

NEW FEATURE
L.A. History To Come Alive!

■ Retired LA archivist Hynda Rudd to write column for *Alive!*

"I love archival work because it protects the records of the past," says retired L.A. City Archivist Hynda Rudd. "It also affords the present to understand where it came from and the future to be aware of its long, rich history. The archives are an educational tool that provide the public with a resource to understand itself."



Hynda Rudd, City Archivist (Retired), and Club Member

That's why she has agreed to make *Alive!* even better: Hynda will write a regular column on the City's rich history.

Her column begins this month. The column is titled *History Comes Alive! Tales From the L.A. City Archives*. It's a coup for *Alive!* ... and for all

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Rising to the Occasion!

■ LAFD Museum begins work on its long-planned Fallen Firefighters Memorial.



An aerial view of construction as the LAFD Historical Society begins building the Fallen Firefighters Memorial.

The LAFD Historical Society has just passed a huge milestone: construction of the much-anticipated Fallen Firefighters Memorial is under way!

"As I am writing this message the ground is shaking from the jackhammer breaking the concrete in front of the Museum to start the con-

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From left: Yvette Bentley, Sr. PSR, 16 years, Club Member; Jay Leno; and Tracy Page, Sr. PSR, 14 years, Club Member at the LAPD Communications holiday party, held Dec. 10 at the LAX Renaissance Hotel. The event included fun, friends, fellowship and dinner.

Alive! was there when dozens of City departments celebrated the holidays.

Catch all the recaps beginning on page 14.

Club Member Services Manager Angel Gomez visits with Santa at one of the many City parties held over the holidays. Tons more pictures inside!

A young girl receives her gift from Santa at a holiday dinner and party hosted by Ontario International Airport. More photos of the event are inside.

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History Comes Alive!



by Hynda Rudd, City Archivist (Retired), and Club Member

New Column to Connect Club With City's Rich History

It is with great pride that I formally introduce you to the Los Angeles City Archives. This is the first of many articles relating interesting and historical information about our City government. My name is Hynda L. Rudd. I became the first City Archivist in 1980; this was during the celebration of the City's bicentennial. My employment was with the City Clerk's Office. I was City Archivist from 1980-85. I then became the Records Management Officer from 1986-2001. Within the scope of this time period, I began to realize that the City of Los Angeles had one of the finest municipal archival collections anywhere in this country. My disappointment has always been that this archival collection never received its full recognition. I hope these future articles will help to broaden the history of this incredible city.

Every month here in *Alive!*, I hope to share with you, fellow Club member, another historical aspect of our fine city, courtesy a record or two from the City Archives. I'm really looking forward to it.

The purpose of the City Archives' Historical Records Program is to identify, collect and preserve records of historical significance originated by City government. The City Archives represents the most unique and esteemed component of the City's Records Management Program. The City Archives wants to inform researchers not affiliated with the City government about the nature of the institution, and the resources that are available to the public. While a body of government records collectively known as the "City archives" has existed since the 1830s, the

City Archives as stated above was established in 1980.

Historically, the Los Angeles City Clerk's Office has assumed responsibility for keeping official City records and making them available to the public as well as to City officials and employees. This responsibility was outlined in the first City Charter of 1876, and continued in the Charters of 1889, 1925 and 2000. While the City Archives has records from as early as 1827, the great bulk of the records are from the 20th century.

They include records of the Los Angeles City Council Minutes; City Council Petitions and Files; past and current versions of the City Charter; Administrative and Municipal Codes; Contracts; Deeds to and from the City; Election Files (Precinct maps from 1908 to present); Departmental Annual Reports; maps; photographs; financial reports and ledgers of the City Auditor, City Controller and Treasurer; and local municipality records from Eagle Rock, Hollywood, San Pedro, Tujunga, Venice, Watts and Wilmington prior to their becoming part of the City of Los Angeles. Also included are office files of Mayor Yorty, a little of Norris Poulson, and those of Richard Riordan. There are files of many of the Council Members from Tom Bradley and Art Snyder to the present. The staff of the City Archives has prepared finding aids and inventories that index the historical records of City Departments, City Council and Mayor.

Reference service is the top priority of the City Archives. Questions and comments regarding the program are welcomed, and the user is invited to make use of the resources for research purposes. The City Archives and the City Records Center are in the C. Erwin Piper Technical Center at 555 Ramirez Street, Space 320, Los Angeles, CA 90012. The facility is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contact Todd Gaydowski, City Records Management Officer at (213) 485-8783 or Jay Jones, acting City Archivist at (213) 485-3512 for further assistance.

See you next month!

New Column

Archivist Rudd Joins *Alive!* Team

City History

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the Club members who enjoy this newspaper.

"Los Angeles is very rich in history," Hynda continues. "I am not a native of Los Angeles; I come from Salt Lake City. I grew up thinking L.A. was La La Land. This is far from the truth.

"Once I became the City Archivist, and later the Records Management Officer, I realized the incredible depth and breadth of the records in the City Archives. The records follow the history of Los Angeles City government from the State's Act of Incorporation of 1850 through today. The City Archives has every City Council minute book and index from 1850 through 2004. The Archives contains the Mexican minutes (in Spanish with translations) from 1832 to the American occupation of 1847. Other records date back to 1828.

"This government history is so rich that I have become project director of a 26-chapter, 32-author anthology on the history of L.A. City government from 1850-2000. The two-volume work will be published in 2005."

Even her own journey toward becoming the City's archivist has its own story to tell.

"I became the City's first archivist because of a fateful encounter. I moved to L.A. from Salt Lake City in 1978. On July 5, 1979, I decided I needed to do some research on a man named Herman Silver, who I had written about for my Master's thesis in Salt Lake.

"Herman Silver was a 19th-century Abe Lincoln-type man who lived in Denver. My thesis covered the years 1826-1885. Silver was a prominent man in Denver. He was Assayer of the Mint in Colorado, as well as a lay-rabbi for the burgeoning Jewish community. I discovered in doing my research that Herman had moved to Los Angeles during the 1880s. I had heard that he eventually became the President of the City Council and ran for Mayor where he was defeated.

