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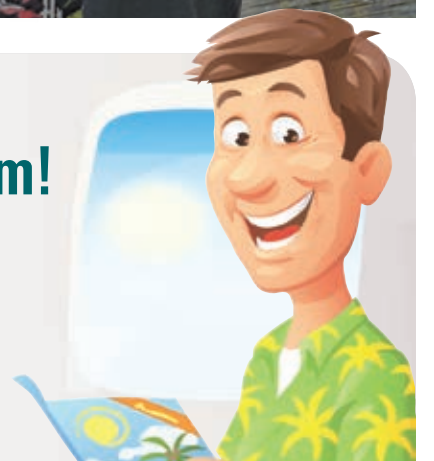
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JOHN'S BLOG by John Hawkins, President and CEO, The Club

In Step With What's Shaking

The news hit the local media big time in early January – the City had built a new app that gives an early warning for earthquakes, the first such app in the country. I'm sure you heard about it.

But what was behind it? Who built it? What did the team overcome to make it happen? How will this beta app be developed in the future? Where do you turn to get the details? Well, you go here! I learned a lot by interviewing **Jeanne Holm**, **Marissa Aho** and **Maryam Abbassi**. Our goal here at *Alive!* – as it has always been – is to tell the story of City employees doing great things who rarely get the recognition. These three professionals and the rest of the team made this app happen.

I want to thank ITA General Manager **Ted Ross** and **Andrea Garcia** from the Mayor's Office for helping us put this story together, and highlight those behind-the-scenes professionals building this ground-breaking app. Keeping up with ITA is no easy task, believe me; we could run every week for

a year with all of ITA's innovations. We have other ITA stories in mind, so we'll do our best to keep you up to date.

Moving on ... are you staying dry? Is your street clear and safe? It just keeps raining here at Club headquarters downtown – we're breaking records – and that really puts the City departments to the test. So, since it's on my mind while I await another washout weekend, I want to say thanks to everybody at Street Services, the DWP, Transportation, the LAPD, the LAFD, the Tree Division, and all the departments and employees tasked with keeping us safe. Your service to the City is awesome when we need it the most.

Speaking of rain, the Club softball league's championship game from last fall has been washed out twice now! It's set for March 6, if the fields at El Sereno can handle the weather between when I'm writing this and game day. Special mention goes to our two softball Commissioners – **Lady Smith** and



From left: Maryam Abbassi, Information Systems Manager II, ITA; Marissa Aho, Chief Resilience Officer, Mayor's Office; and Club CEO John Hawkins.

Amanda Cadena, who coordinate everything with Club Sports Dude **Robert Larios**. (Follow the Club on social media for schedule updates.)

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—JOHN

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Correction

In last month's RLACEI section, page 7, top photo, one of the Directors was misidentified. That Director is Dennis Harding. *Alive!* regrets the error.

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SOFTBALL



Championship Game Set for March 6



Club Softball's New Division championship postponed to March 6.

The Club Softball League's North Division has reached its championship game, which is now scheduled for March 6 at El Sereno Park. The reason: rain, rain, more rain, and field conditions.

The final was set for Dec. 19, then Jan. 9, but continued rainouts and field conditions have pushed that again. Check the Club's social media channels for the latest information.

The final is set:
Enforcers vs. Blue Dragons

It's going to be worth the wait!

South Division Still Forming

The Club Softball League's South Division, which plays its games in Inglewood, is forming and accepting new teams and players. Contact the Sports Dude: sportsdude@employeesclub.com

The Club Softball League is open to Members from the City, County and state. It is also open to their family members over 18 years old.



SOFTBALL PHOTOS ON FACEBOOK!

The Club has placed hundreds of great action shots from this season and last on our Facebook page for you to enjoy while waiting for the championship game in safe conditions. Enjoy!



Robert Larios,
The Sports Dude

Club Sports on the Horizon

The Club Sports Office welcomes all individual players to inquire about the Club's sports leagues. Please contact sportsdude@employeesclub.com or call the Club at (800) 464-0452 to be placed as a free agent or for more information.

HARBOR

Story and photos courtesy Harbor

Congratulations!

Port Police promotes two in leadership positions.

Port Police Chief Tom Gazsi, joined by Port Executive Director Eugene Seroka and Port Police Deputy Chief Randall Allen, swore in newly promoted Capt. Kevin McCloskey and Sgt. Jose Magaña Feb. 12 accompanied by their families, friends and colleagues.

Capt. McCloskey and Sgt. Magaña are career Port Police legacy members of the organization.

Capt. Kevin J. McCloskey has been a Port Police officer since 2001 and has worked a variety of assignments, including Patrol Officer, Boating Officer, Police Diver, Marine Unit Sergeant, Policy and Administration, and Legal Liaison. He serves as the Port Police Commanding Officer of Maritime Operations. In this position, Capt. McCloskey is responsible for the Port Police Dive Team and Surface Patrol boats. He holds a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a juris doctor (law) degree.

Sgt. Jose Magaña began his law enforcement career at the Port Police as a Police Officer in 2007. He had previously been a Police Cadet and Dispatcher at the Huntington Park Police Dept. As a Port Police Officer, he served in various assignments, including Sr. Lead Officer, Bicycle Unit, and Field Training Officer. He has also been instrumental in the Professional Development and Training/Recruitment Unit. He is assigned to Patrol Operations. He has a Bachelor of arts degree from Cal State Long Beach.

Congratulations!



Capt. Kevin McCloskey (left) with Dep. Chief Randy Allen.



Sgt. Jose Magaña (left) with Dep. Chief Randy Allen.



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From the Club!

