

# Holiday Highlights

## Holiday Event Marks First Time West Valley Sanitation Yard Gets Together Outside Work

When the employees of the West Valley Sanitation Yard gathered to celebrate the holidays Dec. 20, it was the first time the yard had gathered socially outside of work, according to Superintendent Leo Martinez.

The party was held at El Queso Grande in Granada Hills.

According to Leo, employees were able to bring along their significant other to this event to celebrate the holidays. Everyone enjoyed the buffet dinner along with some raffles (some prizes were donated by the Club) and dancing.

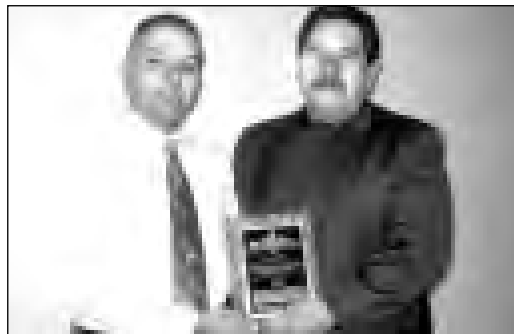
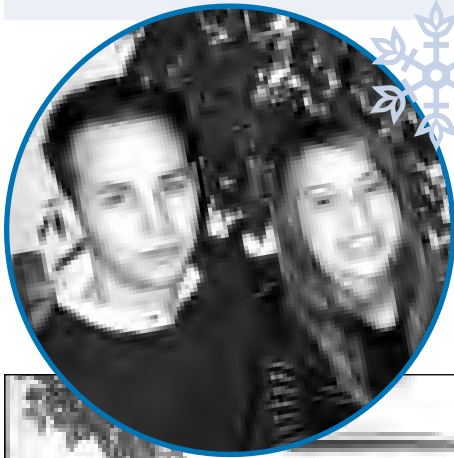
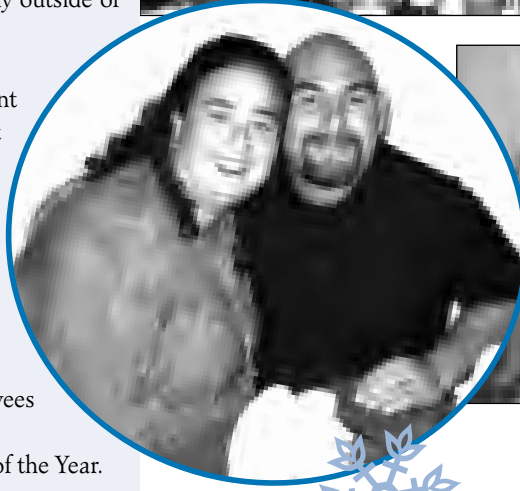
The evening was topped off with Employee of the Year awards. Leo wanted it to be known that the West Valley is "A#1 for the last two years every month in attendance."

Award recipients were voted on by their peers, not their supervisors.

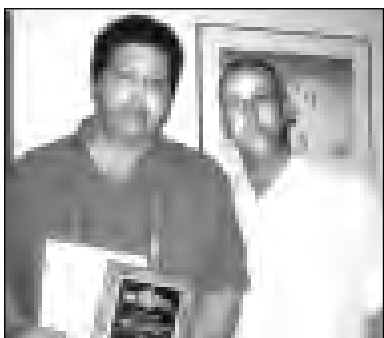
Some of the recipients were:

- Allen Guidry, Alex Serna and Martha Nunez were awarded Employees of the Year.
- Mike Boyd and Brian Sibert were awarded the Recycling Employees of the Year.

Here are some photos of the event:



Jesse Cruz, Bulky Item Supervisor, is pictured with Alex Serna, Employee of the Year recipient. Mr. Serna has 30 years of service and considered a "veteran" on the West Valley Yard, which is also known as the "rookie yard," claims Leo Martinez.



