

Holiday Highlights



Toy Drive Delivers Joy to 230 Children Downtown

■ **The Club thanks those who helped bring toys to those who needed them.**

The toy drive in which the Club participated delivered its gifts to hundreds of youths downtown as part of a joyful event Dec. 16 on the 51st floor of the Arco plaza downtown.

The event delivered toys to 230 children ranging in age from 5 to 14. The Club donated more than 60 toys to the large effort.

The Club wants give sincere thanks to all those who contributed a toy or who helped organize the event. Needless to say, all those who participated in any way brought joy to area children.

The Club would also like to thank the Central City Police Boosters, which organized and sponsored the toy drive, and especially LAPD Officer Marie Kardiban. 📷

Here are some photos of the event.



The Club board contributes to the season's holiday toy drive. From left are Paul C. Blount; Marilyn McGuire-Holley; Chairman of the Board Robyn L. Barnes; Bill T. Costley; Marilyn McGuire-Holly's sister; and David Muraoka.



Christopher, with Lightning Willie and Whistles the Clown.



Jocelyn and Jessica with their toys.



Children at the toy drive event.



Second-grader Marisol with Officer Marie Kardiban (who organized the event) and Inez.



Second-grade girls form a line as they wait to sit on Santa's lap and receive their gifts.



Officer Candeliria with Angie Anfuso (volunteer) and the kindergartners.



First-grader Cynthia with Santa.



Santa and Officer Foster with the kindergartners.



Children waiting for Santa's arrival.

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ITA Communications Div. Throws Holiday Barbecue

December 17, the Communications division of ITA threw its annual holiday barbecue. This year it was held at Piper Tech, where many members of the ITA Communications staff works.

Hand-made centerpieces, raffles and a buffet lunch were featured.

The entertainment was provided by a band made up entirely of ITA Communications workers. Good going!

The Club would like to thank Terry Hadley and Tun Aung of ITA Communications for their invitation. 🍷

Here are some photos of the event.



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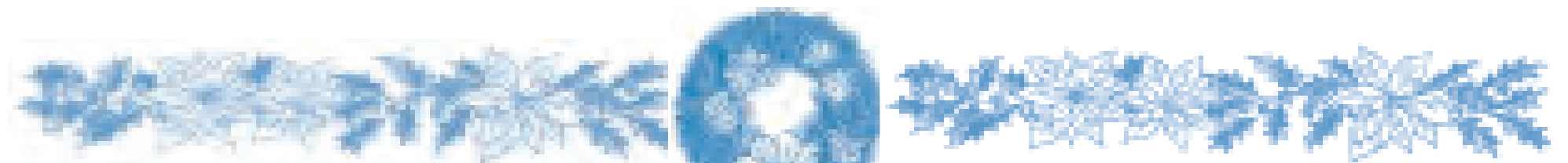
Personnel Department Throws Gala Holiday Luncheon, Party

The Personnel Dept. held its annual Holiday Luncheon celebration Dec. 11 at the Omni Los Angeles Hotel.

The afternoon featured entertainment, door prizes, delicious food and other surprises.

The organizing committee included Alexia Fleming, Jeanie Molinar, Phyllis Yogi, Selena Tamayo, Malika Givehand, Dewanna Sharp, Jeannette Maya, Linda Lanier, Ramona McCauley, Sheila White, Judith Benitez, Jae Anderson, Jennifer Joo, Lupe Ortiz, Robert Dineen and Felicia Brown.

Here are some photos of the event.



Enjoying the holiday party.



President Ed Harding.

RLACEI Celebrates Holidays, Swears In New Board Members

Thursday, Dec. 11, the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) celebrated its annual holiday get-together and inauguration of officers at the Grace Simons Lodge near Dodger Stadium.

More than 200 people were in attendance to have fun and witness the inauguration, led by former City Councilman and current RLACEI First Vice President Bob Wilkinson.

Singer Ronni Minnis entertained the crowd during lunch.

The new directors are: Tom Stemnock, Jerry Bardwell, Harold Danowitz, Americo Garza, Neil Ricci and Phil Skarin.

Here are photos of the event.



The newly elected board.



Board member Ken Spiker addressing the attendees on legislative matters.



Singer Ronni Minnis entertains the crowd.



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City Hall illuminated for the holidays.

