioli:

*An Italian specialty of little square or round pillows of noodle dough filled with any of various mixtures, including cheese, meat or vegetables. Ravioli are boiled, then sometimes baked with a cream, cheese or tomato sauce. Chinese-style ravioli are called wontons; Jewish-style are called kreplach.*

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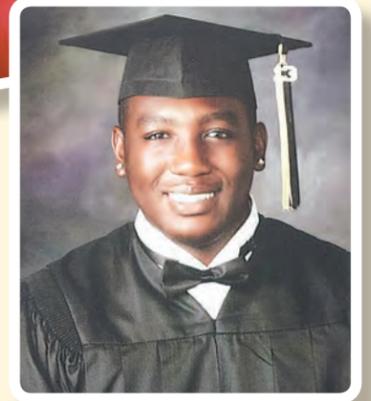
### Fun Food Quote:

*"Don't listen to him, SpongeBob. Remember: Ravioli ravioli, give me the formuoli."*

– Plankton

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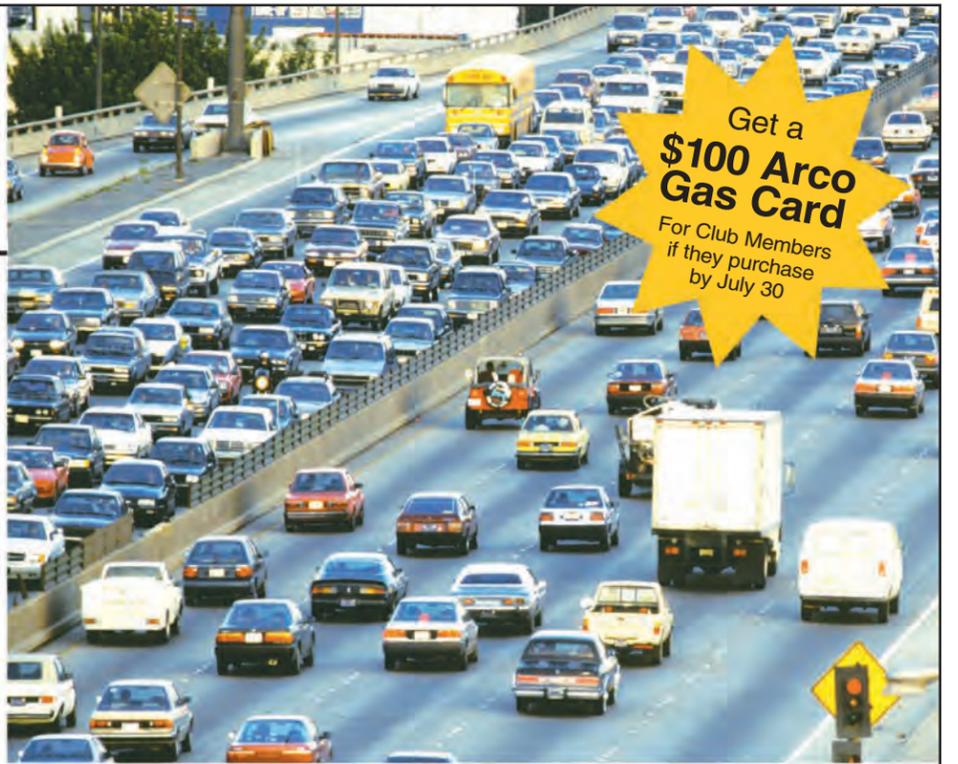
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## Members Marketplace

### New Ads This Month!

**For Sale:** Double cemetery plot. Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills, Section Tenderness, Lot 2127 Space A, B. Valued at \$13,000, asking \$11,000 OBO. Robert, (626) 899-2174. 7/16

**For Sale:** Toyota Corolla, 2010, gray. 22 X miles. In Montebello. \$10,000 OBO. Delia, (208) 262-8031. 7/16

#### Transport



**For Sale:** Travel trailer, 2008 Forest River, 29 ft., clean, fifth wheel, toy hauler. 4,000 Onan generator, power awning, fuel station, more. \$14,000 OBO. Gilbert, (909) 714-4071. 4/16

**For Sale:** Motorcycle, 2005 Suzuki Hayabusa GXR 1300, 6,643 miles. Never been dropped. Serious cash offers only. \$8,500 OBO. kfrink05@hotmail.com 3/16

**For Sale:** RV trailer. 2003 Wanderer, fifth wheel, model 367TB. Onan generator, 12-ft. garage, power hitch, fuel station. AM/FM CD stereo, super slide. \$10,000 OBO. Mike, (661) 557-0975, maddad111@yahoo.com 3/16



**For Sale:** 1980 Cadillac, red, white int., immaculate. New tires, gas tank, fuel pump, stored since 2010. 91,400 miles. \$9,495. (805) 649-1940. 3/16



