

# Harbor Department Thanks Those Employees With Perfect Attendance

The Harbor Department in conjunction with the City of Los Angeles' Employee Service Recognition Month holds an annual luncheon for its employees who achieved perfect attendance during the previous calendar year. During 2003, 165 Harbor Department employees had perfect attendance. This was higher than in 2002, when 144 employees had perfect attendance. The 165 total represents 23 percent of the Harbor Department's workforce having had perfect attendance during 2003.

This year's luncheon was held during a fantastic spring day May 11 in the courtyard of the Marina Hotel in San Pedro overlooking the Cabrillo Marina, which provided for a Mediterranean style al fresco setting. The annual event is organized and hosted by Martin Chavez, the Harbor Department's Human Resources Development Officer. In addition to treating the employees to lunch, the Harbor Department also recognized seven employees who achieved ten consecutive years of perfect attendance by presenting each employee with a jacket with an embroidered Port logo. The employees honored were:

- Roy Benjamins, Engineering
- Boyd Bostre, Engineering
- James Kapel, City Attorney

- Todd McElhaney, Construction and Maintenance(C&M)-Paint Shop
- Masa Morimoto, Marketing
- Julia Nagano, Public Affairs
- Rocki Walker, Human Resources

Then the fun began! The Harbor Department held a raffle to select eight employees to receive \$500. Those lucky winners were:

- Rica Marie Viola, Property Management
- Christine Men, Treasury Management
- Kurt Ramirez, Engineering - Surveys
- Virgilio Torres, Engineering - Surveys
- Shari Hill, C&M - Administration
- Steven Mangold, C&M - Machine Shop
- Charles Miller, C&M - Equipment Repair
- Stephen Hangar, C&M - Machine Shop

The City Employees Club did not want to be left out of the fun and donated three prizes. Club Chief Operating Officer John Hawkins and Club Counselor Arlene Herrero and Club Member Services Manager Angel Gomez selected the raffle winners:

- David Bickel, Engineering - Inspections (television)
- Rosa Reynoso, Port Police (portable DVD player)
- James Davis, Engineering (stereo system)



**Jacket recipients, from left: Rocki Walker; Todd McElhaney; Boyd Bostre; Bruce Seaton, Chief Operating Officer; Roy Benjamins; James Kapel; Masa Morimoto; and Martin Chavez, HR Development Officer.**

This was followed by a raffle for two sets of field-level Dodger tickets, including parking passes, donated by Western Medical Group. The winners were:

- Michelle Gill, Port Pilots
- Jose Tataje, Purchasing

Pallagio Day Spa in Torrance donated a gift certificate, won by Mark Weisenberger, also from Purchasing.

The last of the raffle prizes were three \$20 Borders Bookstore gift certificates donated by the Los Angeles Federal Credit Union. Those winners were:

- Shao Yu Shao, Engineering - Test Lab
- Darleen Davis, Information Systems
- Vahik Haddadian, Engineering

Additionally, all 165 employees with perfect attendance received a Coleman one-gallon cooler with the Port's logo. This was a fun day with great weather along the waterfront with employees from the Harbor Department. With this much fun, the Club sure hopes to see everyone again next year.

And the Club congratulates all those in attendance for their great service and dedication over the past year.

Here are photos of the event. Where specified, years listed are years of perfect attendance; all other references to overall years refer to years of service to the City. 📷



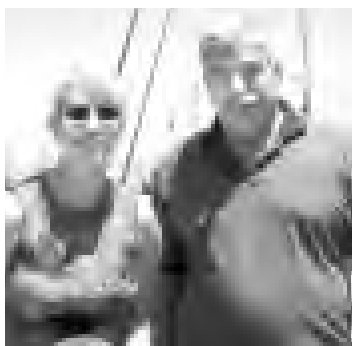
**From left: Kathy Merkowsay, Risk Manager, 16 years; James Davis, Harbor Engineer, 18 years; and Teresa Henkhaus, Sr. Construction Inspector, 23 years.**



**From left: David Bickel, Sr. Construction Inspector, 16 years; Carlos Quintana, Civil Engineer Associate III, 15 years; Du Tran, Mechanical Engineer Associate III, 18 years; and Pablo Ninofranco, Electrical Associate, 30 years.**



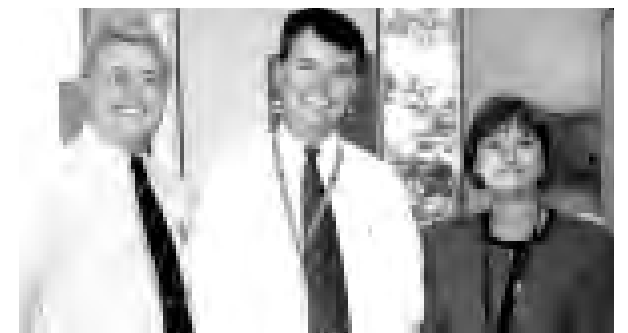
**James Dixon, Sr. Clerk Typist, 3 years, handing the gift of a water jug to Dora McClendon, Sr. Clerk Typist, 32 years, with 14 years of consecutive perfect attendance.**



