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Ethel Pattison, Airport  
Information Specialist, outside  
the Flight Path Museum and  
Learning Center at LAX.

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# Flying Away

**E**thel Pattison has seen it all, from props to jets, from drive-up terminals to facial recognition, and from the historic Hangar 1 to the upcoming people mover. As she's set to finally retire after an astounding 64 years of active City service, Ethel, 94, looks back on her storied career.

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# Living History

## JOHN'S BLOG

by John Hawkins, President and CEO, The Club



Ethel Pattison, 64 years of City service, and Club CEO John Hawkins surrounding a mannequin displaying Ethel's United Airlines stewardess uniform from 1952. John's visit was socially distanced (although not with the mannequin).

After spending an afternoon with **Ethel Pattison** at the Flight Path Museum and Learning Center, I know what it's like to be in the presence of history.

When we spoke in August, Ethel, 94, was still working at Airports. If it all came down according to plan, she is now retired, as that was set for late September. (Our interview with Ethel is this month's cover story.)

A few months ago, we received an email from Club Member **Tim Ihle**, Airports, telling us that a living legend was about to retire after a stunning 64 years of City service. My immediate thought was: I want to ask her about working for the City for 64 years! That's the longest term of service we've ever come across in nearly 20 years of this newspaper and Website.

But then I thought again. There must be more to Ethel Pattison than just working for a long time, and there is. She must remem-

ber propeller planes (turns out she was a stewardess on one); and she must remember when LAX was east of Sepulveda (she was hired to convince people to pay to move the airport to where it is now).

So enjoy this month's cover story. It was a delight being in the presence of history.

Moving on ... I read the other day that photo storage Websites like Google and Shutterfly are limiting additional uploads. Why? People are taking tons of photos during the pandemic, and those Websites can't handle the influx. It doesn't surprise me. My "Picture Perfect" contest has never been so robust.

Apparently you're all taking your cameras out, too, because I'm receiving lots more entries than we can honor each month. We try to honor as many as we can. (We've upped the number of monthly winners to six, and we'll stick with that for

the time being.) The quality has been awesome, too. Choosing winners is not always easy! If we don't pick yours this month, keep submitting. And a note to the wise: It's better to take original photos, not pulling a screen grab from a video. The resolution is usually not up to par.)

Hey It's Halloween! This pandemic has really messed with my sense of time. What day is it? What month is it? Can Halloween really be a few weeks away? Well, yes it can. We asked Librarians from our favorite library, Los Angeles Public Library, to suggest books (downloadable or curbside-lendable) to get your whole family in the spooky cool mode. Thanks Librarians for taking the time to give us some chills!

Let's all stay safe and focus on the most important thing – family.

**—JOHN**

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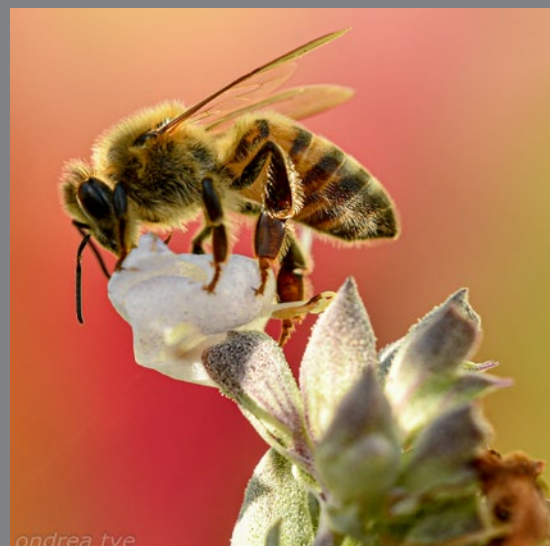


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## Larios in the *Digital City*

BY ROBERT LARIOS, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Club COO Robert Larios continues honoring retiring Club Members by presenting the Club's coveted retiree plaque digitally, because of the coronavirus pandemic.

**Michelle Moore, DWP**

Michelle R. Moore, Assistant Director of Field Operations, DWP, retired Aug. 1 after 40 years of City service. She was congratulated by Club COO Robert Larios, but the coveted Club retirement plaque was still in production at the time of this issue. (Updated photo coming soon.)




Michelle R. Moore



Michelle Moore celebrated her retirement at home.

**Congratulations on your career, Michelle! And we promise that Club retirement plaque will be in your hands soon!**

**Larios in the City is also available on the *Alive!* website for viewing and sharing:**  
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BY DALILA VIELMA, MEMBER SERVICES COUNSELOR  
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## PUBLIC WORKS

# Flor's on Her Way

**Flor Burrola, Civil Eng. Associate II, gets statewide honor as 'emerging leader.'**



Flor Burrola

Flor Burrula, Civil Engineering Associate II, Public Works/Sanitation, has been recognized by the California Water Environment Association as a young professional engineer of the year.

The honor was given in July.

"Sanitation and Environment is honored to have such a talented team of water professionals like Flor," the department said.

Flor is a Civil Engineering Associate II in Sanitation's Wastewater Engineering Services Division. "Flor Burrola is passionate about environmental and sustainable projects she works on, like the LA Zoo Storm Water project, where storm water is captured, collected, and reused around the site," the department said.

According to the California Water Environment Association, an Emerging Leader is an individual who demonstrates leadership, performs diligently, shows commitment and has the desire to grow.

"I'm lucky to be working with the City's Wastewater Engineering Services Division, planning and collaborating with multiple departments and agencies," she told the association.

Burrola is a graduate of Cal State LA and in 2015 took advantage of a volunteering opportunity with Sanitation and Environment while in school. "It was a great experience," she said. "I learned a lot, and (later) I was happy to get hired."

As an Emerging Leader, Flor intends to keep working on her professional license and looking for environmental sustainable projects to work on, according to the association. "I want to come to work every day and be passionate about the projects I'm working on."

Emerging Leaders are selected by a panel of seasoned industry leaders.

Congratulations, Flor! ■



Flor Burrola was honored by the California Water Environment Association.

LAPD

# Icing on the Cake

**911 Operator Tamara Brown returns to try to win Food Network’s Halloween baking contest.**

Four years ago, Tamara Brown, PSR II, LAPD, Club Member, was a finalist in a Halloween baking show contest that aired throughout October 2016 on the Food Network.

This month, she’s back, and she’s out for “redemption,” she told *Alive!*

The six-week specialty series, the popular Halloween Baking Championship, is set to run every Monday night (with repeated airings) through October. The finale is set for Oct. 19. The eventual champion wins \$25,000.

The series was pre-shot during the COVID pandemic. Production was moved outdoors at a resort. Cast and crew were required to live and quarantine on set. Social distancing and masks were required. “It was exhilarating and stressful at the same time to compete again,” she explains.

*How did she do?*

She was sworn not to tell by the producers on the Food Network, and she was as good as her word.

“It was a blast,” she continues. “The contestants were an insanely talented group for this season. I learned a lot just being in their presence.”

Tamara already knows a lot. In her spare time she runs the Mwokaji Cakery, a baking



Tamara Brown participates in the Food Network’s Halloween Baking Championship, airing in October on the Food Network.

catering firm. She says to look for her bakery to open a physical store in the LA Mall outside City Hall East in October.

“Mwokaji means ‘The baker’ in Swahili. The concept of my bakery is to create delicious cakes made with fresh ingredients and delicious flavors, specializing in custom cakes and mini desserts. I’ve spent the last eight years learning and perfecting my craft. And now I’m ready to go from home baker to bakery shop owner.”

And maybe baking champion. Good luck, Tamara!