**For Sale:** Cadillac Brougham, 1989. Leather interior. Very good shape. 77,000 miles. \$4,000 OBO. (626) 797-8328. 12/15

**For Sale:** 2013 Chevy Cruze LS. 4 door, 41k miles. Silver, black cloth int. Very clean, dealer maintained. Photos at <http://tinyurl.com/nzazven> \$13,000 OBO. James, (818) 522-2568. 12/15

**For Sale:** 1984 F-150 - w/camper shell and carpet kit. As is. \$1100 OBO. Call 310-764-4478 9/15



**For Sale:** 1963 Chevy Corvair, convertible. Good cond., runs great. Light green ext./int., white top. \$9,000 OBO. Alex, (323) 691-0872. 8/15



**For Sale:** Watercraft, his and hers, '93 Bombardier Seadoo, '91 Waverunner w/trailer. Great condition. Jackie, (626) 383-1708. 7/15



**For Sale:** 2003 Harley "ROAD KING" Davidson (100th anniversary edition) motorcycle, 5087 miles, stage 1 with detachable windshield, passenger back support, hardbags, battery charger, black and chrome, hardly ridden, always garaged, 1 owner only. \$10,000.00 OBO. Please call 818-366-3273 John or text 818-633-4164. 7/15



**For Sale:** Motorcycle, 2007 Kawasaki, like new/15 hours ridden, runs great, must see. \$3,000. Robert, (661) 964-7837 bet. 2-7 p.m. 7/15



**For Sale:** RV trailer/toy hauler, 2006 Forest River Sierra Sport, 29 foot. Very good cond., new tires, new roof, 4,000 onan generator, low hours. \$15,000 OBO. Call/text John Long, (909) 837-8347. 7/15

**2005 Honda Civic Si:** Hatchback, manual, 2-door, sun roof, power windows, security system, XLNT running condition, tan color, 68k miles. \$10,500 OBO. Info @ (310) 642-0522. 10/14

**1993 Infinity Q:** Automatic, 4-door, power windows, XLNT running condition, green color, 125K miles. \$3,000 OBO. Info @ (310) 642-0522. 10/14



**1959 Buick Invicta:** Fully restored, 4 door asking \$25,000. Located in Tehachapi. For more pictures & info: drewlu24@aol.com 9/14

**Pop-Up Trailer Tent:** 2005 Rockwood Freedom, in good condition, very clean interior. Everything works well & ready for camping. Sleeps 6-8. 1 propane tank, stove, sink, spare tire, stabilizer jacks, water heater, awning & refrigerator. \$4,200. Yervand @ (818) 355-7704. 8/14

**5th Wheel Trailer:** 2010 Cougar High Country, excellent condition. Sleeps 4. Slide outs, awnings & full bath. All accessories & new 5th wheel hitch can be towed by 1/2 ton truck, it's ready to go. \$32,000 or TOP. Ken Hawkes @ (310) 505-5733. 8/14

**2013 Dodge Challenger:** Like new, fully loaded, excellent condition, very low mileage asking \$30K OBO. "PATY" @ (626) 242-4365. 8/14



**1967 Caprice Classic:** Runs great! Has a rebuilt motor & transmission, new tires, power brakes, new shocks, new brakes, hubcaps & a 327 motor. Air conditioning unit is valued \$1,000. Registered & tags are up to date. It's a running project. Asking \$5,000, must sell. Info @ (310) 753-9522. 8/14

**1993 Chevy Corvette:** \$11,000. Great condition inside & out, excellent running condition, 74K miles. Automatic 40th yr anniversary model, maroon color. Sylvester (310) 748-2953 or Tanya (310) 713-0244. 7/14

#### Cemetery Plots

**For Sale:** Cemetery plots. Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills. Valued at \$13,000. Asking \$10,000 OBO. Robert, (626) 899-2174. 3/16

**For Sale:** Burial plots, 4 (spaces 1, 2, 3, 4), Forest Lawn Cemetery, Cypress. Lot 1187, Constant Love section. \$4,100 each OBO. Michelle, (310) 648-5506. 2/16

**4 Cemetery Plots:** Cemetery plots, 4, side by side on the hill at Greenwood Gardens, Rose Hills/Whittier. Approx. value \$18,000, selling \$12,000, or trade cemetery plot for pickup truck of equal value. Cortez, (323) 382-2405. 2/15

**2 Cemetery Plots:** Eternal Valley Newhall, Premium Garden of Peace. Currently plots here start at \$6,900 each. Sell both \$7,500 total. Jim @ (661) 713-6353. 11/14

**Cemetery Plot:** 1 plot for 2 people. Oakdale Memorial Park, Glendora, CA, \$3,000. Jose or Juanita Rojas @ (818) 799-3516 or (818) 799-0569. 11/14

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**2 Cemetery Plots:** Rose Hills, Whittier. Located in cherry blossom lawn, \$4,850 each + transfer fees. Area is on flat ground & near the lake. Charles @ (310) 386-5041. 9/14