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CHILD	AGE	PARENT/GUARDIAN	DEPT.
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Dorothy Pugsley	2	Timothy Pugsley	DWP
Natalia Sanchez	2	Patrick Sanchez	DWP
Nadia Garcia	3	Jimmy Garcia	DWP
Allison Tiet	4	Than Tiet	DWP
Emilia Sanchez	4	Miguel Sanchez	LAPD
Jaxson Pendorf	4	Nick Pendorf	General Services
Joshua Menefield	4	Melisa Menefield	Airports
Lia Maleryon	4	Martin Maleryon	Transportation
Mylana Martinez	4	Alfredo Reyes	Public Works
Oliver Borjon	4	Eliazar De La Cruz	Airports
Ian Pemble	5	Gail Staugaard	Retiree
Isabel Clark	5	Jimmy Clark	Public Works
Jc'ion Perkins	5	Passion Perkins	Retiree
Joshua Shin	5	Pedro Shin	Airport Police
Justin Eghbal	5	Jasmine Dowlatshahi	Rec and Parks
Samantha Lansang	5	Leann Lansang	LAPD
Aliya Angeles	6	Alfredo Fajardo	General Services
Christian Adame	6	Kara Adame	LAPD
Emma Tiet	6	Than Tiet	DWP
Noah Machuca	6	Ricardo Machuca	City Attorney
Victoria Bartlett	6	Chris Bartlett	LAPD
Jet Flores	7	Guadalupe Mendoza	Retiree
Juliette Young	7	Megan Young	Library
Melody Marroquin	7	Robert Pena	Animal Services
Sarah Trance	7	Peter Trance	Airport Police
Alyssa Valencia	8	Alberto Valencia	DWP
Angie Lindsey	8	Rita Lindsey	Public Works
Chris Zavala	8	Charles Garcia	Retiree
Emiko Kirkland	8	Mark Kirkland	DWP
Emma Torres	8	Richard Contreras	Retiree
Emma Valencia	8	Daniel Valencia	Public Works
Lorenzo Alvarado	8	Carlos Alvarado	DWP
Natalie Harden	8	Daniela Padilla	LAPD
Ruby Andrade	8	Richard Andrade	Airport Police
Sophia Aubin	8	Michael Aubin	DWP
Aaniyah Currie	9	Louise Currie	Public Works
Elizabeth Bartlett	9	Chris Bartlett	LAPD
Luci Pemble	9	Gail Staugaard	Retiree
Belle Hernandez	10	Mark Hernandez	DWP
India Townsend	10	Ansinee Townsend	Animal Services
Isaac Lucero	10	Christopher Lucero	DWP
Isabella Vega	10	Sider Vega	LAPD
Jabari Collier	10	Melisa Menefield	Airports
Joshua Estrada	10	Ramon Estrada	Harbor
Kelsey Remolino	10	Kyle Remolino	LAPD
Leila Estrada	10	Jorge Estrada	DWP
Ralph Lopez	10	Steve Lopez	LA County
Makenna Jensen	11	Albert Jensen	LAFD
Maya Campos	11	Juan Campos Jr.	DWP
Raquel Hurtado	11	Fatima Melchor	Rec and Parks
Sierra Barry	11	Amber England	DWP
Gianna Santoni	12	Franco Santoni	Public Works
Joel Duarte	12	Mario Duarte	Retiree
Nickolas Valadez	12	Jesus Valadez	DWP
Olivia Cruz	12	Mardoqueo Cruz	Public Works
Amber Guerrero	13	Art Guerrero	Rec and Parks
Arianna Roberts	13	Satoru Tanaka	Retiree



Samantha Jan Lansang, 5
 BIRTHDAY: Oct. 7 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: "I Like Because of You" • FAVORITE SNACKS: Lunchables, baby carrots, pretzels, chocolates • BEST FRIEND: Ariana
 WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC?: I like to see fishes and have a pet fish. • PARENT: Leann and John Lansang, LAPD, Senior Detention Officer.



Melody Marroquin, 7
 BIRTHDAY: March 8 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Camp Rock"
 FAVORITE SNACK: Cheezits • BEST FRIEND: Emma
 WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC?: I've never been to an aquarium, I know me and my family would have so much fun.
 PARENT: Robert Pena, Sr. Animal Control Officer, Animal Services.



Leita Estrada, 10
 BIRTHDAY: Dec. 9 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Coop & Cami Ask the World"
 FAVORITE SNACK: Mac and Cheese • BEST FRIEND: Riley
 WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC?: Because I love animals and I don't usually go. • PARENT: Jorge Estrada, Station Operator, DWP



Maya Campos, 11
 BIRTHDAY: June 10 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Girl Meets World" and "Riverdale" • FAVORITE SNACK: Popcorn • BEST FRIEND: Alexis • WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC?: I've never been there before and would love to go to see all the ocean animals. • PARENT: Juan Campos Jr., Linemen, DWP

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Alive! photos by Summy Lam, Club Director of Marketing, and *Alive!* editor John Burnes

Behind the scenes of building ShakeAlertLA, the country's first earthquake early warning phone app.

Released quietly last New Year's Eve after many months of testing, ShakeAlertLA, the country's first earthquake early warning phone app, is the latest in the City's quest to bring modern technology into the everyday lives of Angelenos. The City is taking to it in a big way, with nearly half a million downloads (and counting) so far.

ShakeAlertLA gives users at least seconds, maybe more, of warning before the user feels the shaking of an earthquake (of 5.0 on the Richter scale and above) while it's happening. The farther away the earthquake's epicenter, the more seconds in advance of it the app will alert you it's coming. It utilizes the extensive sensor network on the West Coast developed by the federal government's U.S. Geological Survey.