**Links to Tamara’s Mwokaji Cakery:**

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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 |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------|
| Aguilar, Mauro             | Fleet Services           | DWP               | N/D   | Lowe, Troy                | Equipment Op.           | Public Works     | 35    |
| Algorri, Gregory           | Water Operations         | DWP               | N/D   | Macera, Eva Alicia        | Sr. Mgmt. Analyst       | LAPD             | 25    |
| Arevalo, Danny F.          | Refuse Coll. Truck Op.   | Public Works      | 30    | Madadi, Hengameh          | Customer Service        | DWP              | N/D   |
| Bartels, Claire Thompson   | Director of Finance      | Finance           | 32    | Maldonado, Larry          | Custodian               | General Services | 19    |
| Beaulieu, Kevin M.         | Bldg. Mechanic Insp.     | Bldg. & Safety    | 21    | Malieitulia, Niuvela Masa | Police Service Rep      | LAPD             | 30    |
| Boone, Bonnie L.           | Legal Secretary          | City Attorney     | 32    | Marton, Andrew            | Power Supply            | DWP              | N/D   |
| Brand, Rosie A.            | Recreation Assistant     | Rec and Parks     | 8     | Martyniuk, Peter Z.       | Painter                 | Public Works     | 10    |
| Carrillo, Maria G.         | Clerk Steno              | Bldg. & Safety    | 40    | Matsunaga, Scott H.       | Management Analyst      | Housing          | 30    |
| Case, Daniel               | Deck Hand                | Harbor            | 20    | Mendez, Rebecca           | Human Resources         | DWP              | N/D   |
| Castillo, Marilyn Usita    | Chemist                  | Public Works      | 26    | Molloy, Marilyn M.        | Sr. Admin. Clerk        | LAPD             | 5     |
| Chu, Glender Kuang Lin     | Management Analyst       | Housing           | 30    | Moore, Michelle           | Metering Services       | DWP              | N/D   |
| Cole, Robert Alan          | Sr. Building Inspector   | Bldg. & Safety    | 38    | Muchnick, Joanne Lynn     | Sr. Admin. Clerk        | LAPD             | 32    |
| Comins, Terryle M.         | Traffic Officer          | Transportation    | 9     | Mumford, Mike             | Water Engineering       | DWP              | N/D   |
| Coons, Lenn                | Water Operations         | DWP               | N/D   | Newton, Mary Alice        | Police Service Rep      | LAPD             | 33    |
| Cordova, Gilbert           | Energy Support           | DWP               | N/D   | Nguyen, Andrew            | Power Transmission      | DWP              | N/D   |
| Duncanson, John C.         | St. Services Invest.     | Public Works      | 32    | Norwood, Jeffery          | Power Supply            | DWP              | N/D   |
| Dunn, Bob Ray              | Sr. Bldg. Mech. Insp.    | Bldg. & Safety    | 20    | Ohara, Irene              | Water Distribution      | DWP              | N/D   |
| Escal, Mercedita Bartolome | Bindery Worker           | General Services  | 31    | Orland, Gregory P.        | Dep. City Attorney      | City Attorney    | 28    |
| Esguerra, Wilfredo De Leon | Instr. Mech. Super.      | Public Works      | 29    | Ott, Patricia L.          | Animal Care Tech. Supv. |                  | 25    |
| Fierro, Humberto           | Power New Business       | DWP               | N/D   | Patterson, Robert         | Wastewater Treat. Op.   | Public Works     | 35    |
| Garcia Jr., Fernando       | Security Services        | DWP               | N/D   | Pearce, John              | Env. Chem Lab           | DWP              | N/D   |
| Gaskins, Willie            | ITS                      | DWP               | N/D   | Perez, Arthur Lara        | Printing Press Officer  | General Services | 19    |
| Gay, Melanie Elise         | Sr. Admin. Clerk         | LAPD              | 21    | Perkins, Glendra Rene     | Management Analyst      | Airports         | 33    |
| Gomez, Juan P.             | Building Repairer        | Rec and Parks     | 21    | Porter, Hezorn            | Refuse Coll. Truck Op.  | Public Works     | 28    |
| Gonzales, Benjamin C.      | Refuse Coll. Truck Op.   | Public Works      | 30    | Ramirez, Rodolfo          | Supply Chain            | DWP              | N/D   |
| Goodwin, Mark              | Water Operations         | DWP               | N/D   | Ramos, Norma S.           | Sr. Admin. Clerk        | Public Works     | 19    |
| Gutierrez, Edward L.       | Motor Sweeper Op.        | Public Works      | 31    | Reinosa, Teresa           | Supply Chain            | DWP              | N/D   |
| Hanor, Danny Lee           | Roofer                   | General Services  | 20    | Rivo, Edmundo             | Power Planning          | DWP              | N/D   |
| Herrera, Nancy             | Management Analyst       | Econ./Wrkrc. Dev. | 35    | Rodriguez, Maria          | Customer Billing        | DWP              | N/D   |
| Hodges, Jack D.            | Recreation Assistant     | Rec and Parks     | 6     | Romero, Ricardo Mora      | Refuse Coll. Truck Op.  | Public Works     | 26    |
| Hsu, Shu Yuan Cindy        | Landscape Arch. Asst.    | Harbor            | 6     | Rothmann, Thomas          | Pr. City Planner        | Planning         | 26    |
| Ibanez, Roselyn Estepa     | Project Coordinator      | Housing           | 30    | Seaton, Steven            | Power Construction      | DWP              | N/D   |
| Jackson, Gloria            | Human Resources          | DWP               | N/D   | Stevens, Eugene           | Env. Chem Lab           | DWP              | N/D   |
| Johnson, Blake R.          | Sr. Gardener             | Rec and Parks     | 35    | Topacio, Emerita          | Power Planning          | DWP              | N/D   |
| Johnson, Larry M.          | Asst. Park Svcs. Attend. | Rec and Parks     | 3     | Uy, Marcelito Totto       | Sr. Detention Officer   | LAPD             | 30    |
| Jreije, Marie Ther F.      | Airport Guide            | Airports          | 1     | Velazquez, Gilberto       | Sr. Gardener            | Rec and Parks    | 17    |
| Kaufman, Kurt              | Power Construction       | DWP               | N/D   | Zabala, Silvanita B.      | Workers Comp Analyst    | Personnel        | 6     |
| Keller, Eric J.            | Civil Engineer           | Public Works      | 16    | Zavala, Maria G           | Special Programs Asst.  | Rec and Parks    | 4     |
| Legaspi, Victoria Fauni    | Accounting Clerk         | Public Works      | 21    | Zheng, Thao               | Accounting              | DWP              | N/D   |
| Loudd, Sharon L.           | Sr. Mgmt. Analyst        | Finance           | 29    |                           |                         |                  |       |

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## Weddings



**Sirelle Hammoudian** and **Brett Kendall**, Aug. 22 at a backyard family dinner. Sirelle is the daughter of **Nancy Hammoudian, Retired, Building and Safety** (far left), and **Vrej Hammoudian**, and the niece of retired LA City employees, **Catherine Hagopian, Retired, LACERS**, and **Timothy Stratton, Convention Center**. The family is looking forward to the real celebration with more family and friends at **Rec and Parks' Wattles Mansion and Gardens in Hollywood in the spring**.

## Graduations



**Devin Rodgers** graduated from Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn., with a Bachelor's degree in sports management and marketing. "He was highly honored at Hamline, and he accepted a position with Hershey's as an area sales representative." He's the son of **Earl D. Rodgers, Retired, DWP**, and **Zebbra Rodgers, 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.

| DEPARTMENT           | YEARS OF SERVICE | DEPARTMENT | YEARS OF SERVICE    |                     |     |
|----------------------|------------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----|
| <b>Active</b>        |                  |            |                     |                     |     |
| Brown, Antonio       | Rec and Parks    | 18         | Jeske, Karl         | DWP                 | 27  |
| Campbell, Stuart     | ITA              | 14         | Johnson, Bevan      | DWP                 | 37  |
| Keller, Marc         | LAPD             | 7          | Kantar, George      | N/D                 | N/D |
| Lopez, Adriana       | DWP              | 40         | Kirk, Honore        | N/D                 | N/D |
| Marquez, Vivian      | Public Works     | 36         | Koire, Michael      | N/D                 | N/D |
| Miramontez, Daniel   | Transportation   | 12         | Leedom, Randolph    | DWP                 | 18  |
| Ryan, Cynthia        | Bldg. & Safety   | 14         | Leitch, Robert      | Public Works        | 43  |
| Sandoke, Lahnaw      | DWP              | 19         | Li, Bang            | N/D                 | N/D |
| Taguchi, Eric        | Public Works     | 30         | Lobato, Gabriel     | Airports            | 11  |
| Torres, Pedro        | Airports         | 15         | Lowery, Julie       | Controller's Office | 33  |
| Vasquez, John        | Bldg. & Safety   | 33         | Mbanu, Paul         | DWP                 | 28  |
| <b>Retired</b>       |                  |            |                     |                     |     |
| Asher, Gerald        | Bldg. & Safety   | 20         | McKean, David       | N/D                 | N/D |
| Barber, Joe          | N/D              | N/D        | Moore, James        | DWP                 | 28  |
| Beckett, Paul        | N/D              | N/D        | Morris, Angela      | Personnel           | 11  |
| Bland, Lonnie        | DWP              | 19         | Murray, Kenneth     | Public Works        | 30  |
| Blank, Ernest        | DWP              | 41         | Nakamura, Mark      | DWP                 | 39  |
| Blankenship, Paul    | Public Works     | 25         | Nava, Jose          | N/D                 | N/D |
| Bowers, Edward       | N/D              | N/D        | Nebelsieck, Richard | DWP                 | 24  |
| Caipen, William      | DWP              | 23         | Nickerson, Theodore | N/D                 | N/D |
| Calderas, John       | Rec and Parks    | 26         | Patterson, Benjamin | Harbor              | 17  |
| Castillo, David      | DWP              | 25         | Pereyra, Andres     | Public Works        | 10  |
| Claessens, Richard   | N/D              | N/D        | Pleins, Donald      | N/D                 | N/D |
| Claude, George       | DWP              | 33         | Rackerby, Jordan    | Airports            | 34  |
| Cornacchio, Beatrice | Rec and Parks    | 9          | Robinson, Frederick | ITA                 | 27  |
| Dankers, Myrtle      | N/D              | N/D        | Robles, Laura       | LAPD                | 35  |
| Davis, Arnett        | N/D              | N/D        | Rose, Gary          | DWP                 | 30  |
| Davis, Grace         | N/D              | N/D        | Rowland, Lucille    | DWP                 | 30  |
| Deaton, Ron          | DWP              | 42         | Sacks Prine, Myrna  | N/D                 | N/D |
| Dedeaux, Louis       | Animal Services  | 34         | Saddler, Catherine  | DWP                 | 29  |
| Derlighter, Alan     | DWP              | 31         | Sanchez, Manuel     | Transportation      | 27  |
| Dobrovitz, Frank     | DWP              | 14         | Scruggs, E.P.       | DWP                 | 27  |
| Doskow, Norma        | N/D              | N/D        | Session, Willie     | N/D                 | N/D |
| Estanislao, Richard  | DWP              | 28         | Shigeta, Stanley    | N/D                 | N/D |
| Farrell, James       | DWP              | 30         | Signor, Frank       | N/D                 | N/D |
| Fuentes, Jose        | DWP              | 27         | Smith, David        | Zoo                 | 43  |
| Goodman, Henry       | N/D              | N/D        | Stockl, Erhad       | DWP                 | 30  |
| Gordon, Diane        | Library          | 21         | Tanaka, John        | DWP                 | 31  |
| Hageman, Homer       | N/D              | N/D        | Traylor, Manuel     | DWP                 | 33  |
| Hefler, Frank        | N/D              | N/D        | Washington, Johnnye | N/D                 | N/D |
| Hernandez, Ismael    | Public Works     | 30         | Williams, Melvin    | DWP                 | 31  |
| Jeffers, Richard     | DWP              | 16         | Wilson, Jack        | DWP                 | 44  |
| Jefferson, Raymond   | N/D              | N/D        | Wong, Frankie       | Public Works        | 31  |
|                      |                  |            | Woods, Kenneth      | DWP                 | 28  |
|                      |                  |            | Wyatt, Harold       | N/D                 | N/D |

N/D = not disclosed



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## RETIREE UPDATE

# LACERS Since 2003 By the Numbers

by Tom Moutes, RLACEI Director



Tom Moutes

Did you know that LACERS pays out more than \$1 billion in benefits every year? That's right – more than \$1 billion!