#### Furniture

**For Sale:** Armoire. 36inchWx-62Hx21D. Wood. 5 deep drawers. Right side hanger could be shelves. \$450. Jeanne, (626) 281-2907. 6/16

**For Sale:** cabinet. Vintage, blond oak. Great condition. Glass shelves, mirror back, interior light. \$450 OBO. (626) 359-0023 5/16

**For Sale:** Furniture. Oak. King size bedroom suite; china cabinet; dining room table, six chairs; more. \$2,000 OBO. Vic, newtwic@gmail.com 3/16

**For Sale:** Bedroom set, 5 piece, cherry wood. Good cond. \$650 OBO. (818) 281-1488. 10/15

**For Sale:** Crib, cream colored, designer style. Good cond. \$350 OBO. (818) 281-1488. 10/15

**For sale:** Sofa and chair, great condition, leather/upholstered, "reversible" pillows/cushions. Carved wood, unique design, nail heads. \$600 OBO. Charlene, (661) 916-2970. 5/15

**Dining table:** w/leaf, 6 chairs, \$300 obo. Jackie, (626) 383-1708. 4/15

**Mattress:** Beautyrest Black (Alexia) queen size, extra firm, new mattress, \$600 obo. Responsible for own pickup. Dwaing, (323)754-8382 or drnhenry@yahoo.com 4/15

**Ping Pong Table:** 5 x 9, fold-up & roll-away, \$75. Joe @ (310) 323-4940. 2/15

**Baby Crib:** Never used, brand new & in great condition. Delta brand, amber model #6925-204, \$130. John @ (562)755-9462. 2/15

**Cocktail/Coffee Table:** New, modern glass-top. \$300 (El Segundo). Espresso colored base w/large glass top elevated by grey posts. 43"x 43". Breakdown is easy. Must be able to lift & transport on your own. Javier Gomez @ (310) 529-0543. 12/14

**Hutch & Cabinet:** Touch light, matching set \$500 OBO, great condition! Valerie @ (951) 315-3920. 11/14

#### Homes/Rentals/Land

**For Rent:** Studio apt. 1052 W 54th St., 90037. Utilities paid. Deposit req. \$750/month. (323) 915-9300. 3/16

**For lease:** House, 2 bd./2 bath, near 101/110/2/5 fws. Near Gold Line, downtown, Sunset Blvd., Silver Lake, Chinatown, Dodger Stadium, Echo Park, Elysian Park, Pasadena, Burbank, LAPD Academy, Hotchkiss LAFD Training Center. Downtown views. 1 parking space. 1 yr. lease min. No pets. Application process. Doc./credit check req. \$1,500 month, \$1,500 security dep. (323) 919-1163. 2/16

**For Sale:** House, 2 bed/1 bath, remodeled, Bakersfield. Investment property, rented month/month (\$750/month). Large cleared lot, secure. Listed at \$94,000. Sold as-is, seller selects services (title, escrow). tisdaseason2468@outlook.com 11/15

**For Vacation Rent:** Condo, 2 bd./2 bath, beachfront, Puerto Nayarit, Mexico. Private pool on balcony. April 1-8, 2016. \$1,000. Jessie, (323) 893-6570. 11/15

**For Sale:** Timeshare. Pacific Monarch/Diamond Resorts. One full week, two bedrooms. Don't buy direct. \$2,000/obo. Elizabeth, (909) 772-4087. 9/15

**For Sale:** Home/studio apts., three sep. units sold as one package. Bakersfield. Front home: 2 bd., needs work (in progress), flippable. 2nd bedroom rentable. 2 studio apts. in back, rentable. \$110,000 total. Sold as-is; seller selects title/escrow co. Email: tisdaseason2468@outlook.com 8/15

**For Sale:** Townhouse. Las Vegas/Chinatown, near Strip, behind school, near major streets. Has rental tenant. \$85,000, HOA \$100/month. Sold as-is; seller selects title/escrow co. Do not disturb tenant. Email: tisdaseason2468@outlook.com 8/15

**For Rent:** Apt., 1 bed, 1 bath. Near First/Alvarado. 1 of 3 units. 1 car garage. Near Mid-Wilshire, Koreatown, Good Samaritan Hospital, Staples Center, Echo Park, Silverlake. App. process/credit check req. No pets. 1 yr. lease minimum. \$1250 a month. (323) 919-1163. 8/15

**For Sale:** Timeshare, Puerto Vallarta 1+1, 1/2, sleeps 4, beachfront Playa del Sol Costa Sur Resort. Asking \$1,800, extended thru 2030. Jennifer, (818) 517-3675. 8/15

**For Rent:** Lovely apartment in Los Angeles (5-units). 1 bed / 1 bath, kitchen, living room, dining room, 1-car garage. Upstairs unit. New paint, carpet, windows and fixtures. Very quiet on Don Tomaso Dr. Close to public transportation. Call for more details (310) 365-1868. 8/15

