

# Life's Important Moments



## Share your moments!

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## Welcome New Members!

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

### Airports

Edward Lopez  
Catinna Mitchell  
Trinidad Reyes  
Victor Lopez

### Animal Services

Angela Hooks  
Maliga Noodchaya

### Building and Safety

Pamela Choi  
Frida Corpeno  
Sergio Rodriguez  
Vivian Reyes

### Fire and Police Pensions

Eric Garcia  
Manuel Hernandez  
Marcus Lidy  
Chris Miramontes  
Javier Rivera  
Ted Smyj

### General Services

Mario Garcia  
George Holguin  
Darren Boyer  
Jeremy Cailotto  
Edward Dieguez  
Jose Flores  
Enrique Gonzalez  
Paula Logan  
John Macias  
Riz Magalong  
Herman Smith  
Osvaldo Sosa  
Lawrence Thomas  
Charles Weaver

### ITA

Meshia McGowan  
Convention Center  
Javier Mejia

### LACERS

Roslyn Libnit

## New Members

### Library

Shirin Barkhordari Yazdi

### Personnel

Jennifer Guevara  
Griselda Leui-Morales

### Planning

Gwendolynne Cosby  
David Somers  
Bridgette Wooten

### LAPD

Vanessa Abrego  
John Adamson  
Eduardo Alvarez  
Julio Arriola

### Public Works

### Contract Administration

Emmanuel Achonu

### Sanitation

Armando Bernal  
Jorge Chaidez  
Eric Griffin  
Josh Herrera  
Miguel Lopez  
Freddy Matt  
Mark Melgar  
Jesus Miranda  
Sergio Olmos  
Ignacio Perez  
Albert Gavin  
Martha Gracia  
Jesse Griego  
David Han  
Elvis Hernandez  
Jamaal James  
Blake Kelly  
George Lee  
Wilson Linares  
Tonia Love  
Kelly Love  
Jose Marquez  
Ray Martinez  
Raymond Martinez  
Rashtian Mehran  
Jeshua Munoz Pacheco

### Street Lighting

Genova Hernandez  
Reneshia White

### Street Services

Kevin Geyen  
Cesar Marquez  
Kenneth Miller

### Beverly Nickell

Ratanak Nonora  
Eugene Olea

### Dante Palacio

Mechael Pineda

### Michael Ramsey

Vincent Roddy

### Benjamin Santero

Dwight Sneed

### Reina Staats

David Stirling

### Hugo Velazco

Mayra Villafana

### Valerie Wright

Stanley Young

### David See

William Steglau  
Juan Torres

### Rec and Parks

Vilma Boada-Tellez

Jeran Bogle

### Stephanie

Castaneda

Arlene Cordova

Mireya Coronado

Celia Curiel

Alea Douglas

Etren Escobedo

Louis Euzarragz

Ingrid Gonzalez

Patricia Heuer

Carolyn James

Youngin Kang

Bryan Kochner

Ernesto Lopez

Jacqueline Lopez

Kevin Mayorga

Maria Monetta-Burke

Christopher Mora

Elizabeth Narvaez

Bashaun Nero

Semu Noa

Vontray Norris

Juan Pantoja

Luz Perez

Antonette Radovcic

Mario Rodriguez

Nicholis Sasso

Peter Schwaneman

Sandra Sedano

Melinda Sims

Lance Tamanaha

DeAnna Tunstalle

Jay Williams

### Transportation

Altaf Bhaiyat

Dawon Davis

Donetta Denson

Alfredo Flores Estrada

Elizabeth Gallardo

### Luis Gonzalez

William Navarro

Steve Portillo

Julian Smalls

Suluki Sultan

Christopher Torres

Kenny Valladares

Tom Villarreal

### DWP

Ignacio Alvarado III

Martin Brooks

Oswaldo Buenomasias

Robert Burnett

Valeriu Florut

Diana Galeon

Armando Gallardo Jr.

Destiny Garcia

Chris Gilbertsen

Frank Gonzalez

John Gordon

John Imperial-Remetir

Ashot Karapetyan

Arthur Magallanes

Justin Mills

James Montoya

Jesus Mota

Kelly Moten

Ivan Ortiz

Albert Perez

Henry Rodriguez

Roman Ruiz

Porfirio Salazar

Ryan Smith

Phillip Urenia

Michael Villalba

Artillar Watts

### Other

Jeovany Aguilar  
Phillip Bei  
David Bond  
Nikko Bresnahan  
Daniel Choi  
Jorge Coldinar  
Aristotle Hill  
Carol Horne  
Robert Hovsepian  
Martha Hughes  
Gustavo Juarez  
Alvin Llorens  
Anna Loera  
Jonathan Martinez  
Edwardo Martinez  
Cory McGee  
Micheal Montgomery  
Hien Ngo  
Sergio Perez  
Efraine Quezada  
Edgar Rios  
Alfonso Rodriguez  
Jose Romo  
Katherine Santiago  
Kenneth Silver  
Melizza Solis  
Charlotte Swanberg  
Antonio Tanco  
Sayuri Uto  
Gloria Vargas  
Nicholas Vargas  
Jerry Vergara Jr.  
Melinda Weight  
Freddie White  
Erik Wu  
Luis Zamora

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## Special Achievements



Congratulations to Cecil Reyes, DWP, and his wife, Sochi, on their 15th wedding anniversary. They celebrated it on the island of Moorea, French Polynesia, in May. All the best to Cecil and Sochi!