Long a directive of Mayor Eric Garcetti, the ITA team built the app's front end, managed the building of the back end (by AT&T), coordinated the assembly, extensive testing and final posting of the app, which is available for Apple and Android phones, in both English and Spanish.

Members of the team from ITA and the Mayor's Office spoke to *Alive!* about the app and how it was built.

The app also includes information about how to prepare for an earthquake, details on recent earthquakes, and how to find help after an earthquake.

Collaborative Partnership

The ShakeAlertLA App is brought to you by the Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti, and the Information

Technology Agency and the Dept. of Emergency Management. It's made possible by support from the Annenberg Foundation and the Mayor's Fund for Los Angeles. The app is an official pilot in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey.

How It Works

When an earthquake happens, a rupturing fault sends out different types of waves. The first wave felt is the fast-moving P-wave. The slower-moving S-waves arrive later, causing the most damage.

Sensors detect the P-wave and immediately transmit data to an earthquake alert center, where the location and size of the quake are determined and

updated as more data become available. A message from the alert center is immediately transmitted to your computer or mobile phone with data on the expected intensity and arrival time of shaking at your location.

To receive notifications of earthquakes once you have downloaded the app, you must have Location Services "Always On." As a result, ShakeAlertLA keeps track of the last location of your phone to push out an alert as needed with the expected shaking at that location. When the location is updated, previous information is overwritten. No other information is collected or accessed.

Here and on the *Alive!* Website, read about the ITA/Mayor's Office team that built the groundbreaking new app, how they did it, and why it matters. ■

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Technology to



At the *Alive!* interview, from left: John Burnes, *Alive!* editor; Maryam Abbassi, Information Systems Manager II, Club Member; Marissa Aho, Chief Resilience Officer; John Hawkins, Club CEO; and Isaiah Hawkins, Club intern (out of frame). Jeanne Holm, Deputy Chief Information Officer, Club Member, joined by phone.

First of all, thank you for joining us today. This app development is very exciting, and we're glad we're behind-the-scenes of the City employees who made it happen.

So, generally, what is this app? We've all seen it in the news, and of course we've downloaded it. Can you tell us about it in your own words.

MARISSA AHO: Sure. ShakeAlertLA is an earthquake early warning app that was publicly released in this country, and it has been a passion for this team and me for many years. It's to warn residents of Los Angeles County of a coming earthquake.

The City has been testing earthquake early warning in beta with the U.S. Geological Survey since about 2012. The City invested nearly \$6 million in the sensor network that enables earthquake early warning. In April 2017 in his State of the City address, Mayor Garcetti announced that the City would have earthquake early warning out to Angelenos by the end of 2018. We've been working with USGS and getting that done.

The app is the first or second of many opportunities to get earthquake early warning out to Angelenos, but it was a year-long effort to produce something that could be made public to anybody in LA County.

Who owns the sensor network?

MARISSA: It's a U.S. Geological Survey sensor network. The U.S. government

How was it determined that an app would be the best way to get the information to the public, and then how to use it?

JEANNE HOLM: We use a couple of different ways of getting this information to the public. One of the projects we've been doing is linked to the loudspeakers and the public address system in City Hall.



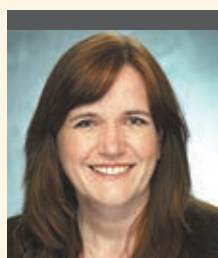
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Warning

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to Save Lives

On Feb. 12, Club CEO John Hawkins and Alive! editor John Burnes interviewed project lead, Jeanne Holm, Sr. Technology Adviser to Mayor Garcetti and Deputy CIO, ITA, Club Member, 3 years of City service; Maryam Abbassi Information Systems Manager II, ITA, Club Member, 23 years; and Marissa Aho, Chief Resilience Officer, Mayor's Office of Public Safety, 4 years. The interview took place in an ITA conference room in City Hall East; Jeanne called in by phone.



Jeanne Holm, Deputy CIO, ShakeAlertLA project lead, Club Member, participated in the interview by phone.



Maryam Abbassi, Information Systems Manager II, ITA, Club Member



Marissa Aho, Chief Resilience Officer, Mayor's Office of Public Safety

You don't have to have only an app. We want to be able to reach people wherever they might be in whatever way they might be able to best get the warning. If we were to suffer an earthquake that's 5.0 or above on the Richter scale, you would hear in City Hall – "Earthquake, earthquake: **Drop, Cover and Hold.** Take protective action now." That's one of the early ways in which we're trying to get the warning out.

Secondarily, we wanted something actually in everybody's pocket, to get the warning out to the public in the widest possible way. We decided to try to create an app. A few people had tried this with the USGS before, but the

problem was that you only have a few seconds warning before you felt that earthquake. Is that enough time to be able to duck under a desk or to be able to get out of the elevator or get out from under the overpass? It's not enough time to have a cellular network get that warning out to you, because those networks sometimes take two minutes to circulate the data to the phones on the network. That wouldn't create much of a warning. But we were able to work with some partners, like AT&T and the Annenberg Foundation, to figure out how to develop this app, get it out the door, and make it so that there's only one and a half seconds of delay in getting that warning out to people.



Other members of the ITA development team, from left: Jayson Joseph, Information Systems Manager, Web Services Group; Jeanne Holm, Sr. Technology Adviser to Mayor Garcetti, Deputy CIO, Club Member; and Ted Ross, General Manager and CIO, ITA.

That's really impressive. So this project is more than an app. It's utilizing other technologies that a normal app wouldn't have access to, to be quicker.