As a self-admitted retirement nerd, I enjoy looking at various measures of LACERS population and funding. Here are some of my observations for the time period of June 2003 – June 2019\*:

- The number of members receiving disability retirement benefits from LACERS stayed fairly constant at approximately 800 to 900 per year, and the number of surviving spouses and domestic partners receiving benefits grew some, from 3,162 to 3,981. However, the number of members receiving service retirements grew by more than 50 percent, from 9,797 in 2003 to 15,165 in 2019.
- In 2003, the total amount paid by LACERS for retirement allowances

was \$358 million. In 2019, that amount had grown to \$909 million.

- In 2003, LACERS paid a little less than \$51 million in retiree healthcare benefits. In 2019, that amount was just more than \$140 million.
- While the number of active (working) LACERS members in 2019 (26,632) was very close to the number of active members in 2003 (26,358), the number of active members peaked in 2008 (30,236) and hit a low during the 2003–19 period in 2015 (23,895).
- The total payroll for City employees covered by LACERS was \$1.34 billion in 2003. In 2019, it was \$2.11 billion, even though the number of employees had increased by only a net of 274 since 2003! This increase in City payroll factors into the amount of the City's annual contribution to LACERS.

- In 2003, the City contributed \$97.5 million to LACERS. In 2019, that amount was \$586.8 million – a 501 percent increase.
- In 2003, the active LACERS members contributed \$83.1 million to LACERS. In 2019, that amount was \$240.4 million – a 189 percent increase.

While I don't expect anyone to be as much of a retirement nerd as I am, I hope you have enjoyed these LACERS statistics.

Stay tuned for future articles regarding how these statistical changes have impacted LACERS and the City.

*\*The June 2003 – June 2019 timeframe is used for this article due to the availability of accumulated Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) summary information on the LACERS website. The June 2020 information will be available upon the release of LACERS CAFR in December. ■*

## LACERS BOARD UPDATE

# LACERS Sets Minimum 2021 Health Subsidies

by Michael R. Wilkinson



Michael R. Wilkinson

The LACERS Board has approved the new maximum health subsidies. The subsidy continues to cover all the two-party Kaiser premium for under 65 members and those 65 and over with Medicare Part B only.

The maximum premium subsidy for Tier 1 Discretionary and Vested Retired Members under age 65, or with Medicare Part B only, is \$1,760.80. This same amount applies to those in the Medical Premium Reimbursement Program under the same conditions.

Tier 1 Medicare retirees with both Medicare Parts A and B receive a maximum reimbursement of \$564.92 as well as Tier 3 retirees and members in the Medical Premium Reimbursement Program, with Medicare Parts A and B.

Tier 1 applies to all members hired before Feb. 21, 2016. Tier 3 applies to members hired after that date. Discretionary members are those members retired on or before June 30, 2011 and Vested are those members retired on or after July 2, 2011 and made additional contributions to LACERS for retiree health benefits. Capped members are those who retired on or after July 1, 2011 and did not make additional contributions and is set at the 2011 amounts. Very few members are in the capped group.

The maximum dental subsidy was set at \$44.60 for both Tier 1 and Tier 3 retirees.

The out-of-pocket cost for your LACERS health program is based on any excess of the premium cost for the plan you chose after deducting your subsidy amount. Since the total health plan premium increase was less than 1 percent, the net increase to members who pay out of pocket is quite modest. The average retiree for both Medicare and non-Medicare plans will pay a monthly increase of less than \$1 per month. ■

## Annual Membership/Holiday Meeting Postponed

The RLACEI annual general membership meeting and holiday party, which is generally held in December, has been postponed until Spring 2021 as we all continue to stay quarantined and limit our activities during the coronavirus pandemic. The installation of Board Directors will take place at that time.



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**RETIREES ON THE MOVE**

**Meet Russ Ewald**

By Beverly Clark, RLACEI Publicity Chair

Russell Ewald worked for the City for 11 years and retired in 2010. During his tenure, he worked at Airports, LAPD and Rec and Parks.

In retirement, Russ enjoys tennis, watching sports and exercising to stay fit and healthy. During the first half of his retirement, he spent most of his time caring for his ailing parents. His mother suffered from dementia and his father had macular degeneration.

Russ has enjoyed traveling with his fiancé. His travels have taken him to the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Japan.

Russ enjoys his family and spends a lot of time with his sister and two nephews.

His retirement has given him a great opportunity to participate in the LACERS Well program. He has attended many wellness presentations; a Purpose workshop; walks and hikes; technology seminars; and outings to Descanso Gardens, the Arboretum, and the Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens.

Russ is a “champion” (volunteer) with LACERS Well. He has organized a movie club; helped decorate a Rose Parade float; and joined a phone bank to call retirees age 80 and above to check on their safety and health during the pandemic and to inform them of free senior services available to them.

Russ is an active member of the YMCA. He enjoys the Jacuzzi there and loves to go swimming and play ping-pong. He also enjoys stretching and utilizing the weight machines.

Russ’ words of wisdom are: “Don’t trust caregivers. I had three to help care for my mother, and two of them stole from the house and the third ‘borrowed’ money that was never returned. Probably better to hire from an agency to get more trustworthy help.”

**INTERVIEW:**

**What was the smartest thing you did to prepare for retirement?**

“I took the early retirement incentive and was able to get more money for my service time. I am glad I didn’t wait any longer because I had the opportunity to be there for my parents.”

**What do you miss or don’t miss about your years of service to the City?**

“I miss the camaraderie with fellow

employees. Some in authority I don’t miss so much.”

**As you reflect on your City career, would you have done anything differently?**

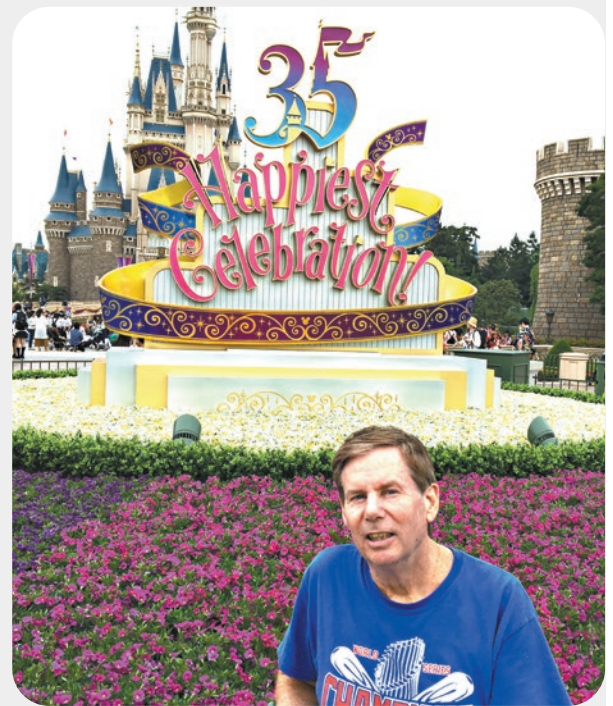
“My suggestion is to put the welfare of your family and any pets ahead of anything else. I trusted someone with my dad’s dog that became mine and he was killed. I will never live that down. A Lhasa apso mix with Chihuahua, he always wanted to protect and be with me.

With the shelter-in-place order in effect, I was not able to go to the tennis courts, but now that the tennis courts are open again, I am playing tennis a few times a week. With no live sports on, I subscribed to Netflix and as a new subscriber I had a lot of movies and series, such as Narcos, to catch up on. As mentioned, I do volunteer work for LACERS Well. And, of course, there are always regular chores to do. I read books and read the daily newspaper and surf lots of Internet sites based on my interests. I miss going to the YMCA for stretching and using the Jacuzzi. I have now begun walking around the neighborhood and sometimes hiking just before sunset.

I am not involved with any group meetings. However, I do stay in contact with my sister and friends by texting and emails.

**What do you miss most during this time?**

“I miss everything a little, but probably going to the YMCA the most.”



Disneyland in Tokyo

**Any words of wisdom as a retiree?**

As caregiver for my parents, I took them out of the house and kept them active, recorded TV programs they enjoyed and took them to their grandchildren’s baseball games and much more. I found funding for them, such as caregiving money and free checkups and chiropractic therapy from the U.S. Veterans Affairs (my dad qualified as war vet) and home repair through the City of Los Angeles Housing Dept. I took my mother to a geriatric doctor at USC who prescribed a hospital bed for her and periodic physical therapist and nurse visits. I was always researching on the Internet or going to presentations to find ways to help them with their afflictions.

I would advocate that anybody who has the opportunity to care for their parents to take charge. My parents were wonderful to me, so you could say it was payback for me. My mission in caring for them was to not to have them exist but do what interested them, unlike assisted living where activities are generic and not customized to each person’s passions. ■



Rose Bowl Game – New Year’s Day

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**A Note on COVID-19**

**To Our RLACEI Retirees:**

The Board hopes that members are continuing to be cautious and stay safe as we enter into our sixth month of social distancing.

Times are difficult and challenges are great. We encourage you to find ways to stay emotionally and physically healthy. Find ways to laugh.

During these times, it is easy to allow depression and anxiety to settle in. Find alternatives to boost your mental health and relieve some of the pressures. Start a journal to record your activities, thoughts and challenges.

Discover something new to do and enjoy the things you never had time to do while working!

*“Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less.”*

— Marie Curie

**Wear a mask.**

**Be considerate of others.**

**Stay safe, stay well and stay healthy.**

A Douglas Aircraft DC-6B, flying the colors of United Airlines. Ethel was a stewardess on this model aircraft.



**Alive! Feature**

**AIRPORTS**



# Flying Away

Photos by Summy Lam, Club Director of Marketing; courtesy Ethel Pattison; and as noted

## After an astounding 64 years of City service, Ethel Pattison is retiring. Here's a look back at her amazing career.

Most Club Members haven't been, well, alive for 64 years. But that's how long Ethel Pattison, Airport Information Specialist, has been working for the City of Los Angeles.

