

# Standing in Unison

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## ■ Circle of Unity observed at LAX in memory of 9/11.

On Sept. 9, officials at Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) commemorated the third anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, with a "Circle of Unity" ceremony at LAX. The public, airport employees and passengers formed a silent human "Circle of Unity" around the memorial art piece in the lobby of the LAX Theme Building—recreating the one held Sept. 14, 2001, the first full day of flight activity after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The moment of silence was followed by attendees singing "God Bless America." Small U.S. flags were distributed.

Club Board Member Michael Biagi led the commemoration. He read a poem by Chelsea Cruz. Chelsea is the daughter of Club member Pam Cruz, a Management Analyst II in the Engineering and Project Management Division.

Here is Chelsea's poem:

*We Remember  
When we think back on that dreadful day in  
September '01  
Emotions rise as we try to hold back tears for  
those who have gone  
Relinquishing. Never. Proceeding on towards a  
brighter future and unity. An  
Eminent day in modern history  
Mourning for those who were hurt, wishing for  
those who committed this to come forth  
Endorsing togetherness, remembering how the  
plane had collided with the North. Our  
Morale restored two years later  
Believing in each other now more than ever  
Enabling differences in order to reunite  
Remembering that day, that hit, that flight...*



The "Circle of Unity" at LAX.



Transportation Security Administration, from left: Link Lewis, Primary Management; Jayme Dennison, Manager; Mariano Barreiro, Administrative Officer; and Elaine Yellock, Administrative Assistant.



Airport Police, from left: Bike Officer Adrian; Officer Lane; and Officer Muhammad.



Engineering and Project Management Division, from left: Patricia Gawith, Clerk Typist; Tony Won, Management Analyst; and Pamela Cruz, Management Analyst.



Airport Traffic Control Unit, from left: George Abshier, Training Officer; Sean Hector, Traffic Officer; Sgt. Robert Faston; Sgt. Matturi; Peter T. Keenan, Traffic Officer; and Nels Hansen, Training Officer.



A moment of silence during the commemoration.



Travelers Aid Volunteers.



From left: Chris Smith, Gardener/Caretaker, and Guadalupe Raygoza, Gardener



"God Bless America" was sung by Shelly Roberts, Senior Clerk Typist, Landslide Operations.



Michael Biagi, Chief of Landslide Operations, Los Angeles World Airports, and LACEA Board Member, read the emotional poem written by Chelsea Cruz, daughter of Club Member Pam Cruz.

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