JEANNE: Absolutely. ShakeAlertLA uses the network available through the cellular technology, like people's cellphones normally use, and then streamline and optimize the heck out of that so that it comes through faster than people would normally get a text message. We thought about just broadcasting a text message [instead of using a dedicated app]. We have "Notify LA" that people subscribe to that gets text messages out to you about fire evacuation zones, flooding, mudslides and that kind of thing. But, in that case, we aimed at getting people that warning within a few minutes.

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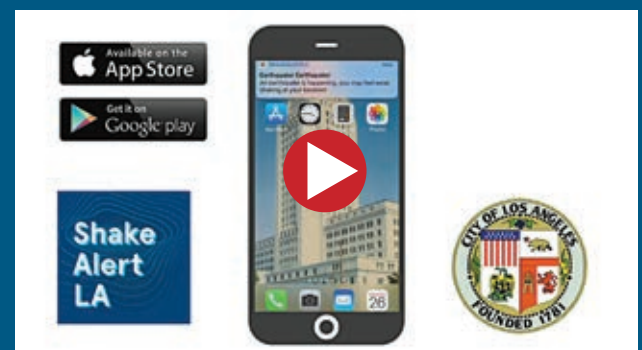
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A fun video about the ShakeAlertLA app.



Hear the ShakeAlertLA alert sound!





Retired Los Angeles City Employees Inc.

RLACEI

For Retired Club Members

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RLACEI WEBSITE

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Change of Address?

Please notify Ruth B. Perry, Membership Chair, at (800) 678-4145 ext. 717 or Ruth.Perry@RLACEI.org for a change of address or to add or change your email address. Also notify LACERS, ACEBSA, LAPCU, and LAFUCU as applicable.

Interesting news contributions!

Contact Beverly J. Clark at (800) 678-4145 ext. 716 or Beverly.Clark@RLACEI.org

2019 RETIREE EVENTS

June 6: RLACEI golf tournament and general meeting

Aug. 8: RLACEI annual picnic and general meeting

Dec. 5: RLACEI annual holiday party and general meeting

RESERVATION LINES:

RLACEI: (800) 678-4145, Ext. 701

Meet Your Board:

A look at RLACEI Board Members

Phil Orland RLACEI Board Member



Phil Orland.

Phil Orland was elected to the RLACEI Board for the second time last November and was installed at the annual meeting and holiday party in December.

Phil's vision is to make sure all Retirees, through RLACEI, enjoy their retirement beyond their careers by providing services and programs that ensure quality of life

and that retirees are able to support themselves and their families.

He is an active senior who has led a life of serving others. He is a proud Navy veteran who served during the Vietnam war. He has been married for 29 years and has four children and three grandchildren.

Phil began his City career as a Recreation Leader and retired from Rec and Parks as a Principal Recreation Supervisor in January 2010 after serving 36 years with the City.

Throughout his City career, he has made it a habit of gathering information and networking with others. Phil finds pleasure in talking with people and helping those in need of services.

Phil was recently appointed as a

board member to the Insurance Services Board of the Employees Club of California. He also serves as a board member for the professional organization Men in Leisure Services raising money to provide training and networking opportunities for those in the recreation field. He also serves on the Retired Senior Volunteer Program in Orange County and is an ambassador to the Korean Bell of Friendship Committee. In 2015, Phil received the Alumni Community Service Award from Cal State Long Beach.

Phil's vision is to work closely with City administration and LACERS to maintain benefits and services.

Welcome back to the RLACEI Board, Phil! ■



Phil attended the annual Fourth of July celebration at the Korean Friendship Bell in San Pedro.



Phil in Spain: Phil visited a senior center in Toledo, Spain to compare with Los Angeles senior centers.



Phil received a service award at Cal State, Long Beach from the president of the college.

LACERS Financial Report: Strength for Longer Lives



Michael R. Wilkinson

LACERS Board Update, By Michael R. Wilkinson

Once a year, LACERS produces its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30 to cover the financial health of the plan. Okay, spoiler alert: LACERS did great (again) and was awarded the Public Pension Standards Award for Funding and Administration for the sixth consecutive year.

Now I know that this doesn't sound like an exciting subject for a story, but there are gems in this 124-page tome that should make you comfortable that your pension plan is strong and in good hands.

All of the figures in this report are for the last fiscal year, so it does not include the ups and downs of the financial markets in the last half of the year, or the first part of the 2019.

Investment returns were strong during the fiscal year and returned 9.0 percent after paying investment fees. This performance exceeded our assumed rate of return of 7.25 percent, bringing the value of the total portfolio to \$17 billion, 8.3 percent higher than the previous year.

The funded ratio is the relationship between the actuarial value of the plan assets divided by the actuarial value of the liabilities (the expenses of paying benefits and administrative costs).

Although the plan had a very strong year in investment returns, the funded ratio went down from 71.4 percent to 70.1 percent due in large measure to a change in mortality tables. This means that the plan is recognizing that retirees are living longer and the plan must budget for those longer pensions. Our health program is one of the best funded in the country and decreased from 81.1 percent to 70.1 percent. The reduction was again due to the change in mortality tables, but offset by a decrease – yes, decrease – in the renewal premiums from our healthcare providers.

It is important to remember that City is legally obligated to pay 100 percent of the required contribution to keep the plan in a strong financial position as determined by the plan's actuary and the board. The City paid that this year (\$551 million) and has paid it every year. ■

Looking at State Priorities for 2019



Michael Karsch

Legislative Report: Pension Law and Policy, By Michael Karsch

Wow, we have a new year and a new governor! Californians may see some changes in their state. One local newspaper (the Pasadena Star-News) editorialized that the new year should see three things: reduced barriers to housing development, pension reform, and the end of high-speed rail.