**For Sale:** Cabin, A frame, San Bernardino mtns., secluded, views. 765 sq. ft.; 1BD/1BA; new cabinets; needs work; 30903 Live Oak Dr., Running Springs. Photos on Realtor.com. \$127,000; Dan Teter: (866) 214-8587. 7/15



**For rent:** Vacation rental, Big Bear Lake. 3 bd/2 bath house in village. Fully furnished, near the lake. John Long, Call (909) 837-8347. 5/15

**For rent:** Studio apt. in safe, quiet La Crescenta, Wifi-ready, semi-furnished, double-pane windows, glass-sliding doors opening to vegetable garden, fruit trees, succulents, seating areas, mountain views. Close to Montrose and Trader Joe's, 2 blocks to public transportation. \$1,400 includes utilities. Lita, (818) 795-4074. 4/15

**Vacation rental:** Condo in beautiful oceanfront resort, Cabo San Lucas. 7-day rental for \$795. 1 bd, 1 bath; completely furnished, full kitchen w/ views of El Arco on Medano Beach. Close to downtown, shopping, restaurants, entertainment. View at clubcascadasdebaja.com. (562) 301-2940. 4/15

**For rent:** Lovely apartment in Leimert Park (in 4-unit complex). 1 bd/1 bath, kitchen, granite countertops, living rm, dining rm, 1-car garage. New paint, carpet/hardwood and tiled floors, windows and fixtures, Washer/dryer hookup. Close to public transportation. 15 minutes from downtown, USC, beach. (310) 261-2085. 4/15

**For Rent:** Lovely downstairs apartment, 82nd/Crenshaw, very quiet, close to public transportation. 1BD/1BA w/kitchen, living room, dining room, 1-car garage in Inglewood (4-units). Newly painted, new carpet, fixtures, double glazed windows & new granite kitchen countertop. \$1,200. Info @ (323) 292-9989. 3/15

**For Rent:** 1BD/1BA apartment in North Inglewood. Mr. Brown @ (323) 296-1547. 3/15

#### Household Items



**For Sale:** exercise equipment. Chair Gym, w/ mat, twister, ball, instructions. Open box, never used. \$150. (818) 242-8644. 5/16



**For Sale:** Exercise equipment. Ab-Doer Twist Ex. Abdominal workout machine. DVD. Exclnt. cond. \$125. (818) 242-8644. 5/16



**For Sale:** Fitness equipment. BackLife back relief machine. With a/c. Exclnt. cond. \$75. (818) 242-8644. 5/16

**For Sale:** Kitchenware. V-Slicer Pro Mandoline by Swissmar/Borner. New. \$25. (213) 792-3130. 3/16

**For Sale:** Light meter. Gossen Luna Pro SBC. New condition. Manual. \$50. (213) 792-3130. 3/16

**For Sale:** Electric toothbrush, Oral-B. Professional Care model 7850 DLX. New. \$35. (213) 792-3130. 11/15



**For Sale:** DVD/CD player/storage, Sony ES DVP, jukebox style, stores up to 150 disks. Categorize/play on demand. Incl. remote, keyboard for input. Door does not close but can be done manually, or may be repaired. John, (626) 757-5341; jgonzlez@hotmail.com 11/15

**For Sale:** Heater, Lasko ceramic tower. 1,500 watts, w/remote. New. \$39. (213) 792-3130. 11/15

**For Sale:** Immersion blender, Wolfgang Puck. Black. \$35. (213) 792-3130. 11/15



**For Sale:** Oven, Kenmore 30-in. wall unit, electric, self-clean, white. Brand new in package. 30 inch/wide x 29 inch/high x 24.5 inch deep. \$600. (562) 301-2940. 10/15



**For Sale:** TV/entertainment center. Phillips Magnavox 60-inch TV, \$200/obo. All maple entertainment center, 3 piece, glass doors, tall sliding compartment doors, \$800/obo. Martha, (213) 367-4094. 9/15

**For Sale:** Panini maker. Wolfgang Puck brand. Black/chrome, like new. \$40. (213) 792-3130. 9/15

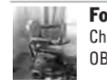
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**For Sale:** Lawn mower, 21 inch rotary, good condition. Plus other gardening items. \$58. Don, (818) 780-7788 (leave message). 8/15



**For Sale:** Motorized wheelchair, Go Chair, exclnt. cond., new battery. \$800/OBO. Peggy LeGras, (323) 314-9100. 7/15

**For Sale:** e-printer, HP Photosmart 7520, brand new in box. \$75 or best offer. James A. Goree, (323) 778-6086. 6/15

**Updraft Range Hood:** Kenmore Elite 42" w/3-setting halogen lighting in white. Sears price: \$379.99. UNOPENED & still in original packaging. \$350 OBO. Peter @ (818) 353-7074 or (818) 254-7391. 2/15

