

The Club Goes the Distance To Meet Up With Members

Day **1**

— **The Drive:** 237.50 miles

— We leave Los Angeles, armed with a Yahoo map in one hand and a Starbucks frappuccino in the other. We loaded and secured our "red hot" Toyota Rav-4 and headed out for the unknown.

— We stopped at the only Wendy's in Mojave. We got gas, and several Joshua trees later we arrived at our destination, Bishop. We checked into our hotel, the beautiful Best Western Creekside Inn. We met with out-of town DWP employees there.

— That night we ventured out to our first Club card recommendation. At the Sizzler in Bishop, we proudly displayed our City Employees Club Card at the register and received a 15 percent discount, which made my Sizzling shrimp all that much better. The manager on duty, Orly, was the first local we met. Orly and her staff were friendly and the service was excellent.

— We located something familiar, Starbucks at the Vons store. Much to our surprise, the town had a Starbucks.

■ **Club counselors Beverly Haro and Arlene Herrero drove to the desert to meet DWP employees who are Club members and make sure the Club is responsive to all.**

When it comes to serving all its loyal members and spreading the good word of the Club to nonmembers, the Club will go anywhere, anytime!

That was the theme in June as two Club counselors, Beverly Haro and Arlene Herrero, took to the road to visit with Club members who work for the DWP in the high desert towns of **Bishop, Independence** and **Lone Pine**, and to meet with others who were interested in joining the Club. (They used their Club Card, of course, and saved.)

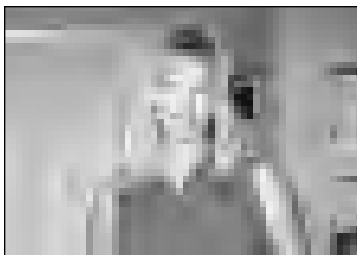
In the Club, no one is forgotten! The following is a travelogue recorded by the two Counselors, and photos from their trip. ■



Bishop, California



Penny McMullen, Customer Service Supervisor, 23 years.



Erin Baiano, Senior Clerk Typist, 14 years.



Jim Campbell, Engineering Associate, 19 years.



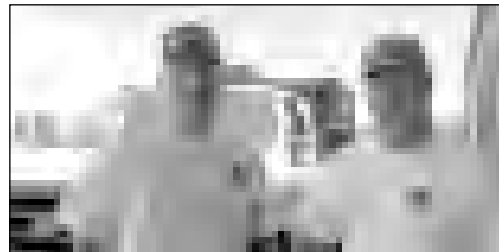
Jack Mullenau, Welder, 16 years.



Jessica McCarthy, Student Worker, 1 year.



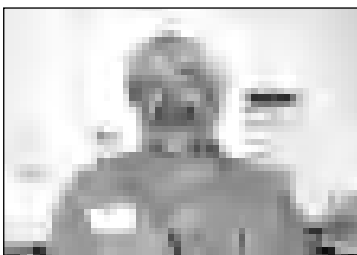
Ruby Boord, Senior Clerk Typist, 24 years, and Wayne Hopper, Civil Engineering Associate, 23 years.



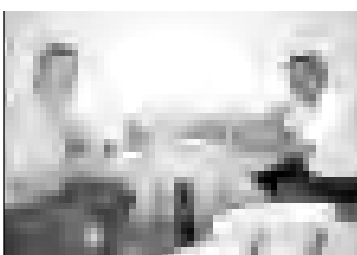
From left: Rory Scott, Building Repairer, 18 years, and Damon Carrington, Maintenance Construction Helper, 3 years.



L-R: Cory Scott, Maintenance Construction Helper, 17 years; Doug Dumas, Equipment Operator, 18 years; and Marin Parra, Maintenance Construction Helper, 3 years.



Norm Graham, Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, 10 years.



From left: Michael Deprez, Civil Engineering Drafting Tech, 13 years, and Dennis Tillemans, Programmer Analyst, 35 years.



From left: L. Adele Pratt, Storekeeper A, 21 years, and Nick Obregon, Storekeeper B, 14 years.



Daniel Raftervold, Administrative Services Manager, 14 years.



From left: Don Kunze, Aqueduct and Reservoir Keeper, 24 years, and Nash Lontok, Aqueduct and Reservoir Keeper, 3 days (!).



L-R: Jim DeSmet, Constructional Maintenance Supervisor, 22 years; Steve Butler, Labor Supervisor, 15 years; and Jim Miller, Labor Supervisor, 22 years.