After she quit her job as a stewardess for United Airlines – they didn't allow stewardesses to be married, and she was ready to be just that – Ethel began her career at Airports in January 1956. Her task: to lead tours of the old LAX east of Sepulveda Boulevard to convince school children and adults that LA really needed to expand to empty fields on the west side of Sepulveda nearly to the ocean. The jet age was coming fast – the game-changing Boeing 707 was just about ready for commercial service, and the future was taking off quickly.

LA voters had rejected bond measures twice to expand the airport. Leaders needed a third bond measure to pass. Among their strategies was to hire airport guides to tell the story one on one. Ethel was one of those guides. Some say she was the first such guide, although she's not sure and

there's no documentation that *Alive!* could unearth.

Of course she was successful – that third bond issue passed at an 8-to-1 ratio. Her LAX career could have ended there, but in fact it was beginning.

Since then she's seen an incredible amount of change, from propellers to people movers; met presidents, rock stars and actors; help set up the nonprofit Flight Path Museum and Learning Center; and much more.

In this feature, read all about Ethel, now 94, as she represents living history. Thanks, Ethel, for all you've done for LAX! Congratulations on retiring from your unparalleled City career, and we'll see you again soon at the Flight Path Museum.

*The Club thanks Tim Ihle, Director of Human Resources, Airports, Club Member, who told us about Ethel's imminent retirement and helped set up this story; and to Le Valley Pattison, Ethel's daughter, who provided assistance. ■*

BELOW: Ethel Pattison is next to a mannequin wearing the winter uniform Ethel wore during her service as stewardess for United Airlines, circa 1952. The uniform is on display at the Flight Path Museum and Learning Center.



## Eyewitness to Progress

**The *Alive!* Interview**

On Aug. 28, Club CEO John Hawkins and *Alive!* editor John Burnes interviewed Ethel Pattison, 94, Airport Information Specialist, Airports, who was scheduled to retire in late September after 64 years of continuous part-time service with the City. Ethel is also considered an LAX historian. She was interviewed with social distancing at the Flight Path Museum and Learning Center (otherwise closed to the public) at LAX, her workplace.

**Ethel, thank you so much for agreeing to talk to us today. You've been in quarantine at home since March, but agreed to come back here to the Flight Path to be interviewed.**

**Ethel:** Glad to do it! Yes, the Flight Path has been closed due to the emergency, and we're using this time to upgrade it. I'm an Airport

Information Specialist and historian with Airports, and a board member and one of the founders of the Flight Path Museum.

**Got it. Had you been collecting a lot of things before they created a museum?**

Ethel: I gathered a lot under my desk in the old control tower administration building, and then it sort of led to this building, which was vacant. The department said, "Why don't we make it a museum?"

**What's your favorite thing that you collected? Your uniform from when you flew for United?**

Ethel: Well, I certainly cherish that.

**That must have been a really exciting time in your life.**

Ethel: Well, it was short, though.

**Right. We'll get to that in a minute. So, 64 years of service! And you're 94 – is that okay to tell people that?**

Ethel: Yes. I never would believe I'd ever be that.

**You're finally going to retire in September, a few weeks from now.**

Ethel: Well, that doesn't mean I'll be gone. I'll be here at the Flight Path Museum a lot as a volunteer.

**After 64 years, why have you decided to retire?**

Ethel: I don't know. I'm saving them some money, even though

I'm not very expensive!

I'm not trying to break any records. I don't know if there are any records.

**Well, we've been doing this newspaper, and now Website, for 18 years. We've met no one who has anywhere near 64 years of service. That is incredible.**

Ethel: I was hired part-time to give tours to all kinds of groups, including adults to pass the bond issue in 1956.

**Yes, that's important. We'll talk about that in a minute.**

Ethel: Sure.



Interviewing Ethel Pattison at the Flight Path Museum and Learning Center are (from left) Club CEO John Hawkins and *Alive!* editor John Burnes.

– Interview continues page 12

Ethel (second from left) and some of the original Airport Guides from the mid- to late-1950s, circa the 1980s.



‘It’s important to record things and have them available because they’re going to be important down the road.’

— Ethel Pattison, about the Flight Path Museum and Learning Center



### ABOUT Ethel Pattison

Ethel L. Pattison is an Airport Information Specialist for Airports and is set to retire Sept. 26, 2020.

She is a 64-year veteran of the department, working in the public and community relations divisions. She began her City career in January 1956.

Ethel served for many years as Chief Airport Guide in charge of LAX tours and special events. She was involved in directing student tours, preparing informational materials, responding to media inquiries and assisting the media and public during airport emergencies. Her duties also included assisting civic, business and airport officials in overseas promotions of Los Angeles as a trade and tourism destination.

Ethel currently is Historian and Vice President of the nonprofit Flight Path Learning Center and Museum, which was established in 2003 in the LAX Imperial Terminal to preserve Southern California’s aviation heritage and encourage youths to pursue aviation and aerospace education and careers. She directs cataloging and research in the museum’s archives, including historical documents, photographs, uniforms and other memorabilia, dating from 1928 to the present. She also oversees Flight Path’s William A. Schoneberger Research Library.

She is co-author of a historical reference book, *Los Angeles International Airport*, part of the *Images of Aviation* series from Arcadia Publishing Co.

In recognition of Ethel’s significant contributions to LAX and aviation, the Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners named the rose garden adjacent to the airport’s Clifton A. Moore Administration Building in her honor. She was awarded the prestigious Los Angeles City Career Service Award in 1991.

Ethel grew up in Hollywood and graduated from John Marshall High School. She holds a Bachelor of science degree from USC, majoring in advertising and minoring in cinema. Following graduation she was advertising manager for *Hollywood Hosiery* and then a flight attendant for United Airlines.

A resident of Manhattan Beach, Ethel was married for 53 years to the late Dr. Sydney Pattison, a South Bay dentist. They have a daughter, LeValley, who teaches at El Camino College, and a grandson, Logan.

Ethel is past national president of the United Airlines Clipped Wings, an organization of former stewardesses and flight attendants, and was honored with distinguished service awards from the national organization and its Los Angeles chapter. She has been active with the International Special Olympics, the South Bay Vocational Center for the physically challenged, and USC alumni activities. She was awarded a Youth Service Award by the Manhattan Beach Parks and Recreation Dept. ■



Ethel Pattison as a United Airlines stewardess out of Seattle, 1954.

# AIRPORTS

# Flying Away

Club CEO John Hawkins and Ethel Pattison flanking a mannequin wearing Ethel's uniform while she was working as a stewardess for United Airlines, 1952.



Alive! Interview – continued from page 10

## Taking Flight

**Let's go back. Before your City career, you were a flight attendant for United. Do you prefer the term flight attendant or stewardess?**

Ethel: We used "stewardess" at the time. I'm fine with that. TWA used the word "hostess," and others used the words "flight attendant." Now, since men are involved – which they were then for Pan Am as couriers at the time, they use flight attendant. But that's not really the way it was conceived, which was for women. We liked "stewardess."

**You're from Los Angeles?**

Ethel: From Los Angeles. I grew up near Griffith Park, went to John Marshall High School, and then went to USC to get my degree during World War II.

**What did you do after you graduated?**

Ethel: I worked for a hosiery company in advertising. The Hollyvogue Hosiery Co., at 37th and Broadway, for a year or so.

**Were you ever supposed to go into medical like your dad?**

Ethel: No. And my brother didn't, either. He became a civil engineer.

**How did you come to work for United?**

Ethel: I had a sorority sister at USC who worked for United. She'd come to the sorority house on Monday night when all the former sorority members would come and see friends. She'd come in her uniform and somehow I got the bug. I applied, and then I was sent to Seattle to be based out of there. She got to stay in LA, and I was way up there where it rained all the time. But I met some great friends.

**Sure. Did you fly back here very often?**

Ethel: Every so often. The planes used pistons – propellers – so you couldn't go nearly as far as a jet. I went to Denver and San Francisco, and sometimes as far as Chicago.

**What airplanes did you fly?**

Ethel: DC-4s and DC-6s, 6Bs, not 7s – I didn't work there that long.

I started on a DC-4 that has round windows and propellers. A DC-3 went shorter routes because it didn't handle so many people and flew at 180 miles an hour. DC-4s flew at 230. I didn't work on any jets.

**How long did you fly?**

Ethel: I flew for only about 15 months. I met my husband in Cheyenne, where United trained us. I met him in church of all places, the First Presbyterian Church of Cheyenne.

**Did he work for United?**

Ethel: No. He became a dentist out of the University of Nebraska.

**When you trained in Cheyenne, was that the first time you left California?**

Ethel: I'd say so.

**Why did you leave United?**

Ethel: Because we were going to get married, and you couldn't be married and be a stewardess. That was the rule.

**Wow. Did you just accept that?**

Ethel: Well, that's the way it was, yes. We accepted that.

**You told me earlier there were some stewardesses who set up ways to get around that rule.**

Ethel: That's correct. Some were married but had two telephone lines. If you called them for a flight, she'd have them call the line that was only hers. It's mind-boggling today – everyone has their phone. You can't imagine it, but that's what some stewardesses had to do.

So I left because I was going to get married.

**You moved back home, to Los Angeles.**

Ethel: Yes. It was okay with him, and I wasn't going to live in Nebraska. I'm not used to the weather. It's a shock!

## Landing at LAX

**Let's set the place. When you began at LAX in 1956, what was the airport like? We all have a sense of this big airport here, but tell us where it was and what it was.**

Ethel: It was on Century Boulevard, east of Sepulveda. Nothing was here [west of Sepulveda] except an old terminal. This is on Imperial and the airport, as everyone knows it today, is located west of Sepulveda and north of Century.

**Did the City own this land when you started here?**

Ethel: Yes.

**It was obvious that they had to expand the airport onto this new land.**

Ethel: Yes. Very much. We built the new passenger terminals in 1961, dedicated by Lyndon Johnson, Vice President at the time.

**In 1956, you were hired as an Information Guide.**

Ethel: Well, a tour guide. We gave tours. The intent was to pass the bond issue in 1956 to build the new terminals as you know them today, west of Sepulveda. They wanted to expand what was already in place on the east side of Sepulveda on Century.