#### Miscellaneous

**For Sale:** Turtles, fresh water, 3, 10 yrs old, w/ large aquarium. \$100 OBO. George, (818) 308-7644 or george.pardo@lacity.org 3/16

**For Sale:** Board games. Trivial Pursuit. Master Game Genius Edition and Silver Screen Edition. \$15. (213) 792-3130. 3/16

**For Sale:** Exercise device. Easy Shaper by Tony Little. Exclnt. cond. \$15. (213) 792-3130. 3/16

**For Sale:** Model railroad track. Kato Unitrack oval set, Atlas power pack, HO scale. \$70. (213) 792-3130. 3/16

**For Sale:** Genie 1/4 hp chain drive garage door opener-\$30.00 Write to: aijourpal@juno.com 1/16

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**For Sale:** Suze Orman's Protection Portfolio, new w/case. \$85. (213) 792-3130. 11/15



**For Sale:** neon sign for game room. New, never used. Valued at \$250. \$175. John, (626) 757-5341;jgonzlez@hotmail.com 11/15



**For Sale:** Aquarium, "cube" salt water, 38 gallon. Incl. aquarium, stand, extras (no fish). Valued at \$2,000 in equipment, supplies. \$600. John, (626) 757-5341; jgonzlez@hotmail.com 11/15



**For Sale:** Plumeria trees. White. Scented. From Hawaii. Assorted heights. \$10/foot, potted. Buyer picks up. Michael, (310) 339-7684. 10/15

**For Sale:** Exercise set. Tony Little Easy Shaper. Exclnt. cond. \$40. (213) 792-3130. 9/15

**For Sale:** Binoculars. Bausch and Lomb. 7x35, 11 degree field. W/case, strap. Exclnt. cond. \$75. (213) 792-3130. 9/15

**For Sale:** Light meter. Gossen Luna Pro SBC. Manual, new cond. \$65. (213) 792-3130. 9/15

**For Sale:** Dental appliance, WaterPik, ultra cordless. New in box. \$45. (213) 792-3130. 9/15



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**Timeshare:** Welks Resort, San Diego, CA. For Sale. \$20K. Chermaine @ (661) 547-6707. 1/15

**Timeshare:** For sale or rent. 1BD, Palm Springs, CA, deeded float week anytime during the year, can be exchanged for another resort worldwide. Info @ (310) 329-0682 or e-mail: time31011@yahoo.com 7/14

### Wanted

**Wanted:** Riders for van pool, Lomita to Lincoln Heights. Leaves Lomita @5:40 a.m., BOA Carson @5:45, JFB @6:10, Main St. @6:15, arrives Artesian St. @6:20. Return to Lomita by 5 p.m. James, (310) 626-7169 or (213) 354-4790. 7/16

**Wanted:** Roommate for large bedroom in Whittier, near 60/605 fws. In three bedroom home, owned by Firefighter. Use of kitchen, laundry. Non-smoker only, please. \$600/month. John, (626) 757-5341; jgonzlez@hotmail.com 1/16

**Wanted:** Roommate. 3 bd./2 bath home. Chatsworth. Quiet neighborhood. Rent includes 2 bd., own bathroom, all utilities plus cable. App. process/credit check. \$1,000/month. (818) 590-4760. 10/15

**Wanted:** Room wanted in Burbank



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# JULY MOVIE RELEASES

- **THE BFG:** Opens July 1
- **THE PURGE: ELECTION YEAR:** Opens July 1
- **THE LEGEND OF TARZAN (IMAX/3D):** Opens July 1
- **SWISS ARMY MAN:** Opens July 1
- **OUR KIND OF TRAITOR:** Opens July 1
- **MIKE & DAVE NEED WEDDING DATES:** Opens July 8
- **THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS (3D):** Opens July 8
- **CAPTAIN FANTASTIC:** Opens July 8
- **THE INFILTRATOR:** Opens July 13
- **CAFÉ SOCIETY:** Opens July 15
- **GHOSTBUSTERS (IMAX/3D):** Opens July 15
- **TULIP FEVER:** Opens July 15
- **ICE AGE: COLLISION COURSE (3D):** Opens July 22
- **STAR TREK BEYOND (IMAX/3D):** Opens July 22
- **LIGHTS OUT:** Opens July 22
- **ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS: THE MOVIE:** Opens July 22
- **NERVE:** Opens July 27
- **JASON BOURNE:** Opens July 29
- **GLEASON:** Opens July 29
- **INDIGNATION:** Opens July 29
- **EQUITY:** Opens July 29
- **BAD MOMS:** Opens July 29

*\* Not Valid with AMC Green Tickets*



**Rec and Parks**

*Story and photos courtesy Banning Museum*

# Banning Birthday BBQ

**Banning Residence Museum to host annual barbecue/concert fundraiser.**

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. 20.