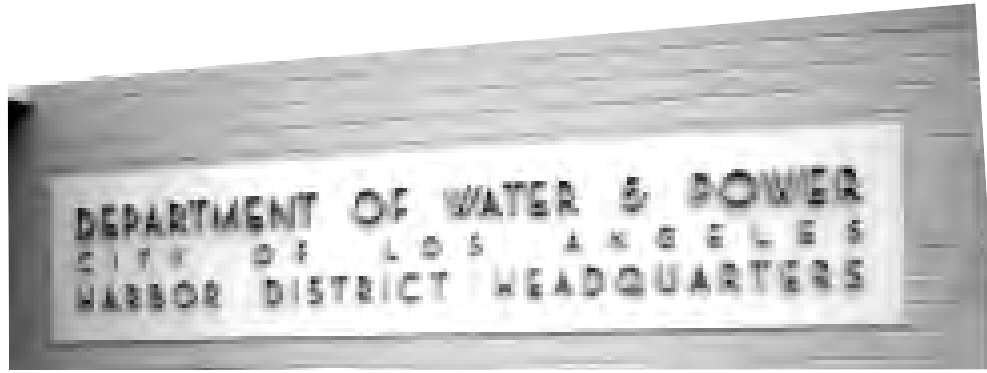
Allen Guidry is awarded Employee of the Year. He is pictured with Bob Potter, Household Commodities Supervisor.



Sr. Clerk Supervisor Martha Nunez awarded Annabel Duran Employee of the Year. Annabel (above) is pictured with Veronica Hernandez, who coincidentally was also awarded Employee of the Year by the East Valley Yard, where she works.



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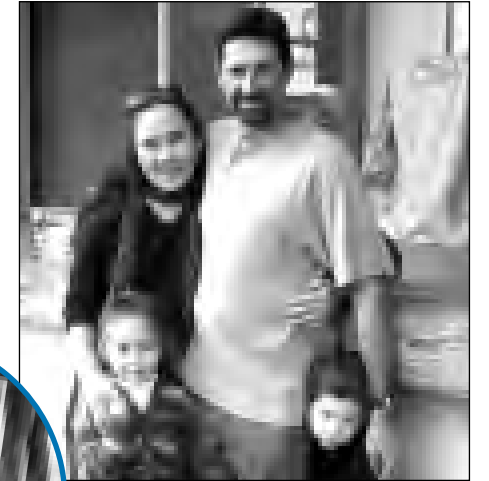


## DWP Harbor District Rings in Holidays With Annual Breakfast on Christmas Eve

The DWP Harbor District enjoyed its annual holiday breakfast on Christmas Eve morning. The party was held at the Harbor District Headquarters Yard.

The annual party is for the employees along with their family and friends to come together and celebrate the holiday. Current employees along with their families and retired employees were also at the breakfast. Fun and games such as miniature were enjoyed by young and old.

Here are photos from the event.



## DWP Retirees Continue 55-Year Holiday Tradition

The DWP Retirees Association held its annual holiday party Dec. 6 in the cafeteria of the DWP's John Ferraro Building downtown.

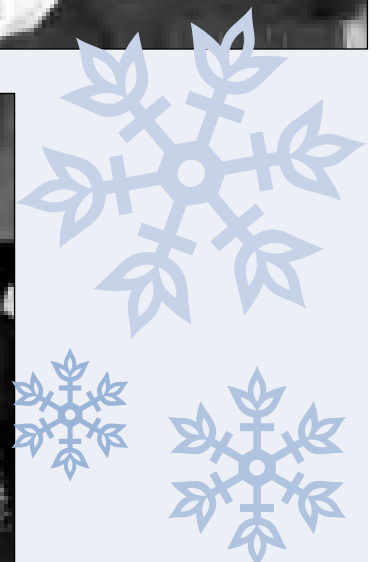
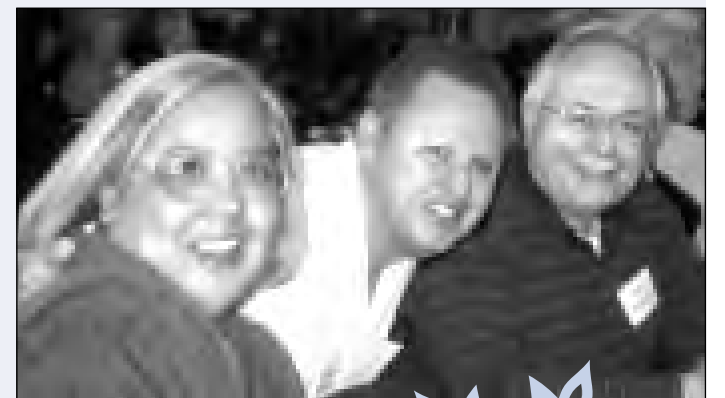
More than 300 attended the event.