Ron Schaub (right), Maintenance Construction Helper, 20 years, and his son Wesley.



Brad Weller, Maintenance Construction Helper, 1 year.



From left: Mitch Colvin, Building Repairman, 21 years, and Forest Mathieu, Maintenance Construction Helper, 2 years.



Dale Schmidt, Ranch Lands Manager, 8 years.



Darrell Fullingim, Maintenance Construction Helper, 30 years.



Mark Cox, Building Repairman, 18 years.



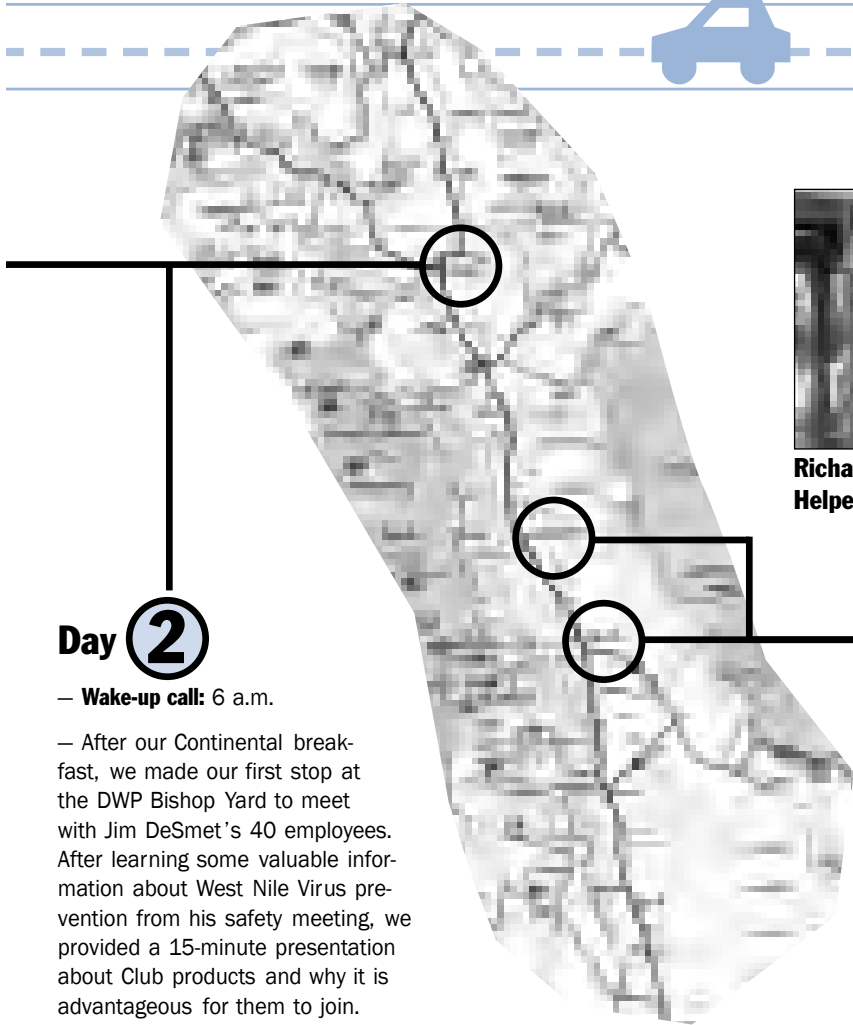
L-R: Jerry Rotner, Maintenance Construction Helper, 19 years, and Lowell Miller, Equipment Operator, 31 years.



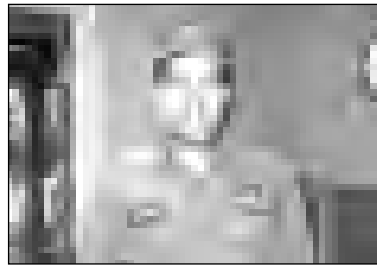
Fred Anderson, Aqueduct Reservoir Keeper, 23 years.



Mike Fennessey, Power Shovel Operator, 12 years.



Lone Pine, California



Richard Uriber, Electrical Craft Helper, 1 year.



Daniel Duffy, Distribution Superintendent, 31 years.



Tom Maupin, Line Mechanic Supervisor, 46 years.

Day 2

– **Wake-up call:** 6 a.m.