"I wanted to know more about Mr. Silver. I decided on July 5, 1979, to go to the City Clerk's Office to do research. When I arrived, I was told to go upstairs in the City Clerk's vault in Room 320 City Hall. While doing my research, a man came upstairs and introduced himself as Bill Ashdown, Assistant City Clerk. It turned out he, too, had Utah roots. He asked me what I did professionally. I mentioned I had been an archivist and records manager. He told me that the City had prepared a federal grant to employ an archivist for an eight-month stint during the City's bicentennial. There was also the possibility that the City would eventually make the position

permanent. Mr. Ashdown suggested I apply when the grant became available, about November of 1979. I applied. I interviewed for the position along with, I have been told, about 100 applicants. I eventually was fortunate to receive this esteemed position, which I held for five years. And that's how it happened.

"I was an employee of the City Clerk's Office for 21 years. I retired three years ago. These were the best working years that I experienced. I was fortunate to work in the profession of my choice, as an archivist and records manager. Also, I worked with a great community of diverse people within my immediate Office, as well as throughout City government and the general public. This City experience not only helped me understand the history of this unbelievable city, but broadened and matured me in the process.

"A sidebar to this story is about Herman Silver. In time after his mayoral defeat, he became the President of the City's first Water Commission. And the community of Silverlake is named after him."

The Los Angeles City Archives, under the City Clerk's office, is a treasure trove.

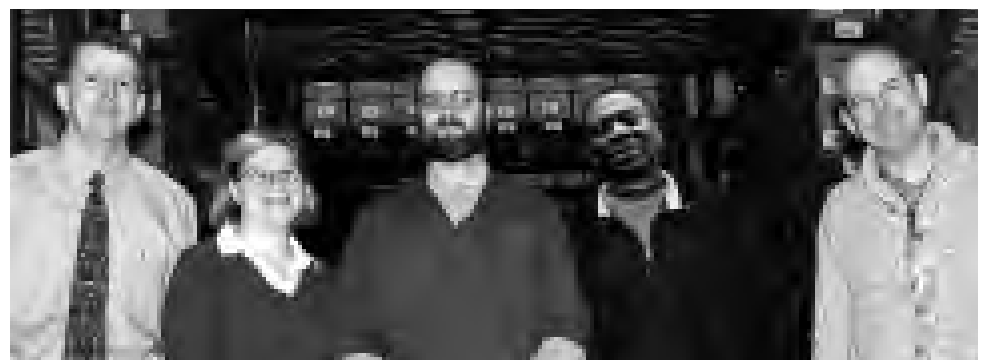
"The City Clerk's Office is one of the oldest departments in the rich history of Los Angeles City government," Hynda continues. "The evolution of this position was originally known as 'Council Secretary' dating back to 1850 under the State's Act of Incorporation. One of the City Clerk's major functions, dating back to the 1800s, was to maintain the records of City government. To me, this is one of the most important mandates of our city government.

Hynda feels that the City's Archives need to be celebrated. *Alive!* agrees.

"I am writing this monthly article because the L.A. City Archives will receive the recognition it deserves. I am the conduit to bring the documents to life in a City newspaper that is *Alive!* This publication affords City employees and retirees the opportunity to not only learn about the City's past, but to also understand they, too, commit history every day."



The Archive team: Jay Jones, Acting Archivist; Todd Gaydowski, Records Management Officer; and Hynda Rudd, retired City Archivist.



The City's Records Management office, from left: Todd Gaydowski, Records Management Officer; Esme Trueheart, on loan from the Chief Legislative Analyst's Office; Mike Holland, Student Professional Worker; Willie Buggs, Storekeeper I; and Jay Jones, Acting Archivist.

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Darren Is 'Outstanding'

The Board of Public Works recently presented an Outstanding Employee Award to Darren Bolden, Heavy Duty Truck Operator with the Bureau of Street Services.

Bureau of Street Services Director Bill Robertson had high praise for Bolden, saying that he always "steps up" and is ready to go beyond what is expected of him to serve the City of Los Angeles.

Bolden was presented the award by the Public Works Task Force for Employee Achievement and Morale (the PW TEAM).

Congratulations, Darren!



Darren Bolden (center) displays his certificate with, from left, Russ Strazzella of the PW TEAM; BPW Commissioner Janice Wood; Vice President Ellen Stein; President Valerie Lynne Shaw; and Commissioner Ronald Low.

Construction Starts on Tribute

LAFD Memorial

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struction of our Fallen Firefighters Memorial," said Society Director Frank Borden. "It is deafening but it is a great sound to hear."

The Historical Society's Board of Directors met Nov. 20 and made a very important decision to begin construction on the LAFD Fallen Firefighters Memorial. This is a major milestone in the project. Construction will take place in phases, only building what we can afford. "We will use nearly all the money we have in the bank currently for phase one. Our general contractor is John Rotondi," Borden said.

The project is beginning to take shape at the restored Fire Station 27, at 1355 N. Cahuenga Blvd. in Hollywood, the home of the LAFD Fire Museum and the Society headquarters.

"We noticed that Los Angeles is one of the few major cities without a firefighters memorial," said Liz Bamattre, chairperson of the Memorial Committee. "There is a war veterans memorial, that contains those firefighters who died serving their country. But no memorial for those who died serving their city."

The project has been developing for some

time. The Historical Society organized a design contest. Five entries were received, and the winning design came from LAFD (active) Captain Dwayne Golden.

Liz Bamattre explains. "It's five bronze statues, of firefighters doing what they do, fighting fires and saving lives," says Liz Bamattre, chairperson of the Memorial Committee. "It's not contemporary. It's very realistic and practical, which we thought was appropriate. It's poignant."