The editorial's part on pension reform expressed hope for the State Supreme Court to reject the arguments of Cal Fire Local 2881 in that union's challenge to pension reforms passed in 2012. It urged for reforms in pensions particularly for new employees to help sustain the pension system. As I have written earlier, the State Supreme Court appeared willing to consider the wisdom of the purchase of Air Time by workers seeking to boost their pensions.

Our new governor, Gavin Newsom, has left some indications of how he will approach government pension reform. The Sacramento Bee reported at the end of January that he has said he will protect public pensions, "...yet his record and some key appointments to his cabinet says he's open to reducing benefits to government workers if money is scarce." There are six union contracts at the state level that will be open for renewal in July, hence that is the deadline for signs to be made how he will deal with the possibilities. There is a surplus in the state budget (\$10 billion), and the reserve funds are flush. Despite those good signs, at the local cities who use CalPERS for their employees' pensions (the City of Los Angeles does not; we have our own pensions) are afraid of rising costs that CalPERS imposes on them to cover the liability of the pensions (CalPERS is only 70 percent funded). Hoped-for investment proceeds of 7 percent have been considerably lower, hence the need to make up the difference with higher costs of member cities. Gov. Newsom was formerly the mayor of San Francisco. In 2010 he supported an initiative to hike up his city's workers' contributions to their pension system. As a member of the UC Board of Regents in 2016, our governor voted for a 401(k) style of pension for new University of California workers. He has said, however, that he supports the California Rule.

Gov. Newsom's new staffing shows some inclination for pension reform. He has kept an aide to Gov. Jerry Brown who helped rewrite the state pension reform bill in 2012, and she (Ana Metosantos) is his Cabinet Secretary. Another holdover from the Brown pension reform is Rei Onishi, who sought future benefit reductions. On the other hand, his cabinet includes Angie Wei, a veteran of the California Labor Federation.

There may be some dark clouds of the future ability of the state to continue to have revenue surpluses. The current surplus is due mostly to the personal income tax, according to a mid-January report by the California Policy Center. The income tax is the biggest of the state's income sources. But much of this could be vulnerable as the wealthy cash out their bonuses and houses to move elsewhere. How long can the wealthy continue to make killings in capital gains when selling stock and real estate? The Policy Center notes that the total government debt in California is more than \$1.5 trillion, of which \$846 billion is in the form of unfunded pension liabilities. ■

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RLACEI Board of Directors, from left: Michael Wilkinson, Ruth Perry, Phil Orland, Beverly Clark and (back) Rick Rogers, former LACERS Commissioner.



RLACEI at the Gala

RLACEI Directors attend the LACERS *Well* Gala.

RLACEI Directors joined the LACERS *Well* sponsored Roaring '20s Gala event Jan. 23, held at the Diamond Bar Center.

LACERS staff and LACERS *Well* hosted a fabulous event with lots of fun, food, dancing and entertainment. LACERS *Well* encourages retirees to stay healthy and stay active. It was a great event!



At the... **LACERS *Well* Gala.**

IN MEMORIAM



Gary Mattingly

RLACEI mourns loss of former Board Member Gary Mattingly.

With sadness, RLACEI shares the news of the passing of former RLACEI Board Member Gary Mattingly, who passed away Jan. 22.

Gary served for many years on the Board and just recently retired from the Board last October. Gary was appointed General Manager of Fire and Police Pensions, in which he served from June 1982 to December 2004. He then retired but continued to serve as Interim General Manager until June 2005. He was one of the longest serving General Managers at Fire and Police Pensions.

When he was appointed to his post at Fire and Police Pensions, the fund was valued at nearly \$1.5 billion. The fund grew to \$12.3 billion when he left City service in 2005.

RLACEI and the Club extend their condolences to Gary's family and friends, and honor him for his service to the City and the Retirees Association.



The RLACEI 2019 Board of Directors with outgoing Director Michael Perez. (Director Mary Beetz not shown.)

RLACEI Mission

RLACEI has been 'Protecting Retirement Benefits Since 1973.'

The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) was established in 1973 as an advocate for Retired City employees. Its goal is to maintain current benefits and look forward to assisting in the changing needs and concerns of its retired community. It works closely with the City Council and LACERS (Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System) on the behalf of its members.

RLACEI keeps members up to date on actions of the RLACEI Board, state and local legislation and LACERS by

publishing monthly articles in the Employee Club's *Alive!* newspaper.

Members of RLACEI are entitled to apply for group life insurance, auto insurance, pet insurance and home insurance through the Employees Club. Members may also purchase discounted tickets to amusement parks, movie theaters and other places of interest, and certificates to See's Candies.

RLACEI is dedicated to a stable retirement for retired City employees. Your membership strengthens its collective voice.

Membership Dues: An Update

Effective Jan. 1, 2019, RLACEI membership dues were raised to \$3 per month. This new fee includes free membership to the Employees Club of California for all RLACEI members. RLACEI members who carry insurance products with the City Club will soon receive a reduction in their payroll contributions of the City Club membership.

LACERS and the City Employees Club are working to process the appropriate reduction for all applicable RLACEI members. RLACEI

has been informed that the correct deduction should be reflected on your payroll statement in the next few months.

Look for more updates in the future. All RLACEI members will be reimbursed for City Employees Club dues deducted from January 2019 through the effective date of the correct payroll processing.

Please contact RLACEI Membership Director Ruth Perry at (800) 678-4145, ext. 717, should you have any questions.