**The City saw that it was going to need more space, and the jet age was coming. Both of those things were coming together, and the City decided it needed to expand.**

Ethel: Good job, yes!

**The City had floated a couple of bond issues to finance the expansion, but both of them failed.**

Ethel: Right. They did not pass, so they wanted a different strategy get the third one passed. It was a bond issue for \$59 million, and it passed eight to one.

**What made the difference?**

Ethel: Well, teaching the public. We did a lot of tours for school children, where we talked about expansion. They would go home and tell their parents what we needed and why. The education of voting public is what changed.

**Were you the first airport guide hired in the City?**

Ethel: I don't remember. There were eight of us. Two or three retired after 40 years. They were

## History of LAX

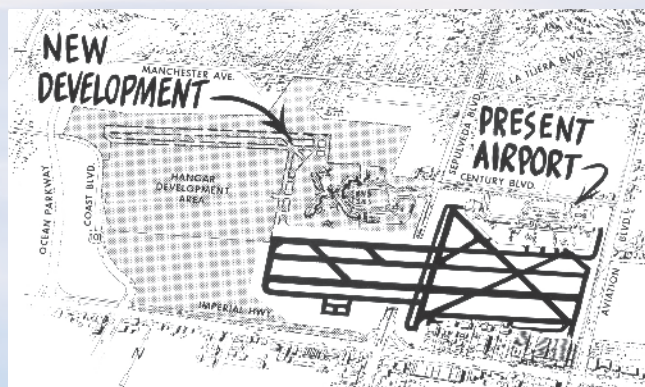


1984 Olympics. An international terminal extension, terminal expansions and a comprehensive people mover and rail connection are now under construction.

Before the COVID pandemic froze most commercial aviation activity, LAX was the second busiest airport in the United States and the third busiest in the world behind Atlanta and Beijing. ■



Construction was well under way for the Jet Age LAX west of Sepulveda. The Theme Building and Terminals 4, 5, 6 and 7 are visible under construction. Airports photo via the AirportHistory.org Collection.



A graphic used by LAX Tour Guides like Ethel Pattison to help explain what a bond measure would pay for – the expansion of LAX from east of Sepulveda to the fields on the west side. The Sepulveda Boulevard tunnels are shown in the drawing; they were completed in 1953. Graphic courtesy Airports.



LAX in 1950, a few years before Ethel began working there (1956), looking north. Sepulveda Boulevard runs up and down on the left side, and Century Boulevard runs left and right in the upper area. Today's LAX would be built for the jet age in 1961 on the fields to the left of Sepulveda. The twin tunnels carrying Sepulveda under the southern LAX runway extensions were completed after this photo, in 1953. Photo from the California Historical Society Collection at the University of Southern California, digitally reproduced by the USC Digital Library.



The new LAX (top right) is open and accepting passengers, circa 1961-62. The previous LAX terminals across Sepulveda (lower right) still appear to be in very limited use before being closed permanently and demolished. Airports photo via the AirportHistory.org Collection.

# AIRPORTS

# Flying Away

*Alive! Interview – continued from page 12*

great because you didn't have to train them, and they knew how to handle people and did many other jobs for public relations, which, as you might imagine, are very important.

**Is there anything left of the old airport on Century other than the historical Hangar 1 that was here when you started?**

Ethel: A few little cargo buildings here and there, but nothing dominant.

**Do you remember where your first office was?**

Ethel: Yes. It's a cargo building on 5800 W. Century Blvd. It was a two-level building, and there was a coffee shop over there. It was next to a post office.

**It's hard for people to understand how much things have changed. The City was really growing fast at that time.**

Ethel: Yes. Like I tell my daughter, it's important to record things and have them available because they're going to be important down the road. People just take things for granted now.

**Do you remember what your salary was in 1956?**

Ethel: Not very much. I worked part-time. [*\$1.50 an hour. – Ed.*] I thought I made quite a bit of money!

**How many tours did you take a day?**

Ethel: Three. Second-graders and up, or adults, service clubs ... it just depended.



Peggy G. Hereford, Public Relations Director, and Ethel Pattison



Ethel Pattison and Air Force One, circa the 1990s.

**Did you enjoy what you were doing?**

Ethel: Oh, yes. We had about eight girls who were all former flight attendants, hostesses and stewardesses. We provided a uniform look and wear a uniform for a couple of years so that we could find each other in the terminal buildings moving from the old Century terminal to the new terminal in 1961.

**And now, you're moving into yet another new era, with the terminal connectors, the Tom Bradley west extension, the people mover and the remote facilities. The growth you've seen is unbelievable.**

Ethel: On the same footprint. I think it's remarkable that we managed to change that footprint to add more passengers and ways to drop off, pick up, and just get here.

**What was it like to work here at LAX before there were jets?**

Ethel: That was pretty much a long time ago now.

**Yeah. Was it just a little slower or noisier?**

Ethel: Noisier, probably, but it can be pretty noisy.

## History, and Famous People

**You're a historian. You tell the story of the airport. What do you want people to know about the airport?**

Ethel: Most people can't imagine it started as a little dirt strip way out of town. There were 57 such runways around the City that were considered for development because the City leaders said, "Well, we've got to have an airport somewhere." There was Burbank, Glendale Airport at the time. They had to make something that would have enough room to expand. Landings and takeoffs generally come into the wind or over the ocean and over the City coming west. The jets really became noisy, although the props were noisy too, but that wasn't a big issue then.

**When you started, could they fly non-stops to New York City?**

Ethel: No. They had to stop somewhere. Denver, generally speaking.

**Could the City have grown as fast as it did without an airport growing too? How important was the airport to the growth of LA?**

Ethel: It took the place of the train, more or less. The train was the provider before that. There was just a huge demand for faster travel.

**Talk about meeting some famous people here.**

Ethel: Well, there was Khrushchev.

**The Soviet Premier, Nikita Khrushchev. He came in 1959. I think that was the first time a Soviet Premier had set foot in the U.S.**

Ethel: So they set up a big stage for him to wave when he got off the plane. It was a press-only event. They introduced him, and I started clapping. I didn't realize the press never claps! I was the only one clapping. I was embarrassed.

**I know you got to meet the Beatles.**

Ethel: Right. One of our girls in the public relations office, Angie Macias, had met them in Amsterdam [*possibly Copenhagen – Ed.*] when they were on tour. She said, "What's the commotion at this hotel?" "Well, The Beatles are here." But they weren't famous yet, there or here.

**Right. So she knew about them.**

Ethel: Angie was the pretty young, attractive vacation girl type, and they actually just went up to the top floor in an atrium area. They were sitting there. She told them that we at LAX were preparing for their visit. "We're in public relations and we know you're coming." Well, she became the go-between between LAX and their cranky manager, Brian Epstein. They stayed in a private residence in Bel Air, and then they had a whole private house the next time they came.

One night, we were getting ready for them, and I'm driving in a Metro bus down Imperial, acting as a decoy. "Well, this is a heck of a job," I told myself. "I'm riding all by myself on this bus and we are a decoy."

**Did it work?**

Ethel: I guess it worked. I don't know. It took all of those things maneuvers because teenage girls knew exactly where they were at all times.



Meeting the Beatles at LAX was one of the memorable experiences for Ethel Pattison. Photo by Ethel Pattison

**That was a fun time.**

Ethel: Yes. It was.

**You met them. You're a photographer, and you took pictures of them.**

Ethel: I did.

**Any other celebrities?**

Ethel: Well, Liz Taylor and Richard Burton. I said to someone, "Aren't they pretty good?" "Oh, not like The Beatles," someone said. But I took my own pictures and they're pretty good, of them on a propeller and on the stairs for the boarding. But that was not newsworthy like the Beatles.

**You're a very good photographer. You took well-known pictures of the Beatles, Liz and Dick, and Richard Nixon. You've met a lot of presidents.**

Ethel: Yes.

**How did you handle celebrities, to keep them out of terminals?**

Ethel: We would do the best we could and escort their vehicle to the airplane in those days. Most of them would get off and come down the stairs. You could just exit the plane door and go down the stairs and meet your vehicle on the ramp. We would do that rather than go through the terminal

If you get involved in public relations, you get involved in everything and then that's fun. Certainly you never know what's going to be next and who might walk in. It's still that way.

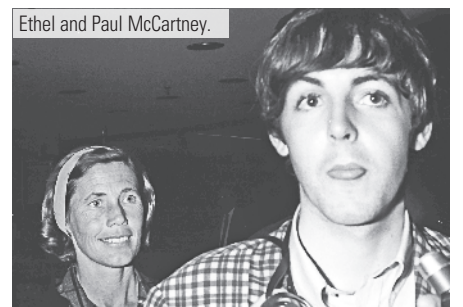
**Who was your favorite mayor?**

Ethel: Tom Bradley was the mayor a long time and was involved in the opening of the terminals in '61. He was around a lot and friendly. Back in the day he could walk in and out easily. He was good for us and good for the airports. And his wife's name was Ethel!

**Who were some of your favorite people to work with?**

Ethel: Too many to remember, but a few come to mind. The key one for the airport was Peggy Hereford, the airport Public Relations Manager from the 1950s to the '70s. The Airport Managers at the time, Francis T. Fox and Cliff Moore, often called her up to the top floor of the tower to ask her how the press would react to a decision or policy they were discussing. It was amazing the respect that she earned and the esteem that she held. She was so influential to me.

We had some talented PR managers who followed Peggy Hereford: Virginia Black, who went to USC and was a sorority sister of mine; and Lee Nichols was a fantastic PR director. They hired Nancy Niles as the Community Relations Director, and she was pretty fantastic, too. All of them could handle the community and their job. You had to know how to write. We didn't have spellcheck, and some of us were terrible.



Ethel and Paul McCartney.



Ringo Starr with Angie Macias Fitzpatrick.



Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton. Photo by Ethel Pattison.