Brian Dunbar earned the rank of Eagle Scout on April 2, and was honored May 30. Brian is the son of Michael Dunbar, Mechanic, LAFD, and the grandson of Larry Lieswald, Public Works/Street Services.

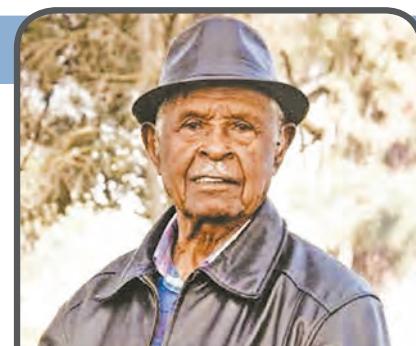
The Club sends giant happy birthday wishes to Johnnie Philip Grigsby, Retired, Rec and Parks, who turned 100 on April 9.

Johnnie was born in Minden, La., on April 9, 1915. In 1942, his older brother, Albert, talked him into moving to California. Once he arrived here, he held numerous jobs and, in 1944, he reconnected with Mary Jane Green, and they were married in 1945. They had three children, Clarence, Johnny Jr., and Marsha and were married for 67 years prior to Mary's passing in January 2009.

In 1954 Johnnie began working as a Gardener for Rec and Parks. He loved working for various parks around the City, including MacArthur, Burns and Echo Park. His last assignment was as Sr. Gardener at Cheviot Hills Park, where he stayed until he retired in 1979 and after 25 years of City service.

In retirement, Johnnie continued his love of gardening, traveled the United States, served as an usher for his church, and joined the Woodcarvers Association of Central California. Each year he carves eagle heads for canes given away to the local veterans and has been featured on the local news. He teaches woodcarving to high school students at Riverdale High School in Riverdale and loves recycling odd things to make beautiful artwork like the canned food cowboy.

Johnnie refuses to let his age slow him down. When asked, "What is the secret to your longevity?", his answer is always the same: "Just keep living!"



Special thanks to Marsha Grigsby for photos and story



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# Peace of Mind



## Accident Insurance

Pays you benefits for treatment and services regardless of other medical coverage.



## Don't Let an Accident Trip You Up

When unintentional injuries happen, focus on your recovery, and let the Club's Accident Plan take care of the added costs.

In 2013, the U.S. Centers of Disease Control and Prevention reported that an estimated 31 million people in the United States sustained an injury that lead to emergency room visits. That same year, an estimated 2.5 million people were hospitalized with an injury.

The City Employees Club understands that the costs of critical injuries from an accident can lead to immense bills. When you seek medical treatment, most health insurance plans do not cover emergency, in-

patient or outpatient co-pays, transportation and lodging needs, childcare replacement, or your loss of income from taking time off work. Our group accident plan was designed to cover the out-of-pocket expenses you would incur from an injury so that you can focus all of your attention on restoring your health.

If you suffer an unintentional injury, whether it occurs on or off the job, the Club's group accident plan works like a hospitalization plan, to pay accordingly to the hospital services rendered. The plan pays cash benefits directly to the insured. Benefits paid are according to medical treatments and services, regardless of your other medical benefits. You decide the best

way to spend your check.

All Club Members are eligible to apply for the accident plan. Pre-existing conditions, though they are not covered until the policy is in force for two years, will not disqualify you from the plan. There is no medical review for plan issue.

Accident insurance is great if you work with your hands, you have kids who play sports, you lead an active lifestyle, or just because, like all of us, you're susceptible to an accidental injury.

You can choose protection for yourself, your spouse and your dependent children. The Club offers you and your family peace of mind and cash benefits.

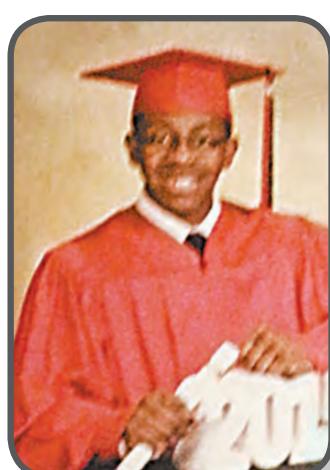
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## Graduations

Have a photo of a recent graduate? Send photo and the appropriate information to [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)



Alexis Campbell graduated from Upland High School and plans to attend Hampton University in Virginia in the fall, seeking a nursing degree. She's the daughter of Trenita Campbell, LAPD.