41st Annual Retirees Invitational Golf Tournament

Thursday, June 6, 2019

The 41st Annual Retired Los Angeles City Employees Invitational Golf Tournament will be held Thursday, June 6, 2019 at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course with a "Shotgun Start" at 7:30 a.m. The course is located at 630 South Almansor Street, Alhambra, CA 91801. Check in is at 7:00 a.m. **SOFT SPIKES MANDATORY!**

- The tournament is open to retired and active employees and friends. The cost is \$70 for RLACEI & City Employees Club members. All others pay \$80, which includes greens fees, carts, prizes and lunch at the Alhambra Court restaurant. Lunch only is \$25.00.
- Those interested in participating must complete the reservation form and mail it with your check made payable to: **RLACEI** by Thursday, May 30, 2019.
- Send to Tom Stemmnock, Chairman, 4040 Vineland Avenue, Suite 108, Studio City, CA 91604. For any questions, call Chairman Tom Stemmnock at (818) 487-6789.

2019 Golf Tournament Reservation Form

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____
 Address _____
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 Amount Included \$ _____ \$70 for RLACEI and City Employees Club Members
 Luncheon Only: \$25 \$80 for all others

Make checks payable to RLACEI.

NOTICE: SOFT SPIKES MANDATORY!

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Retirees on the Move

Meet Beverly Anderson

Beverly Anderson is a Retiree on the Move.

Beverly Anderson retired in February 2010. During her City career, she worked in seven different City departments. She started in 1986 and retired with more than 23 years of City service.



Beverly Anderson

Her retirement days are busy with her family. She is looking forward to her daughter's graduation from UCLA this year and her husband joining her in retirement within the next year or two.

Beverly is a LACERS Well Champion and leads a weekly walk. She welcomes Retirees to come join her walking group.

She also teaches a hula class at the Costa Mesa Senior Center. She says it is a great way to exercise and keep moving.

Beverly volunteers at events for the Chinese American Museum and Pacific Islander Festival in Huntington Beach. She is an avid reader, enjoys traveling, arts and crafts, sewing and, of course, eating. She's a big Disney fan and is always up for a trip to Disneyland.

Her advice to those who are about to retire or are already retired – enjoy “the best years,” find your passion and do it. Plan to do all the things and activities that you did not have the time or energy to do while working.

She says the smartest thing she did before retirement was to attend the City's retirement seminars.

She stresses how important it is to make sure you are doing all the right things and staying on track for retirement.

Does she miss work? “I definitely do not miss the work. I do miss the people I worked with; however, as time passes I start seeing those people at retirement events.”

Would she have done anything differently during her career? “I wish I had learned more about financial planning and had been able to implement those strategies.”

What would you change about retired life? “I don't think I would change anything because I love being retired!” ■

Life after Retirement

Stay Connected



- If you have news about yourself, family or other retirees that you would like to share with our readers, send it and we will publish it.
- If you would like to contact a former City Employee that you met or worked with, send your contact information and we will publish it so they can contact you.

If you are a Retiree and have interesting news or updates about yourself,

your family or other retirees, or would like to connect with coworkers, send information to:

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 Beverly.Clark@RLACEI.org
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NOTE: Due to our confidentiality policy, we do not give out any information without authorization.



RETIREES

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

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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@employeesclub.com

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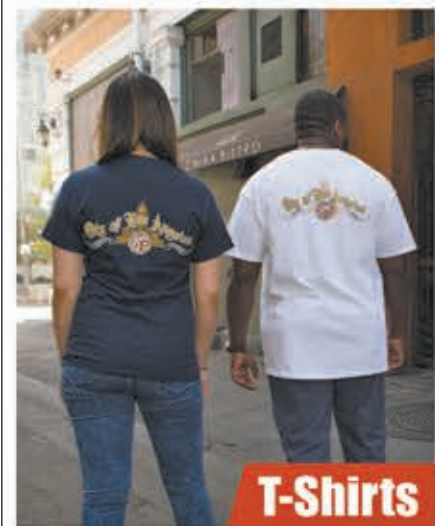
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Robert's Question of the Month



BY ROBERT LARIOS, Chief Operating Officer
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Fellow City Employees answer the Question of the Month

What's your all-time favorite movie?



"Crimson Tide."
– Simone McDade, Retired, LAPD



"Backdraft, of course!"
– Capt. Danny Wu, LAFD, Club Board Member



"To Kill A Mockingbird"
– Phil Orland, Retired, Rec and Parks, Club Board Member



"Each of the Harry Potter movies!"
– Noelle Kauffman, Club Member Services Manager



"Gone With the Wind – it's super long but worth it!"
– Dolores Foley, DWP Retirees Association, Retired DWP



"The Godfather – which in some way explains my 57 years of marriage!"
– Vince Foley, DWP Retirees Association, Retired DWP



"I am not very big on films – sorry."
– Vas Singh, Finance



"There's no way I can choose just one."
– Rose Hyland, Retired, Controller's Office, Club Board Member



"When we have family get-togethers, everyone gets a kick out of Nacho Libre. We get pretty silly!"
– Jordan Price, DWP



"You've got to be kidding! I can't remember one from another."
– Marilyn Holley, Retired, Public Works, Club Board Member



Some of the volunteers.

Fund Razor

St. Baldrick's local event March 30 marks 17 years of fighting childhood cancers.



Even kids participated.



Det. Nic Sinclair, 10 years of City service, is given a nice close shave by his son, Parker, 3.

On Sat., March 30, LAFD and LAPD personnel, and other City Employees, too, plan to participate in their 17th annual combined St. Baldrick's fundraising event. Participants, or "shavees" as they are known, collect pledges from friends and family in exchange for shaving their heads. The bald heads signify solidarity with child victims of cancer, who often lose their hair while undergoing treatment. All money raised goes to the St. Baldrick's Foundation and is distributed to doctors and other researchers on the front lines of the war on childhood cancer.

Local organizers say they have raised more than \$1 million over those 16 years. The local event is part of the nationwide St. Baldrick's Foundation.