"I've seen many memorials. But our statues really bring into the memorial the department's everyday emergency abilities, an emergency medicine element. Emergency medicine is so much of what the department does."

"The design really reflects what the department does every day."

The design selected, the Historical Society took the plans to Honors for Excellence, a Minnesota company that specializes in creating such memorials. "Building our statues was a labor of love for them as much as it was for us," she says.

The statues were delivered in early 2003. Now under construction is a place to put them: "There's an outdoor plaza outside old Fire Station 27 that we thought would be beautiful," she says. And thus it was chosen. The society selected Los Angeles architect Michael Rotondi of Roto Architects to create the plaza.

The Memorial Wall itself, which will hold the names of those fallen in the line of duty, was designed by Los Angeles artist Yoshikawa. The wall will contain an archway of limestone, water that streams down the surface, and etched glass.

The Historical Society has launched a brick memorial program, where anyone can contribute to the project and have their name etched permanently on the patio's brick pavers.



Frank Borden, director of the LAFD Historical Society, with the statues that will be placed in a permanent Memorial Plaza now under construction in front of old Fire Station 27 in Hollywood.

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Holiday Wrap-up

A Holiday Tradition

Retired folks have holiday fun.

By Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor
Photos by Michelle Moreno,
Club Events Guru

On Dec. 9, the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) held its annual Christmas party and luncheon and installation of officers. As it was last year, the party was held at the Grace E. Simons Lodge near Dodger Stadium.

There was a great party atmosphere, as very many people were there to renew acquaintances and wish each other a great holiday.

The Club was happy to donate attendance prizes, and the Club thanks RLACEI for inviting us to this event. We always look forward to it!



RLACEI Board.



From left: Curtis Hopson, retired from Street Maintenance; Elvie Walker, retired from Street Maintenance; Gene Walker, retired from Street Maintenance; and Shirley Walker, retired from Street Maintenance.



From left: Carmen Gomez, guest; John Gomez, retired from Recreation and Parks – City Center District; and Pete Torres, retired General Services – Fleet Division.



Janet Valadez, guest; and Jimmy Wright, retired from Street Maintenance.



From left: Jack Mathews, RLACEI Board Member, retired from General Services; Denise McGee, retired from Rec and Parks; and Paul McGee, retired from General Services.



From left: Les Iden, retired from General Services; Ina Rasmussen, retired from General Services; Sharren Iden, retired from Street Services; and Mico Rousso, retired from Public Works – Engineering.



Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chair



From left: Milton S. Cohen, retired from Public Works – Contract Administration; Eva Lopez, guest; George Lopez, retired from Planning; and Reginald Foster, retired from Planning.



Curtis Hopson, retired from Street Maintenance, wins a \$50 Albertsons gift card from the Club.



Marguerite and John Shadle, retired photographer from Building and Safety.



From left: Ed Harding, RLACEI President; and Tom Redditt, Sr. Park Services Attendant. Tom did an awesome job of setting up the Grace E. Simons Lodge for the RLACEI Holiday Luncheon. Thanks, Tom!



Ken Spiker, RLACEI Board.



Juan and Sally Lopez, retired from the Library Department.



Leo and Norma Rosen, both retired from Engineering, win a \$50 Vons gift card from the Club.



Robert, LAFD, and Wilma Rebbe, retired from LAPD.



Clifford Leivas, retired from the Harbor Department.



From left: John Bogdanoff, retired from Recreation and Parks, and daughter, Joanne Bogdanoff-Ortiz.



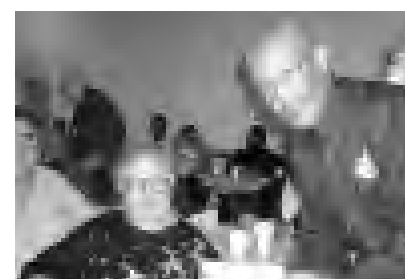
From left: George Sehaad, retired from General Services; and Evelyn Akerman, retired from Public Works, and Poetry Contest Winner.



From left: Clyde Reed, retired from Public Works; Cameron Thomas, guest; and Paul Thomas, retired from ITA.



Julius, retired from the LAFD, and Mary Gonzalez.



Sara Ortiz, retired from Street Maintenance, wins \$50 Vons gift card from the Club.



Leon Lancaster, retired from Street Maintenance.

Holiday Wrap-up

Rec & Parks Party

■ Metro Region has a holiday breakfast.

Story and photo by Jorge Suarez, Club Counselor

The beautiful Romona Hall Center was filled with celebration as Rec and Parks Griffith Metro Region supervisors held a first-rate breakfast for their staff of directors, clerks, maintenance, etc.

The breakfast took place Dec. 16.

More importantly, the Club thanks Rec and Parks for doing a fantastic job this year.



From left: Mark Mariscal, Superintendent (Griffith Metro), 25 years; Jon Mukri, General Manager; and George Stigile, Assistant General Manager (East), 33 years.



From left: John P. Abetar, Civic Center Maintenance, 10 years; Dehava McLaurin, Civic Center Maintenance, 4 years; Edward Castellalos, Gardner, 13 years; and Troy Camp, SPA II, 3 years.



From left: Sonya Young, Childcare Associate, 6 years; Joe Stackhouse, Director (Rose Hill), 8 years; Roz Brown, Sr. Director (Yucca), 14 years; Adria Wilson, Class Parks Rec, 2 years; and Hua Ling, Rec Coordinator, 5 years.



From left: Marci Berumen, Rec Coordinator(Griffith), 5 years; Dave Griffith, Sr. Director, 39 years; and Mark Houchberg, Sr. Clerk Typist, 24 years. Top: Armondo Martinez, Rec Coordinator (Hollenbeck), 5 years; and Larry Perales, Director (Hollenbeck), 25 years.



From left: Cecilia Contreras, Clerk Typist, 4 years; Lita Satterwhite, Senior Clerk Typist, 28 years; and Lilit Arutyunyan, Clerk Typist, 8.5 years.