Five City Landmarks Together Light Up the City for Holidays

On Dec. 4, Mayor Jim Hahn with Project Restore, welcomed the holiday season by simultaneously lighting Los Angeles City Hall, San Pedro City Hall, Venice City Hall, Eagle Rock City Hall, and the Marvin Braude Constituent Center in Van Nuys.

Hundreds attended the event, headquartered on the south lawn of City Hall, with simultaneous live video feeds from the four other locations. City Councilmembers were on location at the other locations to signal the lighting of those facilities: Janice Hahn in San Pedro, Cindy Miscikowski in Venice, Antonio Villaraigosa in Eagle Rock, and Alex Padilla, Wendy Greuel and Tony Cardenas in Van Nuys.

In addition to the festive holiday lighting, the historic Charles Lindbergh Beacon on top of Los Angeles City Hall was also lit, remaining that way every night from dusk until midnight throughout the holidays.

The special simulcast lighting ceremony was broadcast live by L.A. Cityview Channel 35. At the downtown ceremony were Councilmembers Jan Perry, Tom LaBonge, Erik Garcetti and Ed Reyes. Several departmental general managers were also present, including Jon Mukri (General Services) and David Wiggs (DWP).

Channel 34 sports anchor Francisco Pinto hosted the ceremonies.

Entertainers included:

- City Hall:** the Mistletoe Carolers
- San Pedro:** The Voices of Truth
- Van Nuys:** The Vannaies
- Eagle Rock:** The Angels from St. Dominic
- Venice:** Off Their Jingle Bell Rockers



Here are photos from the event.



Councilmember Tom LaBonge greeting the audience.



Mayor Jim Hahn (right) has just finished "throwing the switch" to illuminate downtown's City Hall.



From left: General Managers David Wiggs (DWP) and Jon Mukri (General Services).



From left: Emiran Jacfe, and Andrew Adelman, General Manager of Building and Safety.



Mayor Jim Hahn sends his holiday greetings to the audience.



Eric Robles, Ceremony Coordinator/Special Events Coordinator.



From left: Maria Espinoza (City Clerk's Office and Club Member at her first City lighting ceremony), and Miranda Paster (City Clerk's Office and Club Member, also at her first City lighting ceremony).



Anchorman Francisco Pinto hosted the event.



Councilmember Ed Reyes taking his turn at giving holiday greetings.



Ed Santa Cruz, Communication Electrician, ITA, says: "I love the City!"

The Mistletoe Carolers entertained the crowd at the downtown event.



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General Services Heads to 'Vegas' For its Holiday Event in Pasadena

■ **General Services held its big and festive holiday celebration Dec. 11 in Pasadena.**

Food, games and 'Vegas'-style fun (no actual gambling, of course) highlighted the night.

General Manager Jon Mukri shared his thoughts with the crowd:

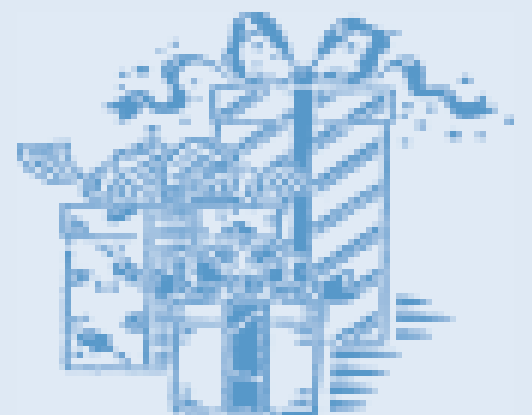
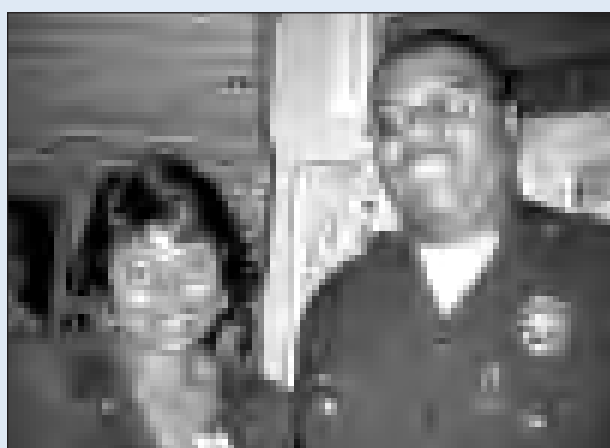
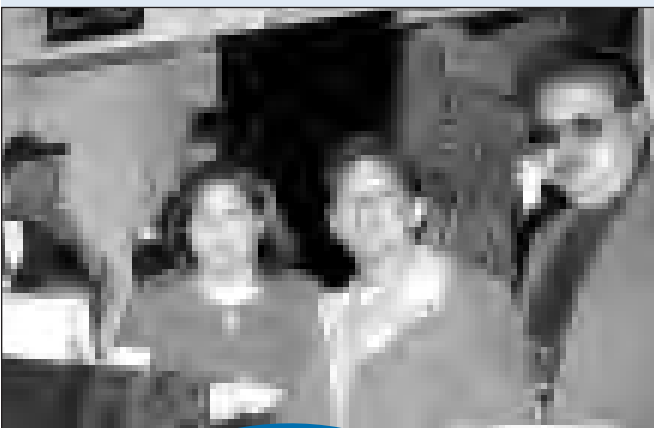
"Each year I look forward to having an opportunity to celebrate this wonderful season with you," he wrote. "I want to thank you for joining the rest of the General Services family at this special event.

