

## Financial Planning Seminar Helps Club Members Prepare for Future

**■ First seminar with Club partner Wachovia Securities assisted Club members to invest wisely for the future. Second seminar set for July 28. Are you saving enough?**

On Tuesday, May 24, at the Proud Bird Restaurant in Westchester, the Club held its first investment seminar (in two sessions) with Club partner Wachovia Securities and financial advisers James Ocon and Kevin Wright. Did you attend?

Participants received basic information on how Club members can invest their hard-earned dollars.

"It was great to be with the Club members," Ocon said. "So many who came were relieved to have that information about retirement in front of them. They know where to turn. They were happy to have this level of information in front of them, from a trusted Club partner. They have options."

The next Club-sponsored Financial Planning Seminar with Wachovia is scheduled for Wednesday, July 28, at Encino Glen, the banquet room adjacent to the Balboa Golf Course.

"It's never too late to start planning for retirement," Ocon said. "We should talk 10, 15 or even 20 years before retirement. But it's never too late. Start now!"

Wachovia Securities is a Club partner.

"We take a real team approach to managing their assets, so they can have a comfortable retirement, or pay for their children's college education, or reach really any realistic financial goal," says Ocon who, with his business partner Kevin Wright, provides Club members with investment advice and services.

Their expertise is free to all Club members. "Most of the time, financial planners will charge an hourly fee for their time," Ocon explains. "But since we're a Club partner, we don't charge a fee to talk to Club members. We love to do it."

James and Kevin have been working with the Club for more than a year. "Do you really trust someone with your financial future? We've developed a great trust atmosphere and went through a long process of gaining the Club's trust. We help and work with lots of Club members. We've developed that trust with the Club, and we're really big on customer service."

"We have contact with so many Club members, that we understand what your needs and goals are," adds Wright. "We know how your retirement plan works and how best to complement the LACERS program and the Club's insurance programs. With us, you don't have to start all over. We know how it all works. You can take advantage of that knowledge."

"James and Kevin love working with us, and the feeling is mutual," says Club Counselor Arlene Herrero, who works with the Wachovia Securities financial advisers to help serve Club members. "On one occasion, as soon as I hung up the phone with Kevin, he contacted the member and the member was really surprised that he got his call back so quickly."

"They are great guys, and I can count on them to return my call."

"Club members should always think longterm," Ocon advises. "There are no immediate millionaires. That's too dangerous. You should be looking to meet longterm goals, with



The first Club-sponsored Financial Planning Seminar, held May 24 at the Proud Bird Restaurant in Westchester.

solid asset allocation and a solid rate of return. The best way to go about it is, set a longterm goal, and then work with a financial adviser to get there step by step. That's what we do."

James Ocon and Kevin Wright specialize in all aspects of financial planning from retirement accounts, college planning, 401k rollovers and investments (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, annuities, etc.) They are extremely involved with the community and base their philosophy on one-on-one service with all our clients. We follow MPT (Modern Portfolio Theory), which applies correct asset allocation for a better return and lower volatility.

The Club hopes to be able to put on a different seminar every month.

"We're happy to talk to every single Club member, and their family members, too," Kevin Wright adds. "In financial planning, time is everything. It's never too late to start planning and saving. So, our advice is: Start planning, but act now." ■

## LAPD Centurions Team to Host Baseball Showdown with NYPD

The LAPD Celebrity Swing-a-Thon is an exciting one of a kind baseball fest and fundraiser. Free to the public, this event brings the police department, children, families, and the diverse Los Angeles community together to promote good health, physical activity, and positive life choices, all while celebrating America's favorite pastime. Special guest speakers are new Los Angeles Dodgers Owner Frank McCourt, Los Angeles Police Chief William Bratton, Los Angeles City Council President Alex Padilla, and Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavski.

The fourth annual LAPD Celebrity Swing-a-Thon will take place Saturday, July 24, at El Cariso County Park, 13100 Hubbard St. in Sylmar from 10 am to 3 pm. Additional event parking is available at Mission College.

The NYPD's baseball team, New York's Finest, will take on LAPD's baseball team, the Centurions. All proceeds of pledges for runs scored, stolen bases, home runs, or base hits recorded during the game will benefit the LAPD Centurions baseball team's Annual Holiday Toy Giveaway in December. Last year, more than 2500 of LA's most disadvantaged youth were feed, entertained, and given a Christmas toy.

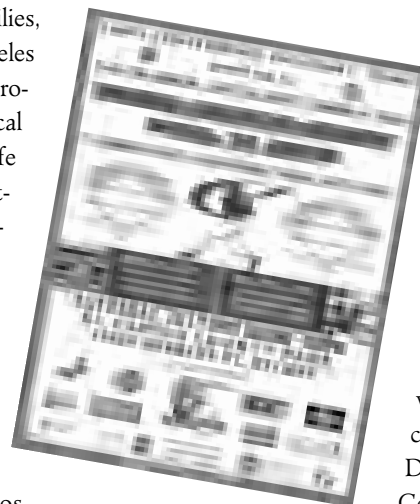
The Swing-a-Thon also will feature a free baseball clinic, autograph session, and health fair presented by the Manny Mota International Foundation. Baseball legend

Manny Mota and a host of starting Dodger players will be on hand to give instructions in batting, fielding, catching, throwing, and running bases. Football greats Rod Martin (L.A. Raider record holder), Charles White and Anthony Davis will instruct a free football clinic and sign autographs. During Opening Ceremonies Rod Martin will be presented with this year's

Lifetime Achievement Award for his dedication to youth and continues service to our Los Angeles community

Other activities include interactive games and inflatables, community booths, karaoke, celebrity home-run contest, public safety displays (LAPD Helicopter, Bomb Squad, SWAT, K-9, Mounted Horses, and other specialized units), free digital fingerprinting station, raffles, music, contests, giveaways, food and much, much more!

For additional information please contact event organizer Los Angeles Police Officer Mike Scott at (818) 268-2488 or email [scottsoldier@aol.com](mailto:scottsoldier@aol.com) ■



## Choraliers Serenades the Spring; Concert Emphasizes Oscar Songs

**■ DWP's performing group puts on summer performance in May.**

The DWP's Choraliers went to the movies in May as the group presented its annual spring performance, this year titled "Let's Go to the Movies: A Musical Romp With Oscar-Winning Songs" May 12-14 in the auditorium at the Ferraro Building.

The performances were sponsored by the DWP Employees Association and the DWP.

The show was executive produced by April Steffen, directed by Steven Applegate and choreographed by Linda Tucci Renert.

Congratulations to all who participated! ■

Here are some photos of the event.



The Choraliers present "Let's Go to the Movies."



"Swinging on a Star."