– After our Continental breakfast, we made our first stop at the DWP Bishop Yard to meet with Jim DeSmet's 40 employees. After learning some valuable information about West Nile Virus prevention from his safety meeting, we provided a 15-minute presentation about Club products and why it is advantageous for them to join.

– After the presentation we assisted members individually. We updated beneficiaries, saved the Members money by adjusting longterm disability wait periods, and accepted applications for insurance. We also took lists of restaurants that the employees would like added to the Club Card discounts.

– Across the yard was our second stop, the Bishop Office, where we met with Dan Raftevold and Jim Waggoner's group. We met in the kitchen and did another presentation for their employees.

– Then we walked back to the Bishop yard to take photos of the employees as they returned from the field. They were a lot livelier after completing their long day of work!

– At dinner we visited another restaurant where we could save money with the Club Card. We visited the Imperial Gourmet and saved 10 percent.

– Then we drove to past Independence to Lone Pine where we stayed that night.

Day 3

– In the morning we drove to the Independence DWP site where we met 80 more employees in Danny Miller's group. We remained there throughout the day before continuing on to our final destination, the Lone Pine yard.

– There we met Daniel Duffy's group. Since that presentation was later in the day, we went back in the morning on Day Four to meet the rest and take more pictures.

– Then, we headed back to Los Angeles.

– The pictures say it all. We saw where the employees worked and where they hung out after work. We dined where they ate. In fact on our last night in Lone Pine we saw Paul Zucco at the Pizza Factory where we had dinner. We had met him earlier that day. We met some of the employees' families, too. We met Ron Schaup's wife Michelle, and his son Wesley from Bishop. We met Terry Erickson Jr., his father, wife and son at the Independence location.

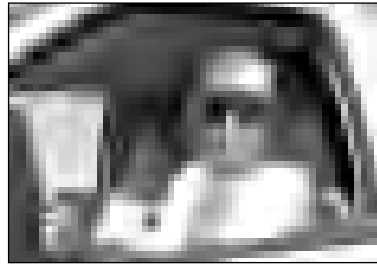
– We made new friends and visited 3 beautiful small towns where we were welcomed along with the Club.



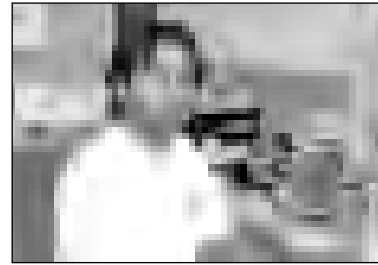
Gwen Lew, Senior Clerk Typist, 23 years.



Ron Bursell, Electrical Distribution Mechanic Supervisor, 28 years.



Doug Cummings, Equipment Operator, 34 years.



David Quintana, Storekeeper, 34 years.

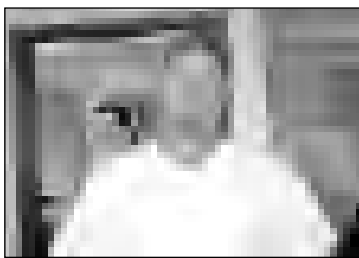


Darrell Fookes, Electrical Mechanic, 20 years.

Independence, California



Independence sign.



Kris Vradenburg, Building Repairer, 18 years.



Paul Zucco, Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, 12 years.



From left: Wing Leung, Machinist, 23 years, and Mark Cornwell, Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, 23 years.



Raul Chavez, Welder, 14 years.



Larry Marquez, Labor Supervisor, 22 years.



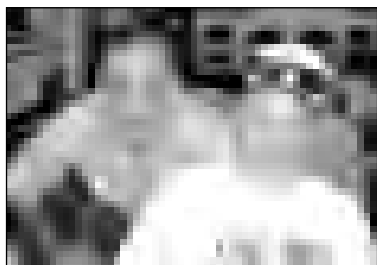
From left: Terry Erickson Jr., Maintenance Construction Worker, 5 years, with his son Troy and wife Carrie.



From left: Harry Wilder, Senior Clerk Typist, 15 years; Barbara Coons, Clerk Typist, 3 years; and Preston Howard, Storekeeper, 14 years.



Richard Button, Warehouse and Toolroom Worker, 21 years.



From left: Albert A. Ross, Equipment Mechanic, 1 year, and Jim Schraven, Painter, 18 years.



Levon Melik-Avakian, Communications Electrician, 1 year.