"This past year there have been many changes in the GSD family. I would like to extend a warm welcome to the many new members who have joined our ranks and best wishes to those who have gone on to other endeavors.

"I think we can all look back on 2003 with pride. We received numerous awards, and many of our service units were recognized for being industry leaders. That recognition is a reflection of your great ideas and hard work. More importantly, we are working collectively as a team to make this City a better place to live, to make our city the City of Angels.

"I would like to wish each of you, and your families, best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a successful year in 2004." 📧

Here are some photos of the fun event.



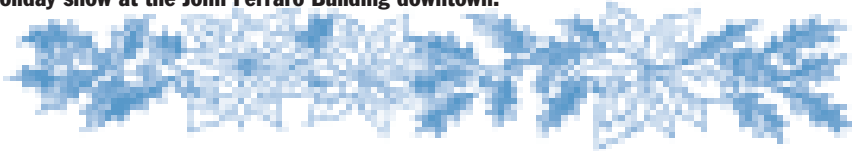
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The Choraliars, the performing group at the DWP, take a break from rehearsing their holiday show at the John Ferraro Building downtown.



Project Angel Tree

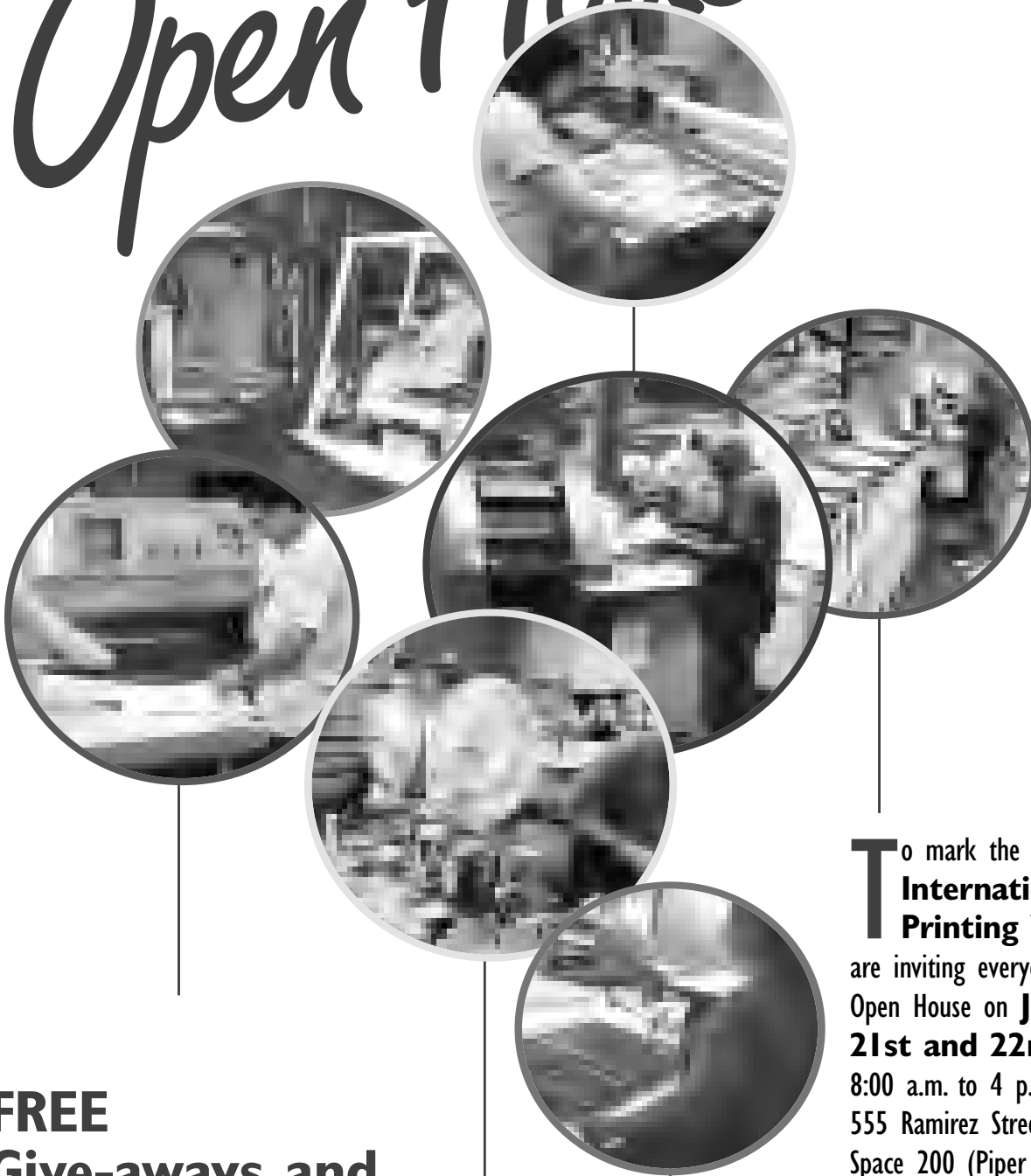
This is the second year that the Van Nuys Police Department's Detention Officers participated in Project Angel Tree. Principal Detention Officer Jennifer Malis (not pictured) has again taken on the task this year to make 25 "Little Angels" very happy. According to Principal Detention Officer David Muraoka, "Some of the participants spent hundreds of dollars to ensure some of these little angels have a very Merry Christmas."



Pictured with some of the gifts collected for the youngsters are (from left) Detention Officers Gil, De La Rosa, Gonzalez, Saucedo and Nieto.

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To mark the occasion of **International Printing Week** we are inviting everyone to an **Open House on January 21st and 22nd** from **8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.**
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Newsbrief

MATCHING GRANTS