**Speaking of celebrities – the Concorde might have been the most famous plane to fly into LAX. It flew here on a sales mission, before it ever started commercial service. Do you remember the first time you saw it?**

Ethel: Yes, it was little.

**You weren't too impressed!**

Ethel: Not really. We went inside, and it was little. It held, what, 70 people? That's all. Not very many people!

It was a big day, though, and certainly it was sad that it never made it commercially out here, but then time goes on.

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# Read All About It: It's Halloween!

Can't believe it's already October?  
Get into Halloween with these LAPL recommendations.

One of the much-talked-about effects of the coronavirus pandemic and staying safer at home is not being sure what day it is, or even what month it is. In the spirit of Halloween, *Alive!* reached out to Librarians at our favorite Library, Los Angeles Public Library, for suggestions to get Club readers into the spirit of the first event of the holiday season. Thanks to

the Librarians for their suggestions. Enjoy these spooky stories, everyone! (Some are available via digital download; some are physical books available for curbside pick-up. Search at [lapl.org](http://lapl.org))

This is an abbreviated version. For the complete list of Library recommendations, see this story at [alive.employeesclub.com](http://alive.employeesclub.com)

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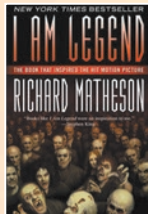
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### Heart-Shaped Box, Joe Hill



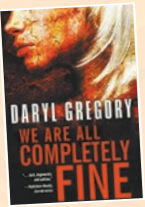
Judas Coyne is a rock star getting on in years who has an interest in the morbid and macabre. When he hears about a genuine ghost for sale, he pays what he needs to add it to his collection. Enclosed in the heart shaped box that arrives appears to be nothing more than an old suit. It quickly becomes clear that the suit, and its previous owner, have it out for Judas, and until he can figure out who this spirit is and why he has become its target, he and those around him are in grave danger.

### I Am Legend, Richard Matheson



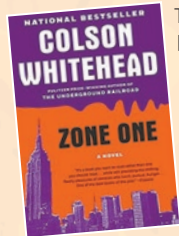
In this quintessential vampire tale, Robert Neville is the last man on earth. Immune to the disease that turned everyone he knew and loved into a monster, Robert is left fighting the undead creatures that rose from their bodies. He spends his days searching for supplies and researching what happened to the rest of the world. Just as he believes he is making headway in his understanding of the infected, he finds the impossible: another survivor.

### We Are All Completely Fine, Daryl Gregory



This novella may be short in form, but it is rich in content. Harrison Harrison (yes, really) was skeptical of the support group suggested by psychotherapist Dr. Jan Sayer. After surviving an attack by a monster as a child and then searching out others as a private detective, Harrison wants to move away from the weird and terrifying. But Dr. Jan believes in the power of community, and she has started a support group for survivors of the most terrifying and traumatizing of events. Revisiting cannibal attacks, serial killers, arson and whatever happened to Martin may be more damaging than Dr. Jan could ever know.

### Zone One, Colson Whitehead



The Zombie uprising happened, and what's left of humanity must try to retake and rebuild what was conquered. Mark Spitz works as a member of a civilian cleanup crew that ferrets out those zombies left in lower Manhattan. It is both stressful and boring, and Mark has a lot of time to think about the future of humanity. But is it going as well as reported by higher-ups?

### World War Z, Max Brooks



Zombies were real and we fought them off. But humanity paid a dear price. Max Brooks' series of interviews looks into the worldwide fight against the hordes, how it all began, and how we managed to survive.

### Bird Box, Josh Malerman



What if you could never open your eyes again? This is Malorie's world. At first, the reports of extremely violent and fatal attacks across the globe were disconcerting but not immediately threatening. But as the attacks became more frequent and got closer to home, the rumors of a visually transferred madness went from fantasy to an all-too-real reality. Blindfolded and unsure how much longer she can survive holed up in a boarded up house, Malorie must venture out of safety to find others who might still be alive.

### Hex, Olde Heuvelt

Black Spring in the Hudson Valley, NY is an ideal place to live, with quaint, tree-lined streets, friendly neighbors and a strong sense of community. It's a dream come true, if not for one thing: Those who live there can never leave. Cursed for centuries by the Black Rock Witch, the town does its best to keep her calm and keep her a secret. But technology and bored teenagers are a bad mix. Revealing her to the world will bring down consequences no one is prepared to pay.

## For Young Readers:

Compiled by Librarians Brooke Sheets, Mara Alpert, Laura Duncan, Sara Rebman, Shanna Kim and Linda Israelson.

### Not Very Scary (xz), Carol Brendler

Carol Brendler; illustrated by Greg Pizzoli

A (mostly) brave monster with a great vocabulary counts the increasing number of slightly scary creatures she meets on her way to visit her cousin on Halloween.

### Los Gatos Black on Halloween, Marissa Montes

Marissa Montes; illustrated by Yuyi Morales



This beautifully illustrated picture book incorporates Spanish words into rhyming text. Witches, skeletons and more are having a ball until human trick-or-treaters arrive!

### Boo! Haiku, Deanna Caswell

Deanna Caswell; illustrated by Bob Shea



Explore haikus and Halloween fun as readers read poems filled with clues and guess which Halloween objects and creatures they describe.

### The Hallo-wiener, Dav Pilkey

Written and illustrated by Dav Pilkey



Oscar, a young dachshund, faces some challenges on his favorite holiday, but emerges victorious as he thwarts a couple of pranksters and becomes a hero!

### Zombie in Love, Kelly DiPucchio

Kelly DiPucchio; illustrated by Dave Campbell

Mortimer is a zombie looking for a date for the Cupid's Ball, but he can't catch a break. He gives the waitress at a diner a shiny diamond ring ... with a finger still attached to it. He tries looking for a sweetheart at the gym, but his arm keeps falling off. Will he ever find his true love?

## Older Children:

### Mercy Watson: Princess in Disguise, Kate DiCamillo

Kate DiCamillo; illustrated by Chris Van Dusen



If there are treats involved, this pig is willing to put on a fluffy princess dress and parade around on Halloween. Of course, things don't turn out quite as planned.

### Lola Levine and the Halloween Scream, Monica Brown

Monica Brown; illustrated by Angela Dominguez



Lola Levine loves Halloween, but her friends don't appreciate it when she tries out a scary joke on them.

### Ghoulia: Making New Friends Can Be Scary, Barbara Cantini

Barbara Cantini; illustrated by Barbara Robinson



A young zombie has trouble making friends, until she realizes that Halloween is the perfect chance for her to blend in.

### Burp or Treat...Smell My Feet!, Nancy E. Krulik

Nancy E. Krulik; illustrated by Barbara Robinson

Part of the "George Brown, Class Clown" series in which George finds himself at the mercy of a phantom prankster. Can he solve the mystery of who it is and save the holiday from becoming a disaster?



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# Rosa Retires

Rosa Soto, PSR III, retires after 32 years of City service.



At Rosa's retirement party.

On Sept. 3, LAPD/Communications celebrated the end of watch roll call for Rosa Soto, PSR III. Rosa served the City for more than 32 years.

"Her work ethic, patience and professionalism are some of the many qualities she was esteemed for as a peer leader," the department said in a Tweet. "Thank you."

Congratulations on your career, Rosa, and enjoy your retirement. ■

The seal masks are available in black or white. (State of California seal masks are also available.)



## THE CLUB

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The Club's City seal masks are big hit – they are now approved for bulk buying by City departments (as well as individuals as before, of course. The masks are not medical grade.)

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These masks are soft, comfortable, breathable, durable, washable and adjustable. They're available in white or black, and the seal is heat-pressed onto the mask right at the Club Store. The completed masks are then shipped directly to customers. (The walk-in Club Store remains closed at press time, so be safe and order online!)

The price can't be beat for this Club-exclusive product: \$7 for Club Members; \$14 for non-members.

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Club Store Customer Service Rep DeAngelo Thompson displays a hand-made City seal mask.

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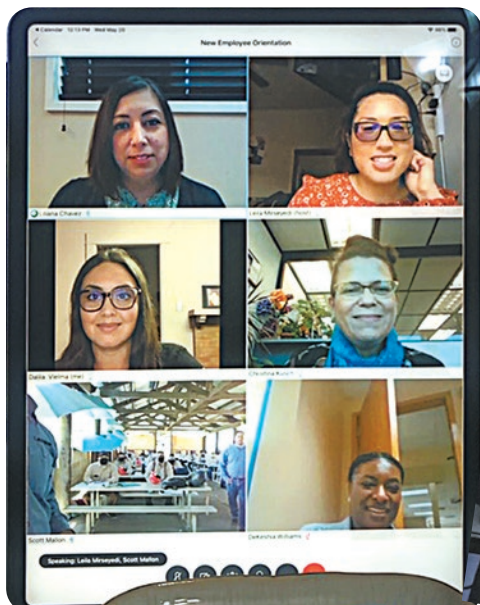
The Club is in full operation (except for the walk-in Club Store, for now) and working hard to bring exclusive Club benefits to City and DWP employees.

Over the last few months, we've been meeting with hundreds of you. How? Through City online presentations!

Throughout the summer, Counselor Dalila Vielma participated in presentations about Club benefits by participating in departmental online meetings. She has an informative narrated slide presentation to show, and she can prepare Club materials and drop them off in advance.

The Club can join meetings in the following platforms: Webex, Zoom, GoToMeeting, Rooms, Teams, Spaces, Slack and others. You name the platform, and we'll meet you there! ■

Bring great Club benefits to your next meeting! Invite us to your next Webex presentation. To book: [info@employeesclub.com](mailto:info@employeesclub.com)



Club Counselor Dalila Vielma is ready with great Club information for your next online meeting. **Invite her to join!**

Last month, Club Counselor Dalila Vielma (middle row left) presented the Club story and benefits to DWP new employees using the Webex teleconference app.



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REC AND PARKS

# Danny Salazar Passes From COVID

**Park Director loses his battle with coronavirus.**

On Sept. 15, Danny Salazar, Park Director, passed away due to complications from the coronavirus. He was 46 and had more than 27 years of City service. He is the fourth known City employee to have died from COVID-19.