Refreshments, a light lunch and more than 50 door prizes were part of the fun.

"Attendees came from all over, from Nevada, Oregon and Washington state," said Dolores Foley, association president. "It's a real nice thing."

The association's board put the afternoon together. Norma Aguirre lead the way.

Here are some photos from the event.



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## West LA Sanitation Honors The 'Splendor of the Season'

The Sanitation Department Western District celebrated the end of the year and the holidays with its annual party, this year titled Splendor of the Season.

The celebration took place Dec. 13 at the VIP room at the Quiet Cannon, in Montebello. More than 150 people attended the dinner.

Event guests included Bob Schoonover, Local 347 president, and Salvador Miranda, Manager I, Solid Resource Valley Division.

The evening was a classy affair that featured a live jazz band while dinner was served. A deejay closed the evening while guests danced until midnight.

### Award recipients included:

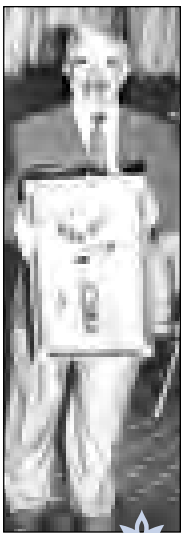
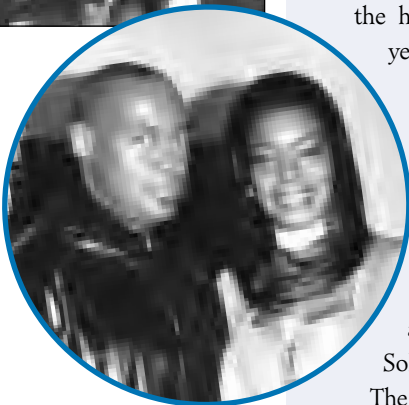
- Blue Commodity: Carlos Ortiz and Larry Young
- Green Commodity: Richard Humphrey and Littleton Gardner

- Black Commodity: Carlos Chaffino and Ralph Leeper
- Black Commodity: Romeo Estrada and Doren Green
- Special Commodity: Raymond Lucas
- Supervisor: Michael Jackson and Erwin Holloway
- Shop Mechanic (General Services): Dan Braviroff
- Shop Supervisor (General Services): Dan Parker
- Clerical: Toni Chagolla

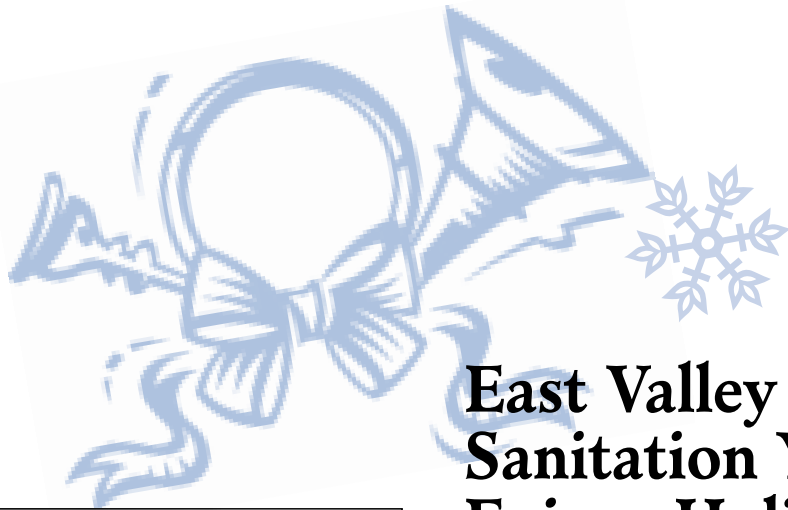
Special thanks were given to Jonathan Polk, Walter Crowder, Salvador Miranda, Wayne Downing and Arlene Herrero of the Club.

