

Exit Laughing

By Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

■ Engineer and Club member Frank Bonoff retires from City after more than 38 years.

On Aug. 19 at the Brookside Country Club in Pasadena, Frank Bonoff was the man of the hour at a retirement luncheon in his honor.

"Come join him at what could be the funniest retirement luncheon in City history!" the invitations said.

Frank has been a Club member since 1999.

Here is the City resolution produced in his honor:

"Whereas, Frank V. Bonoff, Principal Civil Engineer and the Valley District Engineer for the Bureau of Engineering, is retiring on July 23, 2004, after serving the people of the City of Los Angeles with outstanding dedication for more than 38 years; and

"Whereas, Frank's grandparents settled in Los Angeles in 1898 and Frank is a second generation native Angelino; and

"Whereas, Frank graduated from Los Angeles High School in February 1962 and graduated from the University of California Los Angeles in June 1966 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering; and

"Whereas, Frank started his Engineering career with a summer job with the City of Los Angeles in June 1965 as a Student Engineer with the Bureau of Sanitation at the Hyperion Treatment Plant; and

"Whereas, Frank in June 1966 was hired full-time as a Civil Engineering Assistant with Bureau of Engineering Sewer Design Division; and

"Whereas, Frank for the next 26 years rotated, transferred and promoted to the following offices in the Bureau of Engineering: Coordinating Division, Storm Drain Design Division, Utility and Estimating Division Central District, Wastewater Systems

Division, Hyperion Construction Division, Central District - Permit Processing, Engineering Assessment Division, and the combined Assessments and Permits Division; and

"Whereas, Frank in October 1993 promoted to Principal Civil Engineer in the Development Services Division where he was known as "Engineer of Permits" and in July 1997 transferred to the Valley District Office his current position as Valley District Engineer; and

"Whereas, Frank is married to Susan Bonoff, who has worked for LAUSD for 34 years, and has two daughters, Stephanie a graduate of UCLA and Nicole who is attending Stanford; and

"Whereas, Frank has worked on many special projects such as the Bus Shelter Program, Hyperion Recovery System (HERS), GM Plant Redevelopment, and Porter Ranch; has written numerous sections of the LAMC; was instrumental in revitalizing the Bureau of Engineering campus recruiting program and lead the effort to hire scores of new engineers; and is a member of ASCE, APWA, LAPMA, and a former Governor of EAA; and

"Whereas, Frank is known for his quick wit and sense of humor and has exceeded numerous retirements and parties that featured his famous slide shows; and

"Whereas, Frank is known to have served the City through the years with dedicated service illustrated through hard work, pride, honesty, and professionalism, and after retirement intends to devote his time to consulting work, training his Portuguese Waterdog "Maddie," traveling, reading, comedy writing and relaxing at the world renowned Tahoe Bonoffventure.

"Now, therefore, be it resolved, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Council of the City of Los Angeles does hereby commend Frank V. Bonoff for his outstanding work for the City and extends to him and his family, the best wishes for a long and enjoyable retirement."

Congratulations from the Club, Frank and Susan. And have a great retirement.



Frank V. Bonoff, Valley District Engineer, Retiree, Club member.



From left: Al Mead, CMB Engineering; Terri Marcus, CMB Engineering; Bert Bradley, CMB Engineering; and Jack Dawson, Public Works.



Frank Bonoff, with (from left) his daughter Nicole, his wife Susan, and his daughter Stephanie.



Back, from left: Clark Robins, Engineering, Club member; Alex Vixlaurazaga, Engineering; and Sunny Patel, Engineering. Seated: Cathy Campana, Engineering; Anita Moore, Engineering; and Karen Dacres, Engineering.



From left: Fred Overstreet, Engineering, Club member; Erich Ziebarth, Engineering, Club member; Par Commisariat, Retired Engineer; and May Woo, Engineering, Club member.



From left: Armen Melkonians, AMEC; John Fisher, DOT; and Sergio Valdez, DOT.



Back, from left: Farain Farsain Engineering; and Ahmad Hooshmand, Engineering, Club member. Front: Rod Davis, Sanitation, Club member; Helenia McNeil, Engineering; and Marsha Kawamoto, Engineering.



Front, from left: Yani Aquino, LADBS; Ray Chan, LADBS; and Dave Lara, LADBS. Back: Lincoln Lee, LADBS; Ray Saidi, Engineer; and Jim Washington, SEIU.



Front, from left: Marie Wong, Engineer; Susan Shu, Engineer; and Miranda Ow, Street Services. Back: Andy Flores, Engineer; Carl Nelson, Engineer; and David Cheung, Sanitation.



John Bwarie, Mayor's Office.



From left: Kathi Boone, spouse; Phil Johson, Retired Engineer; Joyce Sysak, spouse; and Stan Sysak, Retired Engineer.



From left: Orest Dolvniuk, PAI; Carol Battocchio, The Arpen Group; and Pam Ball, GLM Associates.



From left: Richard Prutz, Prutz and Associates; and Steve Kerr, Wagner, Kerr and Associates.



Stan Horowitz, Bureau of Street Lighting Engineer; his wife, Susan; Rob Zimring, friend of 48 years, and his wife, Linda; and Sharon Thomas, friend.



From left: Irwin Chodash, DOT, Club member; Dave Royer, Retired DOT; John Black, RBA Partners; and Harold White, Consulting Engineer, Retired Engineering, Club member.



Sam Furuta, Retired Engineer, talks about his days working with Frank.



Stan Horowitz, friend, speaks.



Bradley Smith, Chief Deputy City Engineer, welcoming the guests.



Seth Munoz presents a gift on behalf of Valley District Office.



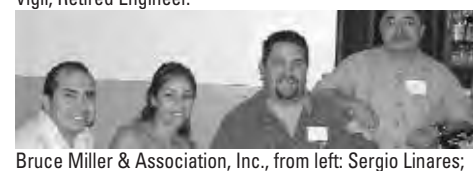
From left: Luci Torres, Retired Engineer; Wayne Savaria, Retired Engineer; Michele Isomura, Retired Engineer; and Ron Hale, Retired Engineer.



Front, from left: Ken Axelrad, Tom Conner, Karen Furuta, Spouse; and Darrel Hans, Back: Sam Furuta, and Jack Vigil, Retired Engineer.



From left: Pablo Sanchez, Harbor; Ray Aliviado, Harbor; and Ahmad Hooshman, Engineer.



Bruce Miller & Association, Inc., from left: Sergio Linares; Liana Fernandez; Dan Alvidrez; Allen Ono; and Bruce Miller.



Front, from left: John Bullock, Retired Engineer; Mary Bullock, Retired Engineer; Patricia Duran, Engineer; and Eleanor Barrera, Engineer. Back: Armen Melkonians, AMEC; Lilia Cortes, PSOMAS; Moe Lahooti, E.N.G.; and Jade Flores, Engineer.



Front, from left: Jack Dawson, Engineer; Jimmy Tangonan, Engineer; and Orlando Guinid, Engineer. Back: Jon Lin, Engineer; Randy Tsurutani, Engineer; Frank Drobný, Retired Engineer; Tom Kilmer, Engineer; and Kenny Platner, Retired Engineer.



From left: Ron Spindler, Private Engineer; Larry Gray, Private Engineer; Maria Delgadillo, Private Engineer; Madonna Perry, Private Engineer; and Luke Vella, Developer.



Dr. Ifa Kashafi, Building and Safety