This year's location is again Fire Station 89, 7063 Laurel Canyon Blvd. in North Hollywood. The event is set to begin at 7:30 a.m. and runs to 1:30 p.m.

Once again, the Club is an official sponsor and will be present with a booth, Club gear and Club staff.

The event will feature a raffle, a free pancake breakfast, blood and marrow drives, face painters, balloon artists, free kids' toys and entertainment, and more. Fire and police apparatus are expected to be present for children to explore and for photo opportunities.

Participants and helpers are needed to staff this event. If you are able to help, please contact Lt. Greg Doyle at (818) 634-6127, or Firefighter Danny Wu, Club Board Member at (626) 590-6240. If you would like to be a "shavee" or if you are interested in pledging, you can sign up at <http://www.stbaldricks.org/events/LAFDLAPD>

WHO: LAPD and LAFD Personnel (all are welcome, though)

WHAT: Fundraiser for childhood cancer research

WHEN: Sat., March 30, from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: LAFD Fire Station 89, 7063 Laurel Canyon Blvd., North Hollywood

WHY: To raise money to fight childhood cancer

HOW: Sign up or donate at: <http://www.stbaldricks.org/events/LAFDLAPD>

For more information, contact Lt. Greg Doyle, (818) 634-6127; or LAFD Firefighter Danny Wu, (626) 590-6240.

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2nd Annual Golf Tournament



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April 18, 2019

Shotgun Start at 0800 hours

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\$480 Foursome Entry Fee
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Life's Important Moments



Retirements

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

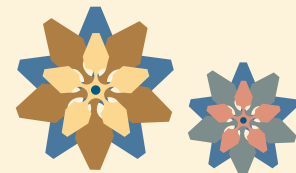
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Abner, Eric	Power Transmission	DWP	N/D	Fonseca, Henry	Water Distribution	DWP	N/D	Nakasone, Candace	Sr. Administrative Clerk	Public Works	41
Acosta, Luis	Lieutenant	Airports	38	Garcia, Enrique	Special Programs Asst.	Rec and Parks	7	Nishimura, Peter	Rec. Facilities Director	Rec and Parks	15
Aguirre, Maria	Custodian	Airports	13	Gutierrez, Robert	Landscape Architect	Public Works	29	Orme, Vincent	Comms. Electrician	LAPD	21
Alberto, Manuel	Power Supply	DWP	N/D	Guzman, Greg	Equipment Operator	Public Works	34	Osborne, Leonard	Water Supply	DWP	N/D
Barajas, Ignacio	Special Programs Asst.	Rec and Parks	6	Harper, Dwayne	Traffic Officer	Transportation	30	Patterson, Geoffrey	Motor Sweeper Op.	Public Works	12
Beckles, Rodney	New Business Dev.	DWP	N/D	Henry, Vina	Legal Clerk	City Attorney	30	Perez, Manuel	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	12
Benitez, Rodney	New Business Dev.	DWP	N/D	Hidalgo, Anthony	Water Distribution	DWP	N/D	Perry, Jan	General Manager	Econ./Wkfr. Dev.	28
Book, Longford	Water Quality	DWP	N/D	Ho, Kar Yui	Airport Guide	Airports	5	Phipps, Joseph	Power Transmission	DWP	N/D
Brink, Michael	Environ. Chem. Lab	DWP	N/D	Hudson, Ivory	Administrative Clerk	Public Works	17	Potthoff, Joyce	Admin. Clerk	Library	19
Bustos, Oscar	Fleet Services	DWP	N/D	Hunter, Patricia	Dep. City Attorney	City Attorney	31	Ripalda, Walfredo	Bldg. Operating Engineer	General Services	10
Campadonia, Frank	New Business Dev.	DWP	N/D	Hutchens, Stephen	Integrated Support Svcs.	DWP	N/D	Rodriguez, Agueda	Secretary	LAFD	38
Carranza, F. Benny	St. Svcs. Superintendent	Public Works	34	Inez, Gregory	New Business Dev.	DWP	N/D	Roybal, Kenneth	Bkgrnd. Investigator	Personnel	12
Chisom, Henry	Sr. Systems Analyst	Controller	41	Jackson, Michael	Water Operations	DWP	N/D	Sanchez, Joey	Integrated Support Serv.	DWP	N/D
Chowdhry, Abid	Civil Engineer	Public Works	30	Johnson, Francisco	Fleet Services	DWP	N/D	Seller, Wilaiwan	Water Engineering	DWP	N/D
Clark, Brandt	Integrated Support	DWP	N/D	Johnson, Steve	Customer Service	DWP	N/D	Shafik, Tawfik	Survey Party Chief	Public Works	30
Colorado, Dina	Sr. Accountant	Public Works	17	Kaufman, Edward	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	23	Shimoji, Stanley	Light Equipment Op.	Zoo	30
Cooper, David	Ref. Collection Truck Op.	Public Works	25	Khajavi, Mohammad	Power Transmission	DWP	N/D	Sinclair, Mortimer	Supply Chain	DWP	N/D
Cornell, David	Supply Chain Services	DWP	N/D	Khineche, Abdelkader	Geo. Info. Systems Sup.	Airports	28	Smith, Herman	Electrician	General Services	12
Correa, Robert	Security Services	DWP	N/D	Kim, Peter	Sr. Structural Engineer	Bldg. and Safety	31	Smith, Wanda	Commun. Info. Rep.	Public Works	17
Czyznik, Jeffrey	Meeting Services	DWP	N/D	Kwong, Kin Wah	Civil Engineer Draft Tech	Harbor	17	Stahoski, Sylvia	Pr. Clerk	City Attorney	44
Dandridge, Rose Marie	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	12	Ledesma, Arthur	Integrated Support Serv.	DWP	N/D	Streator, Charles	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	25
David, Richard	Env. Chem. Lab	DWP	N/D	Lewis, John	General Manager	Zoo	15	Tapia, Clark	Maintenance Laborer	Public Works	31
Davis, Craig	Water Engineering	DWP	N/D	Lin, Frank	Sr. Systems Analyst	CAO	28	Tso, Kenneth	Dep. City Attorney	City Attorney	30
Davis, Jennie	Administrative Clerk	LAPD	10	Lopez, Virginia	Water Operations	DWP	N/D	Vasquez, John	ITS	DWP	N/D
De La Rosa, Keith	Dep. City Attorney	City Attorney	32	Luevano, Carlos	Supply Chain Services	DWP	N/D	Wang, Jennifer	ITS	DWP	N/D
De Santos, Miguel	Supply Chain Services	DWP	N/D	Lumbang, Milagros	Supl. Svcs. Payment Clerk	General Services	24	West, Douglas	Fleet Services	DWP	N/D
Der, Anna	Programmer/Analyst	ITA	30	Mabie, William	Council Aide	Council	27	Williams, Henry	Power Supply	DWP	N/D
Djansezian, Vasken	Commnty Housing Progs.	Housing	19	Mallon, Michael	Power Supply	DWP	N/D	Williams, Inez	Facilities Director	Rec and Parks	29
Dunham, Janet	Supply Chain Services	DWP	N/D	Marquez, Jaime	Power Supply	DWP	N/D	Zesati, Manuel del Villar	Cook	Rec and Parks	16
Embry, Garcelle	Dep. City Attorney	City Attorney	30	Mayer, Richard	Environmental Engineer	Public Works	27	Zoller, Jay	Metering Services	DWP	N/D
Evans, Billie	St. Services Supervisor	Public Works	30	McDade, Simone	Management Analyst	LAPD	34				
Feulner, Steven	Integrated Support Svcs.	DWP	N/D	Mepham, John	Construction Inspector	Harbor	30				
Fong, Arthur	Sr. Systems Analyst	LAPD	30	Montalvo-Jimenez, Cynthia	Customer Service	DWP	N/D				