From left: Carlos Rubio, SPA II, 1 year; Anthony Guerrero, Gardener, 5.5 years; and Gerardo Cortez, SPA II, 3 years.



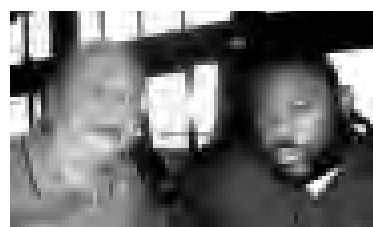
From left: Karin Fox, Rec Coordinator (Yosemite), 4 years; Cassandra Burno, Sr. Rec Director (Yosemite), 7 years; and Celia Mann, Sr. Rec Director (Queen Anne), 6 years.



From left: Reyes Nunez, SPA II, 4 years; Maria Neito, SPA II, 9 years; Judy Sokolowsky, Clerk Typist, 15 years; and James Gordon, SPA II, 10 years.



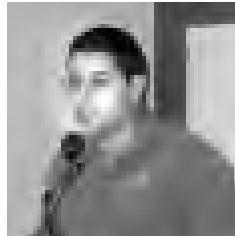
From left: Liceta Bravs, Assistant Program, 23 years; Tiffany Tran, System Analyst, 5 years; and Daniel Do, Sr. Systems Analyst, 14 years.



From left: Pete Nishimura, Rec Coordinator Class Parks, 2 years; and Baya Louie, Rec Coordinator Class Parks, 3 years.



Keith Barbour, Rec Coordinator (Cypress), 5 years.



Jorge Suarez, Club Counselor, offering words of encouragement and praise.



From left: Santiago Cuevas, Director (El Sereno), 20 years; and Richard Sokolowski, Director (State), 30 years.



From left: Andy Price, Boxing Coordinator (Lincoln Park), 15 years; and Judy Sokolowsky, Clerk Typist, 15 years (Romona Hall).

Holiday Central

■ The holidays come to LAPD Central Station.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor
Photos by Daniel Wang, Club Intern

The LAPD Central Station held its festive holiday dinner Dec. 4 for friends, family and co-workers. Everyone could celebrate the season together.

The event was held at the Hyatt Regency Los Angeles.

The Club was happy to donate a prize for the raffle, and was glad to be part of the big night! Special thanks go to Captain Rubert, Officer Marie Kardiban and Cathy Susim for inviting the Club to join in.



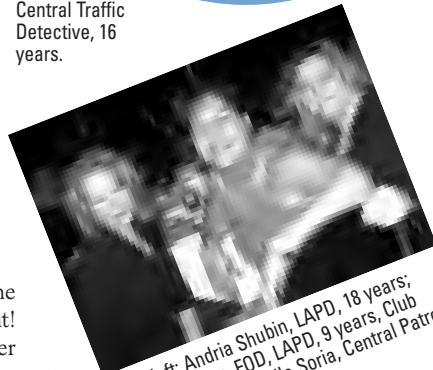
Becky Padilla and her husband, Detective Felix Padilla, Central Traffic Detective, 16 years.



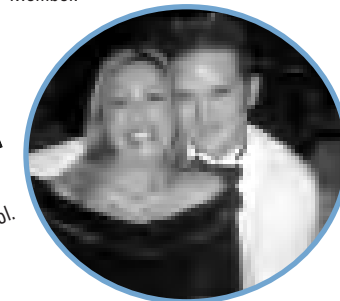
Back, from left: Rosalyn Lopez, Central Records, Club Member; Wilma Mayo, Central Records, Club Member; Lucy Rios, Central Records; and Vitolina Ganotise, Central Records, Club Member.



Marilyn Mack, Central, and John Mack, Retired LAPD Sergeant.



From left: Andria Shubin, LAPD, 18 years; Cynthia James, FOD, LAPD, 9 years, Club Member; and Michelle Soria, Central Patrol.



Nicole and Officer Sean Laule, CTD.



Jade Quek and husband Sergeant Bill Urrutia, CTD.



Back: Officer Marie Kardiban, Club Member. Seated, from left: Daisy Barajas, Central Booster's Secretary; Sergeant James Baker, Central Patrol; and Wendy Baker, LAPD South Traffic.



Maribel Chan, guest, and Officer Alan Rabina, CTD.



Eddie and Leslie Macias, DOT.



From left: Pete Foster, LAPD Central; and Irma Foster, LAPD Central; and Carlos Garcia, LAPS Central.

Holiday Wrap-up



Angels Exist

■ LAPD's Project Angel Tree brings Christmas spirit to the less fortunate.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

Sponsoring a less fortunate child at this special time of year is what Project Angel Tree is all about. And, at the Van Nuys Jail this past holiday season, the generosity continued. And how.

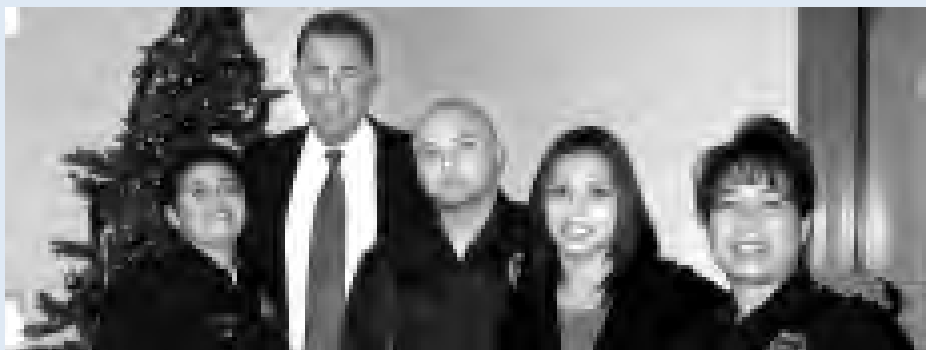
Last year, 30 Angels (youngsters) were sponsored by LAPD detention officers at Van Nuys. This year, 50. Two-thirds more.