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, “JB and the Big Circle Riders;” 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.*



An outdoor Western barbecue is offered.

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### MOVIE THEATERS

	RETAIL	CLUB
<b>AMC THEATERS</b>		
Gold Tickets - Good Any Time	\$14.00	\$9.50
Green Tickets - Exclude Disney Productions	\$14.00	\$9.00
Small Popcorn	\$5.50	\$3.00
Small Drink	\$4.50	\$3.00
Movie Bundle	\$44.00	\$27.00
<small>- Includes 2 Gold movie tickets, 2 small drinks, 1 small popcorn</small>		
<b>BRENDEAN THEATRES</b>	\$11.25	\$8.00
<b>CINEMARK THEATERS</b>	\$11.75	\$8.50
<b>CINÉPOLIS THEATERS</b>		
Traditional Theaters	\$12.00	\$7.50
Luxury Theaters	\$22.00	\$17.00
<b>GALAXY THEATERS</b> - Good Any Time	\$11.00	\$8.00
<b>HARKINS MOVIE THEATERS</b>		
Restricted	\$10.00	\$6.50
Good Any Time	\$10.00	\$7.50
Small Popcorn	\$5.25	\$4.25
Small Drink	\$4.50	\$3.50
<b>KRIKORIAN THEATERS</b> - Good Any Time	\$12.00	\$7.50
<b>LAEMMLE THEATERS</b> - Good Any Time	\$11.00	\$6.00
<b>LANDMARK THEATERS</b>	\$13.00	\$8.00
<b>METROPOLITAN THEATERS</b>		
Unrestricted Tickets	\$13.00	\$8.00
Restricted Tickets	\$10.50	\$6.75
<b>PACIFIC THEATERS</b> - Restricted	\$13.75	\$8.00
<small>* \$2 surcharge for use at Americana in Glendale and at The Grove in L.A. - (Not valid at Archlight Theaters)</small>		
<b>READING CINEMAS</b> - Restricted	\$12.50	\$7.50
<b>REGAL/ EDWARDS/ UNITED ARTIST</b>		
Good Any Time	\$14.75	\$8.50
Movie Pack	\$30.00	\$26.00
<small>- Includes 2 Good Any Time movie tickets and a \$10 concession gift card</small>		
<b>REGENCY THEATERS</b> - Good Any Time	\$11.50	\$7.00
<b>ULTRASTAR THEATERS</b> - Good Any Time	\$11.25	\$6.00

### ATTRACTIONS

	RETAIL	CLUB
<b>AQUARIUM OF THE BAY</b>		
SAN FRANCISCO		
Adult	\$22.95	\$18.36
Child (4 - 12)	\$13.95	\$11.16
<b>AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC</b>		
Adult	\$29.95	\$17.95
Child (3 - 11)	\$17.95	\$11.95
<b>BOOMER'S FUN CENTERS</b>		
SELECT CALIFORNIA LOCATIONS	4 Hour Pass	\$42.99 \$24.99
<b>CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE</b>		
Adult	\$34.95	\$29.71
Child (4 - 11)	\$24.95	\$21.21
Youth (12-17)/ Student (with ID) / Senior (65+)	\$29.95	\$25.46
<b>CATALINA EXPRESS</b>		
Round Trip Fare	Adult	\$76.50 \$60.00
	Child	\$61.00 \$50.50

### THEME PARKS CONT'D

	RETAIL	CLUB
<b>UNIVERSAL STUDIOS</b>		
Adult / Child (under 48")	\$115.00	\$95.00 & UP
12 Month Pass	\$149.00	\$109.00

### SPORTING EVENTS

<b>LOS ANGELES DODGERS</b>	Games available online
<b>ANGELS OF ANAHEIM</b>	Games available online
<b>SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS</b>	Games available online
<b>SAN DIEGO PADRES</b>	Games available online
<b>LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS</b>	Games available online
<b>LOS ANGELES SPARKS</b>	Games available online
<b>OAKLAND RAIDERS</b>	Games available online
<b>SAN DIEGO CHARGERS</b>	Games available online
<b>USC TROJANS</b>	Games available online
<b>LOS ANGELES KINGS</b>	Games available online