**AP Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, Rec and Parks, sent the following email to all of RAP staff:**

“Danny Salazar began his career 27 years ago with the Los Angeles Dept. of Recreation and Parks in 1993, where he was hired as a Recreation Aide at Humphrey RC. He went on to Cal State Northridge to get a BS degree in Recreation. His first full-time assignment was at Reseda RC, November 2005. Later he transferred to Lanark RC as a CLASS Parks Coordinator. Mr. Salazar became a Facility Director at Van Nuys RC in November of 2018. He worked at various facilities throughout his career, some include: Sun Valley, Reseda, Lanark, Humphrey, Stonehurst, Van Nuys. He served on the SFVCOG (San Fernando Coalition on Gangs) Salute to Recreation Committee and as a Recreation

Coordinator for CLASS PARKS.

“While a CLASS coordinator at Lanark RC in 2006, Daniel worked tirelessly as he was able to register over 250 teens to the program. The impact he made on the Canoga Park community is felt to this day as many of the same kids are now RAP employees. When the Universal Play program was introduced, Daniel was sent to Van Nuys RC and given the responsibility to resurrect a program that was nonexistent. Danny as usual exceeded all expectations and created a soccer and volleyball program that served over 300 kids.

“Danny was a person who loved life, had a great sense of humor and was proud to be part of the RAP family.

Danny met his then colleague, Iliana, while they both worked at CLASS Parks. Their first date was to Dodger Stadium and they were inseparable thereafter.

“Recreation was very important to Danny. Growing up in Pacoima, sports were not always offered at parks so he felt that if kids joined sports they wouldn’t join gangs. Danny was known for his ability to build programs, had solid community relations skills and loved Teen programs. He had a positive attitude and was a genuine team player.

REC AND PARKS

## Park Director Danny Salazar



“Unfortunately, Danny tested positive for COVID-19 on April 25, 2020. He passed away at 9:38 pm on Sept. 15, 2020, at the age of 48. He fought for six long months. He leaves his three boys, Danny, Liam and Nico, along with his loving wife, Iliana, and extended family and friends. His passing is a tremendous loss to our department and our City.”



*The Club sends its condolences to Danny’s home and work family.*

*May he rest in peace.*

*Alive! thanks the following from Rec and Parks for their assistance in producing this article: Sophia Pina-Cortez, Assistant General Manager; Jimmy Kim; Sonya Young-Jimenez; Michelle Gross; Chinyere Stoneham; Juan Aynat; Mireya Coronado; Ramon Cerrillos; and Rose Watson; and Club Board Member Phil Orland.*

**HOW YOU CAN HELP**

A Venmo fundraising account has been set up for Danny’s family under the name of his widow:

**Iliana Ortega Salazar**

Go to [Venmo.com](https://www.venmo.com) or the Venmo phone app and search “Iliana Ortega Salazar”

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# Penny’s Last Roll Call

**Penny Franklin, 911 Operator, retires after 25 years of City service.**

On Aug. 26, LAPD/Communications celebrated the last roll call of Penny Franklin, PSR III, who’s retiring after 25 years of City service.

She was joined at the celebration with many PSRs who knew her as instructor, mentor and friend.

*Congratulations on your retirement, Penny!* ■



At Penny Franklin’s last roll call/retirement party.





**AIRPORTS**

# Club Returns to Airports

**Club makes very limited visit to Airports Appreciation Day.**

On Sept. 7, Dalila Vielma, Club Counselor, and Arlene Herrero, Club Vice President of Business Development, attended the annual AAE Employee Appreciation Day at LAX. As in previous years, the Club was an official vendor for the event, which was produced by the Association of Airport Employees. Masking and social distancing were strictly enforced.

It was a meaningful event, as the Club has attended the annual 24-hour appreciation day for decades to greet Club Members, sign up new Members, sell classy Club merchandise, talk Club insurance and introduce Airports employees to all the great reasons to be Club Members. This year also marked the Club's first public appearance since the start of the pandemic March 12. (Counselors have been attending City meetings online by invitation by using video software like Webex, Zoom, and others.)

Dalila was also expected to attend the appreciation day at Van Nuys Airport Sept. 16.

It was great meeting all of you, and thanks of course go to the Association of Airline Employees for hosting us. ■



Counselor Dalila Vielma sports a sanitizer wand at the Club table at the AAE Employee Appreciation Day at LAX.

**REC AND PARKS**

*Photos by JuanCarlos Chan, Rec and Parks*

# A Place to Learn

**Rec and Parks teams up with LAUSD to create Safer at Parks program for underserved kids.**

On Sept. 2, Rec and Parks announced an innovative and thoughtful program with the LAUSD to bring distance learning and meal delivery to underserved children during the pandemic.

The \$10 million Alternative Learning Sites program creates 50 alternative learning centers functioning as educational childcare centers at parks throughout the City to ease the burden on working moms during COVID-19, as well as to provide children with limited Internet access or space at home to effectively do their schoolwork.

Learning programs include supervised learning spaces, free Internet, breakfast,

lunch and afternoon snack, recreational activities and more.

In the face of a global pandemic, many Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) students continue learning virtually from home. This is a challenge for many of the most vulnerable communities. The Alternative Learning Centers are designed to ensure that students have access to resources so that they are able to reach their academic goals in a safe and supportive environment.

The Club loves this innovative, helpful program and congratulates Rec and Parks, Councilwoman Nury Martinez and the LAUSD. ■



At the commencement of the Alternative Learning Sites program Sept. 3 in Van Nuys.

# Alive! AROUND THE...

## ...WORLD



"I was in Portland, Me., and visited the famous Cape Elizabeth."

Corleto Manuel, Building and Safety



Here's *Alive!* editor John Burnes traveling through Denver International Airport with its famous mountain-shaped ceiling.

## ...HOUSE



Club COO Robert Larios holds *Alive!* in front of his kitchen pantry at home in Irvine.



Tickets and Benefits Procurement Manager Mariana Guevara enjoys her morning coffee in her backyard.



Manager of Member Services Noelle Kauffman holds *Alive!* in her garden oasis at her home in LA. "Stay home, stay safe!"



Here's Dearbhla McNulty, Club social media manager, outside on her patio in West LA.



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# PANDEMIC

2019-2020

## Scenes PART 6 From a Pandemic

*Alive!* continues its documentation of City employees as they take a multitude of measures to combat the COVID-19 pandemic and keep LA safe. (The first part was in our April 2020 issue.) Here are entries from the Club and the City Twitter feeds about City Employees and Club Members at work during this trying time.

The phrases indicated by a # or an @ are Internet search locators that work as shortcuts to help find desired locations online. We included that text here for completeness; if you want to see those locations, simply retype those phrases into your online browser.

### City Council/Joe Buscaino



"Today we cut the ribbon on the #Wilmington Town Square Park! Thank you to Marathon for funding the renovations, @LADlorg, #Wilmington Steering Committee and Wells Fargo for making this park a reality! Once we can gather safely again, this park will become an epicenter for events!"



Aug. 21

### Public Works/Sanitation



"SAFE Centers are open this holiday weekend! If you have electronic waste, or any household hazardous waste you'd like to get rid of, bring it to a local SAFE Center this Saturday or Sunday."



Sept. 3

### DWP



"Our crews have been working 16-hr shifts since Saturday restoring power. Their work often is done in tight, extremely hot underground spaces to make complex repairs to high voltage equipment. They won't stop until all affected customers have their power back. #LAHeat @LACity"



Sept. 7

### Zoo



"Today at 11 a.m.: Don't miss your chance for some virtual herping with our Curator of Reptiles, Amphibians & Fish Ian Recchio (right). Registration is required for this free webinar, and spaces are still available."



Sept. 6

### Public Works/Street Services



"Today our StreetsLA crews are installing 77 official ballot drop boxes across Los Angeles. This one is in front of the Los Angeles Baldwin Hills library in #cd10 @HerbJWesson @GMSSTREETS LA1H2O @MayorOfLA"



Sept. 4



"So proud of @BSSLosAngeles enhancing the quality of life for all. @BSSLosAngeles installed permanent hand washing stations and hydration station in Skid Row and North Hollywood. #SafetyFirst @LACityDPW"



July 31

### Airports



"Assembly of LAX's Automated People Mover train cars has commenced! In all, 44 Bombardier Innovia 300 cars will be built for the new system, which opens in 2023."



Sept. 8

### Port Police



"Port Police Officers Chris Fischer, William East and Michael Glimpse working alongside FBI, LACoFD and LASD partners on the Bobcat Fire. Officers are responsible for drone detection and deterrence. #laportpd #dronedetectionsystem #dronedeterrence #interaagencycollaboration #fbi #lacofd #laseriffs"



Sept. 9

## Your Fellow City Employees Need You

**As pandemic emergency continues, many fellow City employees are hurting. Can you help?**

During this virus pandemic, some City Employees and their families are facing hardships. Club Angels, the charity started by staff members of the Employees Club, invites you to join our efforts to help.

Since the Club Angels appeal began, the charity has provided more than \$13,380 in grocery assistance to nearly 70 fellow City Employees through your gifts and matching funds from the Club.



Club Angels charity has helped nearly **70 Club Members** in need.



Thanks to your donations, these groceries were delivered by Club Angels to a City Employee in need.

"As the COVID pandemic continues, Club Angels thanks all Club Members who continue to contribute and help your fellow City employees," says Arlene Herrero, Club Angels President. "City Employees in need rely on your donations."

"If you are facing hardship, please reach out to us. Club Angels is here to help."

The Club encourages City Employees and everyone to contribute to the Club Angels fund, accessed on its GoFundMe page. Donations go to City Employees in need; Club Angels and the Employees Club earn nothing from the transaction. Donations might be tax deductible; consult your tax professional.



**To donate, go to: ClubAngels.org**

**Please be generous.**

Club Angels is a separate charity begun by Club staff.

## 48,600 and Nearly Finished

The Club "Care Calls" project continues its efforts to call all 50,000 active Members to say hello and check on how you're doing during the current coronavirus pandemic.