"I am overcome with joy at the generosity

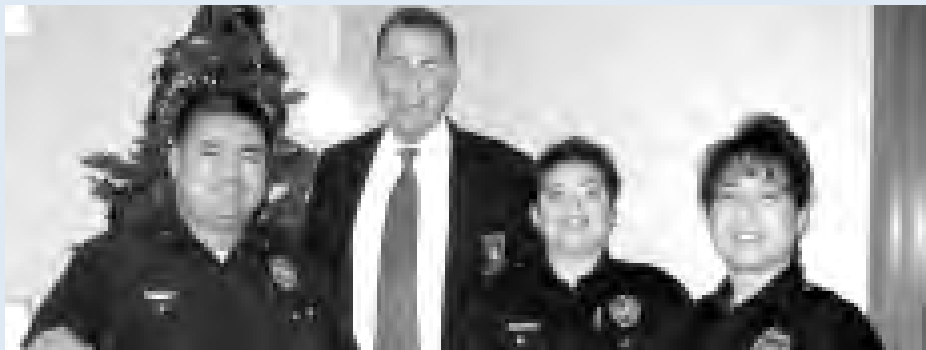
and willingness of City employees who have come together to give back to our community by sponsoring a child," said David Muraoka of the LAPD/Van Nuys Jail and Club Board Member. "They exemplify the true spirit of Christmas."

Some employees have made this a family project, getting their children, parents or siblings actively involved. Several employees sponsored more than one child.

Detention Officer Maria Elias and Senior Detention Officer Jose Jimenez were joint coordinators for the 2004 Angel Tree Project. For the past couple of years, Principal Detention Officer Jennifer Malis was the catalyst who got the Van Nuys Jail Detention Officers involved in this project; she is assigned downtown at Parker Center.



From left: Maria Elias, Detention Officer, 3.5 years, Club Member; Captain Patrick Findley, Commanding Officer Jail Division; Alejandro DiazValle, Detention Officer, 4.2 years, Club Member; Rozine Kalaidjian, Secretary, 4.5 years, Club Member; and Genesis Garrett, Detention Officer, 11.5 years, Club Member.



Standing by a Christmas tree, with presents, from left: Jaime Amador, Principal Detention Officer, 25 years, Club Member; Captain Patrick Findley, Commanding Officer Jail Division; Maria Elias, Detention Officer, 3.5 years, Club Member; and Genesis Garrett, Detention Officer, 11.5 years, Club Member.



From left: Captain Patrick Findley, Commanding Officer Jail Division; and Helen Vondrus, Detention Officer, 3.2 years.



From left: Bonita Wellner, Detention Officer, 9 years; and Captain Patrick Findley, Commanding Officer Jail Division.

Well-Planned Party

■ City Planning Dept. has holiday party.

Story and photos by Jorge Suarez, Club Counselor

The City Planning Dept. held its annual holiday party high atop City Hall Dec. 7. The party was held in the Tom Bradley Room in City Hall. The Club thanks City Planning for inviting us to celebrate the holidays with you.

Here are some photos of the event.



From left: Jae Kim, City Planning Associate, 7 years; and Ronny Biron, City Planning Assistant, 3 years.



From left: Alan Bell, Associate Planner, 20 years; and Herman Van Bueen, City Planner, 25 years.



From left: Gabrielle Williams, Commission Supervisor, 30 years, and Dr. John Lett, Commissioner, 3 years.



From left: Dave Manhart, GIS Supervisor, 35 years; Art Espinoza, GIS Specialist, 25 years; Maria Raz, Assistant Analyst, 3 years; David Dieudonne, GIS Specialist, 3 years; Garry Himan, GIS Specialist, 5 years; and Louie Angeles, GIS Specialist, 19 years.



Top, from left: Conni Pallini, Mel Sayo, Kit Awakuni, Iris Awakuni and Julie Hanaoka. Bottom: Maria Ortiz, Myra Vines and Meredith Elguirda.

Airport Kids In the Spirit

■ LAX holds annual Christmas party for children of employees.

Story and photos by Liz Montes, Club Counselor



The LAX Association of Airport Employees held its annual Children's Christmas Party Saturday afternoon, Dec. 4, at the LAX First Child Care Center in Westchester. More than 400 LAX employees and their families attended.

The event was free to all airport employees. Guests enjoyed free food, prizes, games, carnival rides, pony rides and face painting.

The Club thanks City employee Kelly Arthurs for her assistance.



From left: Ferrari, Seaghan and Ahriael Colling.



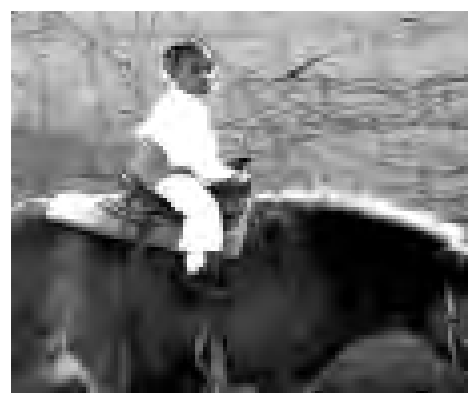
Revelers going for a spin in the bumper cars.



Guests enjoy a free train ride around the park.



Kids enjoying the party.



Enjoying the free pony rides.



From left: Maria Abdallah, Custodian, 3 years; Enrique Alvarez, Custodian, 3 years; and Sabas Valencia, Custodian, 4 years.