N/D = not disclosed



In Memoriam

Our thoughts and condolences are with the family and friends of the following current and retired City employees who have passed away.



Active

DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
Public Works	18
Rec and Parks	16
Public Works	15
Transportation	6
LACERS	16
Airports	2 mo.
Public Works	15
Council	4
Public Works	15

Retired

DWP	37
LAPD	32
Transportation	33
City Attorney	21
Harbor	41
Public Works	35
Library	37
Library	24
Harbor	26
DWP	19
DWP	34
Public Works	37
DWP	19
DWP	29
DWP	30
Rec and Parks	28
Mayor's Office	20
DWP	36
Public Works	27
DWP	33
LAPD	32
DWP	33
DWP	29
Library	43
Public Works	32
General Services	27
DWP	35
DWP	29
Library	43
DWP	12
DWP	28
Transportation	18
Public Works	21
DWP	21
Public Works	30
General Services	25
DWP	37
LAPD	27
DWP	34

DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
Harbor	11
Rec and Parks	28
DWP	33
Public Works	35
Rec and Parks	30
DWP	18
Planning	31
Fire and Police Pen.	38
DWP	27
DWP	30
Transportation	27
Public Works	22
DWP	19
Library	38
Rec and Parks	14
Public Works	33
Building and Safety	13
Council	29
Public Works	30
Public Works	33
Rec and Parks	9
DWP	28
DWP	20
Personnel	40
Airports	24
DWP	30
DWP	32
Econ. Wkfc Dev.	20
DWP	18
DWP	41
Public Works	18
Airports	26
DWP	24
Building and Safety	32
General Services	14
DWP	32

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TRANSPORTATION

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Outstanding Performers

LADOT hosts recognition breakfast for Outstanding Performers.

On Jan. 30, Councilmember and Transportation Committee Chair Mike Bonin, Transportation General Manager Seleta Reynolds and Executive Team members gathered in the Tom Bradley Tower at City Hall to recognize the department's outstanding performers for the previous fiscal year. Selected for their exemplary work and commitment to the department's mission, these 19 individuals embody Transportation's values and reinforce the belief that our people are both our biggest resource and the reason why Transportation is such a rewarding place to work.

The Transportation outstanding performers in attendance at the event were:

- **Shirley Zamora**, Transportation Engineering Associate II
- **Anita Tang**, Management Analyst
- **Kerry Lum**, Management Analyst
- **Alexander Molina**, Sr. System Analyst;
- **Sgt. Susan Rahtz**, Sr. Traffic Supervisor
- **Lilly O'Brien**, Supervising Transportation Planner
- **Yvonne Thompson**, Engineering Aide I
- **Charles Andrews**, Sign Shop Supervisor
- **Omar Castellanos**, Administrative Clerk
- **Beatris Lopez**, Sr. Administrative Clerk
- **Rick De Anda**, Administrative Clerk



Transportation's Outstanding Performers and General Manager Seleta Reynolds (center).

- **Jaclyn Garcia**, Transportation Planning Associate
- **Taimour Tanavoli**, Transportation Engineering Associate III
- **Jose Castillo**, Traffic Officer
- **Janice Norwood-Waller**, Traffic Officer
- **Mario Interiano**, Sr. Management Analyst II.

More information about Transportation's outstanding performers—and other details on the department's recent accomplishments are available online in LADOT's fiscal year 2017-18 annual report.



Seleta Reynolds thanks honorees.



Councilmember and Transportation Committee Chair Mike Bonin addresses honorees.

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