

St. Patrick's Day Parade



■ He Appreciates That the Club Is Everywhere, Even If Mayor Isn't

It seems as though the Club is everywhere. I recently saw Robert Larios, the Club Chef, at the USC ceremony, and some of the other Club staff taking pictures of some employees in our building at City Hall.

When I saw the Club banners placed across one of the fire trucks at the St. Patrick's Day Parade, I was happily surprised. It is indicative to me that the Club is making the effort to support the City and its

employees in every which way it can. It makes me happy to be a member of the one organization that is sensitive to the needs and wants of City employees.

Lastly, the parade was fun. I know that it is going to get bigger and better as the years go by. I have two thoughts ... Did someone forget to invite Mayor Hahn? Maybe inviting him would bring more people out to see the parade. Secondly, I would include some floats.

— Hugh Fitzcairn, Club Member

■ Capt. Andrade's Presence Made Parade Best Ever

Hats off to Capt. Andrade: This was the best St. Patrick's Day parade ever!

— Samantha Waters, Club Member

■ St. Paddy's Parade Keeps Getting Better

Every year the St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Los Angeles gets better and better. This year's parade was no exception.

The old fire engines and cars were especially interesting and fun to watch. The public as well as City employees demonstrated a moment of unity, and it was a pleasure to observe.

It was nice to see some of the councilmembers participate in the parade like Bernard Parks and Jan Perry. However, I looked for Mayor Hahn but I didn't see him in the grandstands or on the parade route. Can anyone tell me if he was there?

— Charlie Desalvo, City Clerk

Members Speak Out



■ The Recipes in *Alive!* Really Cook For This First-Time Bread Baker

The cooking article has to be one of the most entertaining parts of the newspaper. [Robert] Larios really does his homework when it comes to selecting the right recipe for the occasion.

Additionally, he makes good use of history with his article. I would have never known something about St. Patrick's Day and its foods unless I read "Cooking with the Club."

By the way, the Burnes Ballymaloe Brown Bread is one of a kind in my book. I made it and it turned out delicious. In fact, it is my first-ever baking experience. Did anyone else try this stuff?

— Lorenzo Garcia, Club Member

■ ClubFest Got Him Started, but Now He Likes Much of What Club Offers

Alright, I want to first say to all my City brothers and sisters if you haven't signed up: Sign up today!

You can't beat the Club savings. I signed up last July simply because I heard about the party in October and I'm glad I did. The party was outstanding: so much food, so much fun.

My kids ran around like chickens with their heads cut off. And that raffle guy was hilarious. [*Kudos to the Ticket Guy, who ran the raffle.—Ed.*]

Also, my boss referred me to join the Club, and he received a free movie ticket. Since then I have been trying to sign up every City employee and their mother. :)

But thank you Club staff for everything, your service is outstanding. Keep up the good work.

— "City Man", Club Member

■ He Regrets Not Signing Up for Long term Care When He Could

According to the US Census Bureau, life expectancy is increasing, too. Life expectancy was age 38 in 1850; 75 in 1985, and age 85 in 1993. More people living longer means an older population often surviving with medical conditions requiring personal assistance or treatment.

These statistics are translated into real life experiences for city employees. I know, because my wife is now in a nursing home with a cerebral disease and she is only 51 years old. It has taken all of our savings and we can only wish that we would have thought of long term care before we experienced this financial and emotional drain.

— Richard Ryan, Club Member

Corrections:

— In a story on her retirement in the March issue of *Alive!*, we misstated the title and department of Dorothy Dillard at her retirement. She was an emergency preparedness coordinator I in the Dept. of General Services.

We regret the error and wish Dorothy a great retirement.

— Also, on page 3 of the March issue, the name of the executive officer at the Department of Building and Safety was misstated. He is Raymond Chan.

Alive! regrets the error.



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