Holiday Wrap-up

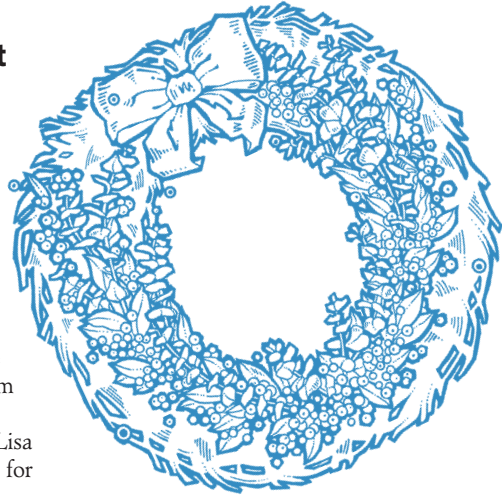
Watts Trims the Tree

■ Watts Library Branch really got festive for the holidays.

Story by Bev Haro, Club Counselor
Photos by Lisa Blackburn

The Watts Library Branch really went out of its way to bring out the holiday spirit for its many patrons and City employees. We're glad to show the rest of the world the good work you did! You made a lot of people have a more festive holiday, by helping them get into the spirit.

So here you go! Thanks. (And thanks to Lisa Blackburn, Catherine Law and Lucille Vestal for their assistance.)



Lucille Vestal, Branch Librarian, 34 years.



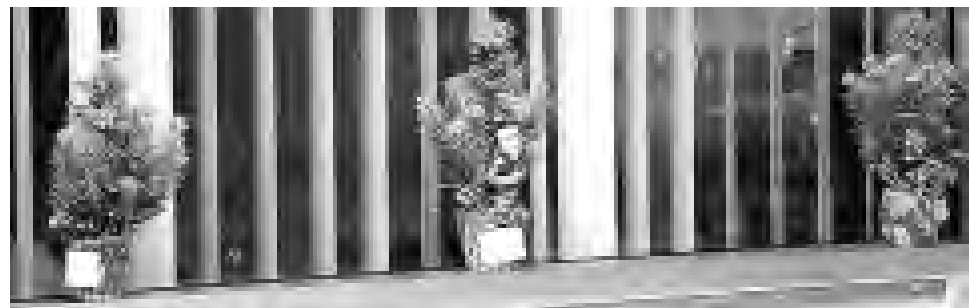
Catherine Law, Clerk Typist, 31 years, with (left) Allison and (right) Edward Blackburn, children of Lisa Blackburn.



Lisa Blackburn, Clerk Typist, 23 years.



It won't take long before this Christmas card board gets filled with holiday cheer.



City Employees at the Watts Library decorate all corners and areas of the library.



The Watts Library Branch really helped make the season bright.



Candy cane decorations with snow lights bring out the holiday spirit for the many patrons that go this library.



City Hall Lights It Up

■ The Rotunda comes alive for the holidays.

Story and photo by Robert Larios, Club Operations Manager

This year in the City Hall Rotunda (unlike last year, which took place on the south lawn of City Hall), Mayor Jim Hahn lit the City's official Christmas tree, for all the City's citizens.

It took place Dec. 7. Also featured were the Hope Institute of Music Children's Choir and the Dickens and Company Mistletoe Carolers.

City Departments that sponsored the event were Project Restore, the City Council, the Mayor's Office, DWP, Gen. Services and IIA. Other sponsors included the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 11 and the National Contractors Association.



The Holiday Tree in the center of the City Hall Rotunda.

Holiday Wrap-up

DOT Traffic: For the Kids



Christmas Tree displayed at Southern Division

Story and photos by Bev Haro, Club Counselor

On Dec. 16, 16 kids from South Park Elementary School were invited to a Christmas party at the DOT South Parking Enforcement facility, 7510 S. Figueroa. Each child received a new coat and a few presents from Santa. After each child received his/her gift, they had lunch.

According to Traffic Officer Barbara Bowers, during the 1985 holiday season the DOT Southern Division Parking Enforcement Supervisors and Traffic Officers began their Annual Christmas Toy Giveaway. The first recipient was the House of Uhuru (a home for Women and Children in Need). Over the next five years, Traffic Officers donated everything needed to make the holiday special for their families.

Soon thereafter children were no longer housed at the House of Uhuru. At this time the officers began what they now call the Adopt-a-Child program. Each year a different local elementary school is contacted and 15 to 20 young children are chosen based on need. The children are invited to a Christmas party with Santa, his helpers and lots of holiday cheer. The children each receive a new winter jacket, clothing and lots of toys. Everything is donated from the traffic officers and their unions, Local 347.

In December 2005, the program will celebrate its 20th year.

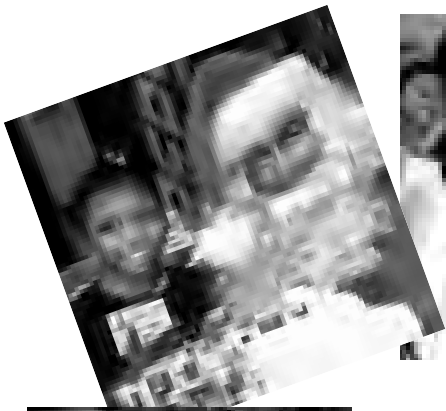


Santa doesn't want to give up his toys yet.



All Club Members!

Back row, from left: Sgt. Oscar Martin, 24 years; Captain Elma Walker, 34 years; Traffic Officer Loretta White, 30 years; Traffic Officer Phillip Hall, 17 years; Traffic Officer Berdena Garrett, 18 years; Arlecia Clay, Sr. Clerk, 8 years; and Garage Attendant Glenn Moore, 13 years. Seated: Traffic Officer Lois Thomas, 24 years. Front row: Traffic Officer Barbara Bowers, 20 years; and Russell Flores, Warehouse & Tool Room Worker.



The children were so excited to see Santa!



All Club Members!

From left: Officer Thomas, Club Member; Officer Bowers, Club Member; and Officer Garrett, Club Member, all help pass out coats for children.



Holiday Wrap-up

Holidays Come To East Valley

Sanitation's East Valley Yard throws second Christmas celebration.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor
Photos by Arlene Herrero and Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager

On Dec. 10, the holidays arrived at the East Valley!
The Bureau of Sanitation's East Valley Yard celebrated its second annual Family Holiday Celebration. The party was for coworkers, friends and family.