### ATTRACTIONS CONT'D

	RETAIL	CLUB
<b>DAVEY'S LOCKER</b>		
Whale Watching	Adult \$32.00	\$21.00
	Child \$26.00	\$15.75
Sport Fishing - 1/2 Day	Adult \$41.50	\$31.50
	Child \$34.00	\$25.21
Sport Fishing - 3/4 Day	Adult \$71.00	\$57.75
	Child \$61.00	\$47.25
Sunset / Evening Cruise	Adult	\$25.00 \$12.61
<b>GOLF N' STUFF</b>		
3 Hour Unlimited Wristband - (Norwalk Location)	\$30.00	\$16.25
All Park Pass - (Ventura Location)	\$20.00	\$15.25
<b>GRAMMY MUSEUM</b>		
General Admission	\$12.95	\$10.00
<b>IFLY INDOOR SKYDIVING</b>		
Hollywood - Earn Your Wings Flight Package (Age 3+)	\$59.95	\$39.95
San Francisco - Save 15% Off All Flight Packages	\$59.95	\$50.96
<b>K1 SPEED RACING</b>		
This pass entitles the owner to (1) 14 Lap race and a annual license for the day.	\$25.95	\$15.25
<b>MADAME TUSSAUDS WAX ATTRACTION</b>		
<small>All Access Pass includes Marvel Super Heroes 4D Experience.</small>		
Hollywood	Adult \$40.00	\$16.00
	Child (4 - 12)	\$35.00 \$13.00
Las Vegas (eTickets Only)	Adult	\$29.95 \$12.50
<b>MEDIAEVAL TIMES</b>		
<small>e-ticket prices will vary depending on date/time selections.</small>		
Adult	\$57.95	\$43.50
Child (0 - 12)	\$35.95	\$31.50
<b>MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM</b>		
Adult	\$39.95	\$34.95
Child (3 - 12)	\$24.95	\$19.95
	\$34.95	\$29.95
<b>MULLIGAN'S FAMILY FUN CENTER</b>		
All Day Pass	Adult/Child	\$33.99 \$16.50
<small>- Unlimited use of Laser Tag, Miniature Golfing, Go-Karts/Speedway and the Rock Wall. Valid at Mulligan Torrance, Murrieta, and Palmdale.</small>		
<b>PIRATES DINNER ADVENTURE</b>		
Adult	\$56.95	\$36.00
Child (3 - 11)	\$37.95	\$27.50
<b>QUEEN MARY / BASHIP IOWA COMBO</b>		
Adult	\$42.95	\$31.92
Youth (12 - 17)	\$34.95	\$25.95
Child (6 - 11)	\$23.95	\$17.95
<b>RACERS EDGE INDOOR KARTING</b>		
Adult: 16-Lap Adult Race	\$23.00	\$18.00
Junior (50" tall): 11-Lap Junior Race	\$20.00	\$15.00
<b>SANTA MONICA PIER &amp; PACIFIC PARK</b>		
Unlimited Ride Wristband	\$25.95	\$13.50
<b>SPEEDZONE</b>		
3 Hour Unlimited Pass on Rides and Mini-Golf	\$49.99	\$28.00
<b>TEATRO MARTINI</b>		
Buena Park, California	\$75.75	\$42.00
<b>USS IOWA</b>		
SAN PEDRO	Adult \$18.00	\$13.50
	Child (6 - 11)	\$10.00 \$7.50
	Senior (62+) or Military (with ID)	\$15.00 \$10.50

### ATTRACTIONS CONT'D

	RETAIL	CLUB
<b>USS MIDWAY</b>		
SAN DIEGO	Adult	\$20.00 \$14.00
	Child (6 - 11)	\$10.00 \$7.00
	Senior (62+)	\$17.00 \$11.00

### THEME PARKS

<b>ADVENTURE CITY</b>	Adult/ Child	\$17.95 \$13.50
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### DISNEYLAND / CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE

DYNAMIC SCHEDULE	RETAIL	CLUB MEMBER DISCOUNT		
		VALUE	REGULAR	PEAK
1 DAY - 1 PARK	Adult	\$95.00 - \$119.00	\$91.20	\$100.80 \$114.24
	Child	\$89.00 - \$113.00	\$85.44	\$95.04 \$108.48
1 DAY PARK HOPPER	Adult	\$155.00 - \$169.00	\$142.60	\$147.20 \$155.48
	Child	\$149.00 - \$163.00	\$137.08	\$141.68 \$149.96

ADDITIONAL TICKET OPTIONS AND DYNAMIC CALENDAR SCHEDULES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE.

<b>CALIFORNIA'S GREAT AMERICA</b>	General Admission (Age 3+)	\$67.00 \$36.00
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<b>CASTLE PARK</b>	General Admission (over 36")	\$24.99 \$12.99
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<b>GILROY GARDENS</b>	General Admission	\$44.95 \$36.95
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<b>KNOTT'S BERRY FARM</b>		
	Adult	\$72.00 \$39.00
	Child (3-11), Senior (62+)	\$42.00 \$34.00
Cheaper for eTickets	Adult	\$72.00 \$35.00
	Child (3-11), Senior (62+)	\$42.00 \$32.00

<b>LOS ANGELES ZOO</b>		
	Adult	\$20.00 \$16.00
	Child (2-12)	\$15.00 \$12.00

<b>LEGOLAND</b>		
<small>Includes 2nd Day FREE</small>		
1 - Day , 1 - Park	Adult	\$98.00 \$76.00
	Child (3 - 11)	\$92.00 \$70.00
Legoland Resort Hopper	Adult	\$122.00 \$84.00
	Child (3 - 11)	\$116.00 \$78.00

<b>MAGIC MOUNTAIN</b>		
	General Admission	\$76.99 \$44.99

<b>SAN DIEGO ZOO / SAFARI PARK</b>		
	Adult	\$50.00 \$41.00
	Child (3 - 11)	\$40.00 \$33.00
2 - Visit Pass*	Adult	\$90.00 \$72.00
	Child (3 - 11)	\$70.00 \$56.00

\* May be used for 1 visit at each park, or 2 visit to the same park.