A number of employees were also recognized for their contributions throughout the year for help with the Open House, Picnic, two Employee Appreciation Days, and the Christmas Party.

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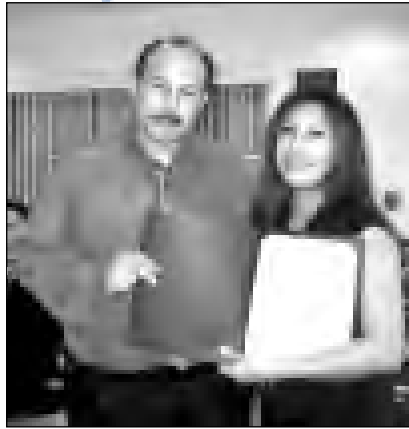


## East Valley Sanitation Yard Enjoys Holiday Luncheon

The East Valley Sanitation Yard held its annual holiday luncheon Dec. 19.

### The following received end-of-year awards:

- Kelvin Wilson, Certificate of Appreciation
  - Juan Morales, Driver of the Year for Fleet Services
  - Kenny Lampton, Driver of the Year for Bulky Items
  - David Regalado, Driver of the Year for Green Waste
  - Joseph Garcia, Employee of the Year for Recycling Commodity
- All awardees were nominated and voted on by their peers.



Acting Superintendent Joel Zuniga presents Veronica R. Camacho with Clerk of the Year.

Here are some photos of the event.



William Reese, Solid Resources Supervisor, presents Driver of the Year Certificate to Oscar Vargas from Household Commodity.



Acting Superintendent Joel Zuniga presents Anthony T. Fenderson with Supervisor of the Year.

## City Harbor Dept. Celebrates With Long Tradition of Calamari, Fun

The party has developed a tradition of serving calamari, with the tradition going back at least 15 years. Approximately 150 pounds of fresh calamari was cooked this year, in addition to tamales, omelets, eggs, bacon, ham, French toast, pancakes and desserts, too.

Martin Chavez from the Harbor Dept. explains the history of the party:

"The Construction and Maintenance Division began the Christmas Breakfast, which has become a Harbor Department tradition. As director of C&M, Joannie Mukai is considered the host and is responsible for providing the location, resources, and allowing personnel release time to prepare for the event.

"This year's co-chairs were Rene Rodriguez, Carpenter, and Holly Carlson, Senior Clerk Typist. Brian Shaefer, Piledriver, served as head cook and food coordinator. The fried calamari is prepared every year by the boat shop.

"Due to rising costs and time required to coordinate the event, in 1996 the Harbor Department Employees Club became sponsors. At that time the event was renamed the HDEC C&M Christmas Breakfast. Due to this partnership the annual event has been kept vibrant for past, present, and new Harbor Department Employees to enjoy."

Joannie Mukai, Harbor Department Director of Construction and Maintenance, has been with the Harbor Department since 1979.

Here's a list of the volunteers who helped make the event a success:

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| Brian Schafer    | John Clark        | Jeff Morrill       |
| Dave Ruiz        | Gilbert Atkinson  | Bill Brown         |
| Gilbert Tascione | Tom Thepprasit    | Andy Robateau      |
| John Osollo      | Rick Blake        | Carlos Rodriguez   |
| Chuck Parsons    | Alan Mayse        | Rene Rodriguez     |
| Kent Schumann    | Herb Galvez       | Phillip Sandoval   |
| Joe Trujeque     | Michele Payan     | Holly Carlson      |
| Kirby Real       | Gabe Silva        | Emma Gonzalez      |
| Martin Lovato    | Lori Gastelum     | Tracey Zuliani     |
| Jose Aguirre     | Ante Basich       | Christine McMillan |
| Steve Karsten    | Nick Jurat        | Ron Price          |
| Al Baca          | John Radovich     | Steve Karsten      |
| Willie Brown     | Mark Weisenberger | George Jackson     |
| Gerald Mageau    | Ping Lit          | Pauline Hospe      |