The Club donated an X-box as well as other prizes for the raffle. Special thanks go to Joel Zuniga, Sal Miranda and Adriana Nunez for inviting their Club to participate.



From left: Maria Zurate, Clerk Typist, 4 years; Billy Medina, RCTO, 13 years; and Veronica Camacho, Clerk Typist, 5 years.



Back, from left: Manny Sanchez, RCTO, 17 years, and Enrique C. Zaldivar, Assistant Director. Middle: George Sanchez, RCTO, 1.5 years; Rita Robinson, Director, Bureau of Sanitation, Club Board Member; and Robert Garcia, RCTO, 22 years. Seated: John Pegg, RCTO, 18 years.



The crowd waits for their raffle ticket number to be called.



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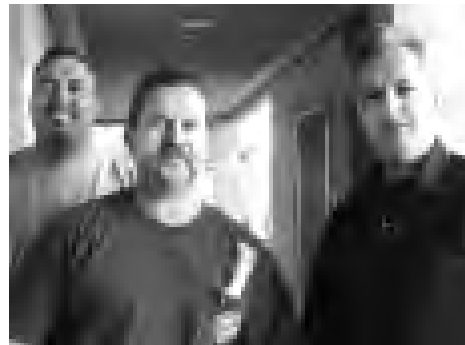
John Pegg, RCTO, 18 years, seasons the chicken.



Ron Cole, Driver, 15 years.



George Sanchez, RCTO, 1.5 years.



Back: Daniel McKay, Recycling Commodity Supervisor, 10 years. Front, from left: Robert Garcia, RCTO, 22 years, and Kenny Lampton, West Valley Recycling Supervisor, 23 years.



John Pegg, RCTO, 18 years (left) and Efrén Corral, RCTO (right) help present an Appreciation Award to Joel Zuniga, East Valley Superintendent, 20 years, Club Member (center).



From left: Jeff Armstead, RCTO, 5 years; Oscar Vargas, RCTO, 5 years; and Albert Gerardo, RCTO, 5 days.



From left: Lenore Jones, Supervisor, 27 years, with Tammy Ryder, Clerk Typist, 10 years.



From left: Sal Miranda, Division Manager 1, 28 years, Club Member, and Greig Smith, Councilman District 12.



Seated, from left: Jose Alonso, RCTO, 16 years, and Lance Brown, RCTO, 14 years. In back: Enrique C. Zaldivar, Assistant Director, with Rita Robinson, Director, Bureau of Sanitation, Club Board Member.



From left: Joe Garcia, RCTO, 15 years, and Louis Ballard, RTO, 10 years.



From left: Joel Zuniga, EV Superintendent, 20 years, Club Member, with guest Priscilla Aragon.



Making sure the "chicken was not overcooked" were, from left, Sal Miranda, Division Manager 1, 28 years, Club Member, and Ron Lee, Supervisor East Valley, 18 years, Club Member.



Charles Davis, RCTO, 13 years.



From left: Rafael Perez, RCTO, 17 years, with Rafael Moreno, RCTO, 16 years, Club Member.



From left: David Sakamoto RCTO, 15 years, and Richard Santa Maria, RCTO, 14 years.



From left: Lloyd McMillan, RCTO, 15 years; Todd Tate, RCTO, 16 years, Club Member, who enjoys the sports section and his food at the same time.



From left: Manny Sanchez, RCTO, 17 years, with Gary Wong, Equipment Mechanic, 24 years, Club Member.



On the left, Chuck Salse, RCTO, 12 years, Club Member, gives his "thumbs up" for the great food. With him is James Barrett, RCTO, 12 years.



John Grimm, RCTO, 1.5 years.



Richard Santa Maria, RCTO, 14 years, proudly hold the X-box he just won. The prize was donated by the Club.



Seated: Aaron Galicia, RCTO, 5 years. Standing, from left: Bobbie Ursery, RCTO; Enrique C. Zaldivar, Assistant Director; Rita Robinson, Director, Bureau of Sanitation, Club Board Member; Rafael Perez, RCTO, 17 years; and Rafael Moreno, RCTO, 16 years, Club Member.

Holiday Wrap-up

Good, Clean Holiday Fun

Gen. Services throws Holiday party for Custodians.

Story and photos by Jorge Suarez, Club Counselor

On Saturday, Dec. 4, Gen. Services hosted an excellent Custodian Holiday Celebration, to

celebrate the season.

The event was held at the Four Seasons Hotel downtown.

What a fun-filled night it was, where you got to see City employees have a great time dancing the night away and win many raffle prizes. Yes, the Club was there; we are everywhere!

Thanks for inviting us to this fun evening.



Rosa Hurtado, Custodian, 3 years.



From left: Monique Tyler and Keisha Tyler, Custodial CSA, 3 years.



Logan Redmon, Custodial Supervisor, 30 years and Joe Greenhoward, retired.



From left: Leretta Quenon, Management Analyst; Liz Floyd, Supervisor, 27 years; Johnny Johnson, Custodial Supervisor, 17 years; Victoria Hobbs, Supervisor, 15 years; and Janette Smith.



Marques Johnson; Victoria Hobbs, Supervisor 15 years; Mecca Johnson; Crystal Johnson; and Shahidah Johnson.



Gloria Garcia, Custodian, 3 years.



Johnny Johnson, Custodial Supervisor, 17 years, was promoted to head custodial Supervisor for LA Zoo.



From left: Naeema Mansur and Mecca Britt.



From left: Liz Floyd, Supervisor, 27 years; Sheena Woods; and Victoria Hobbs, Supervisor, 15 years.

Traffic Trims a Tree

DOT Traffic Officers trim their tree.

Story and photos by Robert Larios, Club Operations Manager

DOT West Division Traffic Officers took time out of their workday to trim a Christmas tree, bringing the holiday spirit to the office and started the season right.