<b>SEAWORLD - SAN DIEGO</b>		
	Adult	\$89.00 \$60.00
	Child (3 - 9)	\$83.00 \$60.00
Admission w/ All-Day-Dining Pass (Adult /Child)	\$124.00	\$88.25
Fun Card (valid until 12/31/16)	\$89.00	\$74.00

One-Day park tickets are valid until 12/25/16

<b>SIX FLAGS DISCOVERY KINGDOM</b>		
VALLEJO	General Admission (over 48")	\$65.99 \$38.99

### WATER PARKS

	RETAIL	CLUB
<b>KNOTT'S SOAK CITY</b>		
	Adult	\$40.00 \$27.00
	Jr. /Sr.	\$30.00 \$27.00
<b>HURRICANE HARBOR</b>		
	Adult	\$45.99 \$26.99
<b>RAGING WATERS</b>		
Sacramento	\$34.99	\$26.99
San Dimas	\$42.99	\$28.88
San Jose	\$36.99	\$23.99
<b>AQUATICA</b>		
Chula Vista	Adult \$44.00	\$32.00
	Child	\$38.00 \$27.00
<b>WET N WILD</b>		
Palm Springs	\$38.99	\$23.00
<b>WILD WATER</b>		
Clovis, CA	\$34.99	\$23.99

### GIFT CERTIFICATES

	RETAIL	CLUB
<b>HONEYBAKED HAM</b>		
\$25 Gift Card	\$25.00	\$22.50
<b>SEE'S CANDIES</b>		
Good for 1lb of chocolate	\$18.50	\$14.25

## FREE SHIPPING

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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 Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up*, Marie Kondo
2. *The Crossing*, Michael Connelly
3. *The Promise: An Elvis Cole and Joe Pike Novel*, Robert Crais
4. *Between the World and Me*, Ta-Nehisi Coates
5. *When Breath Becomes Air*, Paul Kalanithi
6. *West of Eden: An American Place*, Jean Stein
7. *Private Paris*, James Patterson
8. *15th Affair*, James Patterson
9. *Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard*, Rick Riordan
10. *The Lost Hero*, Rick Riordan

### DVDs loaned

1. *Spectre*
2. *Bridge of Spies*
3. *The Hunger Games*
4. *The Martian*
5. *Straight Outta Compton*
6. *Sicario*
7. *Ant-Man*
8. *The Good Dinosaur*
9. *The Intern*
10. *Star Wars Episode VII: The Force Awakens*

### Books downloaded

(e-books)

1. *Me Before You*, Jojo Moyes
2. *The Nest*, Cynthia D'Apris Sweeney
3. *The Martian*, Andy Weir
4. *The Girl on the Train*, Paula Hawkins
5. *Fates and Furies*, Lauren Groff
6. *All the Light We Cannot See*, Anthony Doerr
7. *Fool Me Once*, Harlan Coben
8. *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up*, Marie Kondo
9. *The Nightingale*, Kristin Hannah
10. *When Breath Becomes Air*, Paul Kalanithi

### Download-and-Keep songs\*

1. "Can't Stop the Feeling," Justin Timberlake
2. "This Is What You Came For," Calvin Harris feat. Rihanna
3. "Just Like Fire," Pink
4. "Don't Let Me Down," the Chainsmokers feat. Daya
5. "Work from Home," Fifth Harmony feat. Ty Dolla \$ign
6. "In Common," Alicia Keys
7. "Me Too," Meghan Trainor
8. "NO," Meghan Trainor
9. "Never Forget You," Zara Larsson & MNEK
10. "Messin' Around," Pitbull feat. Enrique Iglesias

\* "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>

## DWP

# RED NOSE DAY

DWP Saticoy Yard has fun for fundraising event.

Employees at the DWP's Saticoy Yard put on red noses for ... you guessed it ... Red Nose Day.

Red Nose Day is a function of the international charity Comic Relief. People are requested to don a red nose, and the day culminates with a telethon in which funds are raised for children's charities. This year's Red Nose Day was held May 26; the effort raised more than \$30 million in the United States.

Thanks to Rosa Tristan, DWP, for submitting the fun photos. "It was so much fun doing this," Rosa says, "and for such a great cause."



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