**From left: Linda Brown, Palagio Medical Day Spa, and Mark Weisenberger, Purchasing, two years of perfect attendance.**



**The \$500 winners, pictured with Bruce Seaton, from left: Kurt Ramirez, Rica Marie Viola, Christine Men, Virgilio Torres, Shari Hill, Steven Mangold and Martin Chavez. Not pictured: Charles Miller.**



**From left: Tom Capicotto, Sr. Personnel Analyst II, 30-plus years; Steven Baker, Sr. Personnel Analyst, 16 years; and Rocki Walker, Director of Human Resources, 36 years.**



**Damon Lankford, Security Officer, 4 years.**



**Bruce Seaton pulls eight lucky employees for the \$500 cash award.**



**From left: Tom Capicotto, Rocki Walker, Norman Arikawa, Masa Morimoto, Vahik Haddadian and Bill McCleish.**



**From left: Ping S. Lit, Civil Engineer, 17 years; and Dennis Ogren, Sr. MA II, 31 years.**



**From left: Sgt. Rosa Reynoso, Port Police, 15 years; Tam Bui, Accounting Clerk, 17 years; Emilio Macias, Architectural Associate, 20 years; and William Yocham, Port Police K-9 Officer, 4 years.**



**From left: Gary Gardner, Sr. Computer Operator II, 15 years; Charles Turner, Financial Manager, 4 years; and Mike Russell, Finance Analyst, 2 years.**



**LAFCU donated \$20 Borders Gift Cards. Winners were, from left: Vahik Haddadian, Engineering, 1 year of consecutive perfect attendance; Darleen Davis, Information Systems, 13 years of consecutive perfect attendance; Shao Yu Shao, Engineering, 9 years of consecutive perfect attendance; and Martin D. Chavez, HR Development Officer, 9 years of consecutive perfect attendance.**



From left: Jessica Bautista, Sr. Clerk Typist, 9 years; Richard Joe, Electrical Engineer Associate, 29 years; Jessie Palicte, Sr. Clerk Steno, 40 years; Carmen Bognot, Architectural Associate 4, 26 years; Pons Rongavilla, Building Mechanical Engineer Associate III, 14 years; Boyd Bostre, Architectural Associate, 24 years; and Tom Asuncion, Architectural Associate, 17 years.



Bruce Seaton, Chief Operating Officer, 23 yrs of consecutive perfect attendance; and Martin D. Chavez, HR Development Officer, nine years of consecutive perfect attendance.



Winners of the prizes donated by the Club, from left: Martin D. Chavez, HR Development Officer; John Hawkins, Club COO; James Davis, Engineering, who won a Panasonic stereo system; Sgt. Rosa Reynoso, Port Police, who won the portable DVD player; David Bickel, Engineering, who won the television; Angel Gomez, Club Member Service Manager; and Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor.



From left: Oscar Insong, Construction Inspector, 20 years; Shou-Yu Shao, Civil Engineer Associate, 25 years; Peter Ouk, Civil Engineer Associate, 10 years; and Hugo Cisneros, Civil Engineer Associate, 2.5 years.



From left: Tom Yamamoto, Port Police K-9 Officer, 10 years; Leo Stekkinger, Port Police K-9 Officer, 35 years; Captain Ralph Tracy, Port Police Captain, 21 years; and Lt. Al Rosario, Port Police Lt., 19 years.



Back, from left: Jo Ann Bambridge, Sr. Real Estate Officer, 18 years; Sue Lai, Transportation Engineer, 13 years; and Jack Chang, Civil Engineer Associate, 13 years. Front, from left: Jeanette Argentine, Wharfinger, 20 years; Linda Vigil, Asst. Chief Wharfinger, 33 years; and Lajuan Kennedy, Wharfinger, 20 years.



Martin Chavez shows the crowd the May issue of *Alive!* containing photos of the Harbor orientation.



The lunch buffet.



From left: Gloria Dowling-Sierra, Western Medical; Jose Tataje, Purchasing, one year of perfect attendance; Michelle Gill, Port Pilots, 3 years of perfect attendance; and Dr. Paz Elilat, Western Medical.



The Harbor Department's perfect attendance event.



In back, from left: Stephen John, Graphic Designer, 2 years; and Rose Kinoshita, Sr. Clerk Typist, 20 years. Seated, from left: Kedren Pilgram, Administrative Intern, 4 years; and Martin D. Chavez, HR Development Officer, 9 years of consecutive perfect attendance.

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