Applications are available for City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF) grants. "Persons or groups who want to apply for these community beautification grants of up to \$10,000 must do so by March 1, 2004," Mayor Jim Hahn announced Dec. 22.

Application packets can be obtained at Los Angeles City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, in City Council offices or the Department of Public Works Operation Clean Sweep (OCS) office, Room 356. "They are also available in City Council Field Offices or you may call (213) 978-0226 to request one," said Department of Public Works Board President Valerie Lynne Shaw.

Free information workshops on how to apply will take place in January and February at locations throughout the city. More information is available on the OCS website: www.lacity.org/bpw/ocs/nmf. A partnership program between the City and neighborhood-based organizations, the NMF provides cash grants to neighborhood groups that undertake local improvement projects. "Awards of \$500 to \$10,000 match a community's contribution of cash, in-kind contributions and/or volunteer labor," said Shaw.

Applications are accepted from neighborhood-based organizations, groups in which most of the members reside or work in a common neighborhood. Formal non-profit status is not required and the group can be informally structured. Single businesses and individuals are excluded from funding, however.

"Grants are competitive and funds are limited," added Shaw. "Only the highest rated applications are awarded funds based on community involvement and benefit, projects ready to be implemented with workable plans, and those that address the needs of a problem within the community."

The Department of Public Works is responsible for the construction, renovation and operation of public facilities and infrastructures, ranging from refuse collection and graffiti removal to maintenance of sidewalks, bridges, sewers and streetlights; and management of wastewater treatment plants and building design. 🏗️