To date, the Club's callers have reached out to 48,600 Club Members. If you've already heard from your Club rep on the phone, great! We trust you enjoyed the call. If you haven't been contacted, we'll be calling everyone!

We're also fulfilling requests from Club Members to help them obtain necessary materials. So far we've shipped nearly 22,000 items. Here's a partial list of products we've shipped to Club Members, and how many:

- Masks:** 6,678
- Gloves:** 10,640
- Toilet paper rolls:** 636
- Paper towels:** 225
- Hand sanitizer bottles:** 632
- Boxes of wipes:** 100
- Clorox EQ-Kill Wipes:** 2,560
- Tissue boxes:** 19

Let us know how we can help you!

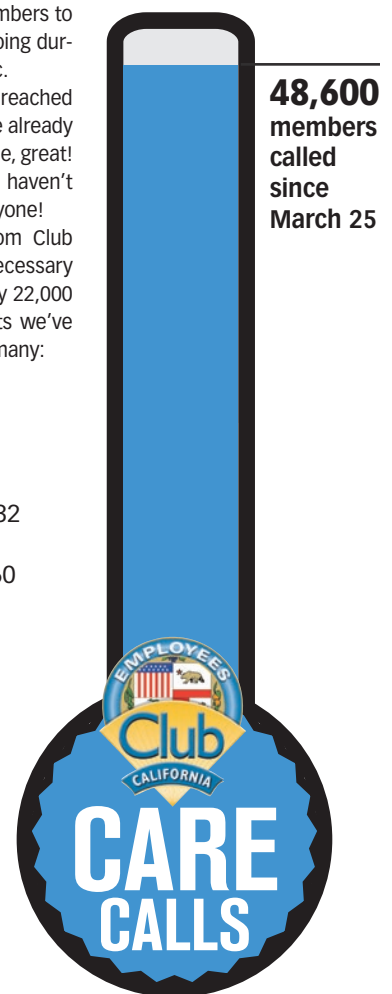
### CLUB CALLERS



Tiffany Sy

Some 30 Club staff members are calling all 50,000 active Club Members as part of the Club "Care Calls" project.

Pictured here are some of those staffers. Tell them we said hello!





## HARBOR Protection for Farm Workers

Program highlighted in last month's issue  
donates equipment to keep farm workers safe.



On Aug. 31, Logistics Victory LA (LoVLA), a program managed by the Harbor Dept., donated 75,000 masks to the United Farm Workers of America to keep its member farm workers safe during the pandemic, the wildfires and extreme heat.

LoVLA sources, collects, stores and distributes the millions of pieces of medical equipment and gear desperately needed by area medical centers to fight the virus and keep LA healthy. As we reported, LoVLA shipped its millionth piece of medical gear last month.

"Reaching out and assisting the United Farm Workers, a critical group of workers facing challenging conditions, is directly aligned with our mission to help keep workers stay safe and assist in the re-emergence of our state and nation's economy," said Gene Seroka, Executive Director of the Port of Los Angeles and City of Los Angeles'

Chief Logistics Officer. "We're thankful to CMA CGM, who signed on as an early supporter of LoVLA, as well as the partnership with the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor."

Donated by French shipping line CMA CGM, a world leader in shipping and logistics, to the City of Los Angeles through LoVLA, the FFP2 respirator masks—the European equivalent to N95—were first distributed last week and will continue to be given to farm workers this week. Launched at the outset of the pandemic, LoVLA was designed to match both medical and non-medical suppliers of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) with organizations in critical need of PPE and other supplies. ■



ABOVE: United Farm Workers members wearing protective gear distributed to them through Harbor's Logistics Victory LA program.

LoVLA distributed medical gear to the United Farm Workers.

### Long-Term Disability Insurance Is the Most Important Product You Can Get at the Club

Get it today. Here's why:

- Protect your monthly income! You never know what might happen to you.
- How would you pay your bills if you couldn't work?
- City and DWP employees have limited sick time or salary continuation and no State Disability Insurance (SDI). The Club's Long-Term Disability Insurance is more than an option - it's vital.

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## LACERS

Story by Tiffany Obembe, LACERS

# Open Enrollment Period Different This Year



Tenah Johnson-Taylor of the LACERS Health Division helps organize the open enrollment process.



Glen Malabuyoc of the LACERS Health Division helps organize the open enrollment process.

### LACERS' annual planning for next year's Retiree insurance selections makes changes due to the pandemic.

Retiree Open Enrollment for the 2021 plan year will be from Oct. 15, 2020 to March 31, 2021. Due to different City-sponsored programs competing for LACERS health staff's availability, the typical Open Enrollment period will be extended to allow Members and staff more time to process health plan enrollments and changes.

If Retirees decide to enroll in a plan or make changes to their existing plan during this Open Enrollment, please be aware that:

- They will not be able to make another health plan change for at least one year, unless they experience a qualifying event.
- If they retired during the Open Enrollment period, they cannot change their health plan choices during this extended Open Enrollment period, unless they experience a qualifying event.

LACERS will have up to three months to process new enrollments or plan changes, and Retirees effective date will depend on when

the enrollment was processed, not when the request was made. Once their enrollment is processed, LACERS will notify them about their effective date of coverage.

Enrollee candidates will receive an Open Enrollment packet in early October, as normal. It will include all the pertinent information, including an overview of health plan updates for 2021 and the latest Health Benefits Guide (HBG).

Criteria for qualifying events can be found on [lacers.org](http://lacers.org) or on page five and six of the HBG.

#### Meetings Held Virtually

Due to the threat of COVID-19, LACERS will not be holding its traditional Open Enrollment in-person events this year. Instead, LACERS will offer virtual meetings with each carrier

(Anthem Blue Cross, Kaiser Permanente, SCAN Health Plan, UnitedHealthcare, Delta Dental, and Anthem Blue View), which will include LACERS updates for the coming plan year, a presentation by the carrier, and a question-and-answer session.

The meetings will be held using Zoom. You may also call in to hear the presentations if you would prefer to simply listen in.

More information regarding meeting times and dates will be posted on the LACERS Website.

**If you'd like to participate virtually, but aren't comfortable with Zoom, LACERS is providing Zoom support through Mom's Computer. You may contact them at your convenience by phone or email at (800) 281-0692, or [help@momscomputer.com](mailto:help@momscomputer.com) for assistance.**

## Retiree Open Enrollment

Oct. 15, 2020 to March 31, 2021



**APPLYING FOR LIFE INSURANCE DURING UNCERTAIN TIMES DOESN'T HAVE TO BE COMPLICATED**

**VERY LIMITED TIME**

**SPECIAL OPEN ENROLLMENT**

**GUARANTEED ISSUE \$10,000 TERM LIFE INSURANCE AND \$25,000 ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT (AD&D) INSURANCE**



**ENROLLMENT APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY OCTOBER 31, 2020**

**NO PHYSICAL EXAM, NO MEDICAL QUESTIONS, NO AGE REQUIREMENT FOR A GUARANTEED \$10,000 TERM LIFE POLICY!**

**OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD AUGUST 1, 2020 - OCTOBER 31, 2020**

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  - ➔ Must not be enrolled in an existing term life insurance or AD&D policy through the Club.

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All active payroll deduction Members who Elect the Hay-Day Plan during the period August 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020; or elect the Hay-Day Plan within 60 days of becoming a new Member or eligible for the Hay-Day Plan; and Are actively at work at the time of the first payroll deduction (last day of the pay period) of the Hay-Day Product.

**Term Life Insurance**

**Effective Date for Term Life Insurance:** You will be insured on the last day of the pay period for which your payroll deduction is taken, provided the required premium is paid. You must be actively at work on the date insurance is to take effect. If you are not, insurance will take effect on the day you return to work.

**Date Insurance Ends for Term Life Insurance:** As long as you continue to pay premiums, you continue to be a member, the group policy remains in effect, continue to be in an eligible class, and insurance does not end for your class, your coverage will not end.

**Exclusions for Term Life Insurance:** If you commit suicide within 2 years from the date Life Insurance takes effect, we will not pay such insurance and our liability will be limited as follows: Any premium paid by you will be returned to the beneficiary and any premium paid by the policyholder will be returned to the policyholder.

**Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D) Insurance**

**Effective Date for AD&D Insurance:** You will be insured for Accidental Death and Dismemberment on the date stated in writing by MetLife, provided the required premium is paid. You must be actively at work on the date your insurance is to take effect. If you are not, insurance will take effect on the day you resume such work. Dependent spouse and children are eligible for the AD&D coverage but not the Group Term Life plan.

**Date Insurance Ends for AD&D Insurance:** As long as you remain a member in good standing, continue to pay premiums, the group policy remains in effect, and insurance does not end for your class, your coverage will not end. If you retire, coverage under this Accidental Death and Dismemberment plan will end, and at which time you are eligible for Retiree AD&D coverage. In addition, with respect to spouses, as long as marriage does not end by divorce or annulment, coverage will continue. With respect to domestic partners, as long as the person remains the domestic partner of the member, coverage will continue.

**Exclusions for AD&D Insurance:** No benefits will be paid for any loss caused or contributed to by: Suicide or attempted suicide; intentionally self-inflicted injury; service in the armed forces of any country or international authority. However, service in reserve forces does not constitute service in the armed forces, unless in connection with such reserve service an individual is on active military duty as determined by the applicable military authority other than weekend or summer training. For purposes of this provision reserve forces are defined as reserve forces of any branch of the military of the United States or of any other country or international authority, including but not limited to the National Guard of the United States or the national guard of any other country; a physical or mental illness or infirmity, or the diagnosis or treatment of such; infection, other than infection occurring in an external accidental wound; voluntary intake or use by any means of any drug, medication or sedative unless taken as prescribed by a physician; or an "over the counter" drug, medication or sedative taken as directed; alcohol in combination with any drug, medication, or sedative; or poison, gas, or fumes; or committing or attempting to commit a felony; war, declared or undeclared; or act of war, insurrection, rebellion or riot. We will not pay benefits for any loss if the injured party is intoxicated at time of the incident and is the operator of a vehicle or other device involved in the incident.

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