Christopher J. Roberson Davis expects to graduate in June from Westchester Enriched Sciences Magnets and plans to attend San Diego State University in the fall, majoring in environmental science. He's the son of Vanessa Roberson, Security Officer, Airports/Airport Police.



Irene Jennie Rivera graduated from Granada Hills Charter High School and plans to attend Stony Brook University on Long Island, N.Y., in the fall. She received a softball scholarship. She's the daughter of K9 Officer G. Gonzalez, Airport Police.



Tamara Sosa graduated from Cal State/Northridge, majoring in broadcast journalism and minoring in communications. She plans a career as a TV news reporter, eventually becoming a TV news anchor. She's the daughter of Sharon Sosa, DWP, and the late Al Sosa, DWP.



Christian Veazie expects to graduate from Cerritos High School in June and plans to attend Golden West College in Huntington Beach in the fall. He's the son of Lt. Lynette Veazie, LAPD.

## In Memoriam

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

The number after the name indicates years of service.

### Active

Hernandez, Rosa, Airports, 11  
Davis, Jennie, DWP, 30  
Murphy, Edward, LAPD, 25  
Shorter, Arthur, Transportation, 32  
Stewart, Kent, Transportation, 23  
Weight, Martin, Building and Safety, 15

### Retired

Agopian, Robert, DWP, 40  
Arredondo, AGel, General Services, 19  
Ballensky, Carol, DWP, 31  
Burton, James, 31  
Caldwell, Major, General Services, 31  
Campbell, Irvin, Public Works, 31  
Crisp-Dean, Walterine, LAPD, 17  
Douglas, Fred, Building and Safety, 25  
Doyle, Barbara, DWP, 45  
Edwards, Cecelia, LAPD, 14  
Emick, William, City Attorney, 8  
Encinas, Joseph, Harbor, 14  
Farrell, Edward, City Attorney, 37  
Feinberg, Alice, Library, 29  
Franklin, Atlanta, ITA, 43  
Freeman, Gregoria, DWP, 32  
Gibson, Robert, Transportation, 3  
Grace, Lowell, Public Works, 15

Green, Mary Louise, LAPD, 22  
Hailey, Elizabeth, Airports, 26  
Hamilton, Alton, DWP, 32  
Hintz, William, Public Works, 19  
Hurt, Charles, Public Works, 30  
Jackson, Acnoite, DWP, 31  
Johnson, Alvin, General Services, 15  
Kaplan, Arthur, City Attorney, 20  
Lee, John, DWP, 29  
Lee, Robert, Building and Safety, 25  
Marynick, Stephen, DWP, 31  
Mathews, Waldo, Public Works, 26  
McCord, Hugh, DWP, 38  
McNichols, Steve, CDD, 8  
Medina, Irene, Personnel, 5  
Mitchell, Pete Jr., General Services, 26  
Montesa, Guido, Public Works, 22  
Moriarty, James, Public Works, 22  
Moussafir, Leon, DWP, 36  
Muff, Paul, DWP, 6  
Nakano, Ann, DWP, 29  
Nishimura, Tazuko, DWP, 14  
Osborne, Ernest, Building and Safety, 15  
Panagos, Theodore, Public Works, 32  
Paster, John, Airports, 37  
Pines, Frieda, Rec and Parks, 14  
Pontillo, Michael, Public Works, 22

### It's Time to

## Tell Their Story

An Alive! feature

Every month, Alive! publishes the names of those current or retired City Employees who have died. But who were they? Did you know them? If you worked with any of these people, knew a story or two about them or were related to them, consider writing to Alive! and letting us know. *Tell their story!*

- Write a few sentences or paragraphs
- Send in a photo, if you have one
- Let us know your name and connection to the deceased
- Send your memories to: [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)  
Subject line: *Tell Their Story*



Powell, David, Zoo, 22  
Reiser, Martin, LAPD, 25  
Reynolds, David, DWP, 28  
Rials, Joseph, Rec and Parks, 34  
Robles, Louis, Rec and Parks, 40  
Rodriguez, Herman, DWP, 33  
Rozanski, Bruno, DWP, 24  
Salmon, Edward, General Services, 29  
Schepler, Lila, Rec and Parks, 24  
Simkins, Beatrice, Public Works, 14  
Smith, Izia, Public Works, 11  
Soljak, Robert, Public Works, 40  
Stone, Minor, Airports, 20  
Subiate, Raymond, Transportation, 23

Sundermier, Paul, DWP, 19  
Thompkins, Curtis, Rec and Parks, 30  
Thompson, Odell, Rec and Parks, 30  
Tom, Arlene, Planning, 19  
Trumpler, Gary, DWP, 30  
Warr, Rosell, Public Works, 32  
Weiser, Hyman, General Services, 16  
Williams, Kurt, LAFD, 9  
Woo, Howard, Transportation, 30,