They trimmed their tree with very special ornaments: Some were handmade, some have certain sentimental value, and others were just fun to share.

The trimming party took place Dec. 1 at the Western Division headquarters, 11214 Exposition Blvd.

People brought an ornament and a side dish to share in the holiday spirit.

It was a beautiful tree, Traffic Officers. Thanks for letting the Club be a part of your celebration.



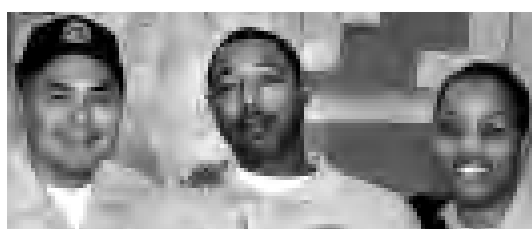
Just some of the other ornaments that were placed on the tree.



Talee Cook, OPG-Police Garage, 5 years.



Diana Armijo, Sergeant, 10 years.



From left: Dante Basilio; Albert Fuller, DOT II, 3 years; and Yolanda Barnes.



Just some of the other ornaments that were placed on the tree.



An ornament on the tree.



From left: Edwina Chism, DOT II, 7 years, and Dante Basilio, DOT 2, 2.5 years.



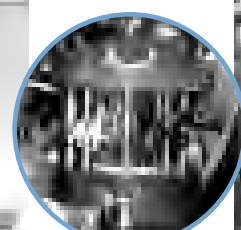
Officer Edwina Chism uses her favorite ornament to demonstrate her tree-trimming technique.



Jenny Day, a Traffic Officer who just started her career.



Yolanda Barnes, Sergeant, 8 years.



Just some of the other ornaments that were placed on the tree.



Sharon Jacobucci, Traffic Officer, 17 years.



Holiday Wrap-up



The Zoo Celebrates!

■ Zoo holds holiday luncheon.

Story by Bev Haro, Club Counselor
Photos by Summy Lam,
Club Technology Officer

The L.A. Zoo held its annual holiday luncheon for employees and special guests Dec. 15 at the Zoo.

It was an excellent event, and the Club is happy to have been invited!



From left: Gina Dartt, Promotions Coordinator, 3 years; Blaire Parker, Marketing Assistant, 1 year; and Sharon Coggin, Marketing Manager, 3 years.



From left: Heather Shields, Assistant Curator of Education, 4 years; Rebecca Galbo, Education Department, 2 years; and Paula Stanley, Education Department, 1.5 years.



From left: Paul Kennedy, Painter, 6 years; Charles Andrews, Painter, 16 years; Henry Hernandez, Mechanical Repairer, 18 years; and Darrel Jones, Painter, 20 years.



From left: Angie Ortiz, Receiving in Accounts Payable, 3 months, and Robert Rodriguez, Computer Operator, 2.5 years.



From left Patricia Stein, Docent, and Genie Vasels, VP for Development of GLAZA.



From left: Barbara Barnes, GLAZA, and Tanzi Cole, Administrative Assistant in the Education Dept.



From left: Dana Baker, Personnel Director, 17 years; and Mercedes Andal, Sr. Management Analyst, 17 years.



From left: Ida Rodriguez, Clerk Typist, 16 years; Susan Valencoure, Sr. Clerk, 10 years and Club Dept. Rep.; and Martha Cabral, Clerk Typist, 20 years.



C. Carter, Sr. Painter, 11 years.



From left: Irene Enriquez, Sr. Clerk Typist, 16 years, and Larry Alvarez, Building Repairman, 38 years.



From left: Sue Thisdell, Safety Officer, 12 years; Sandy Masuo, Associate Editor (Publications Division), 1.5 years; and Brenda Posada, Interim Director of Publications, GLAZA, 4 years.



From left: Beige Berryman, Communications Administrative Support Worker, 5 years, and Darryl Pon, Landscape Architect Project Manager, 6 years.



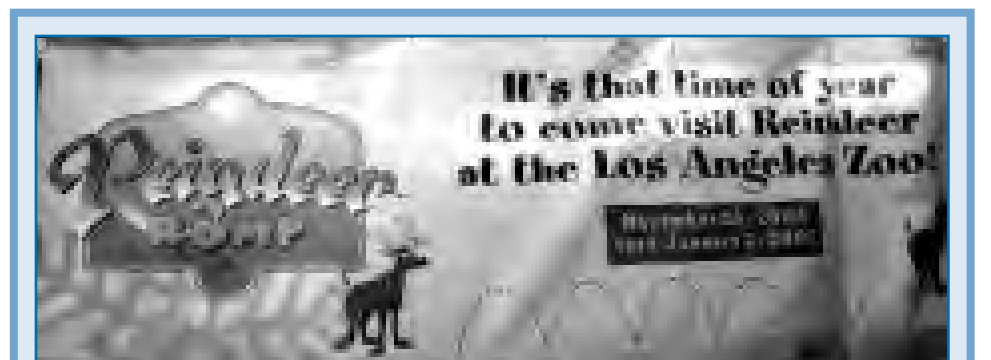
Donial McElwee, Custodial Service for deaf and hard of hearing.



Mike Van Valkenburgh, General Volunteer, 40 years.



From left: Glen Malabuyoc, CASW, 1 year; Aurora Olympia, Temporary Part-time Accounting, 2 months; Suzanne Yu, CASW, 1 year; and Andy Louie, Sr. Electrician, 24.5 years.



Romping With 'Rudolph'

Club Member Services Manager Angel Gomez Sr. visited the Reindeer Romp at the LA Zoo on Thanksgiving weekend and enjoyed the program.

This year, the Zoo moved many of its holiday activities outside, to better coordinate with the DWP's holiday lights program in Griffith Park. The Zoo also offered nighttime hours for a successful double event.

Here are a few photos of the event, taken by Club Technology Manager Summy Lam.



From left: youngsters Aden and Angel Gomez Jr. with Santa.



Reindeer. We wonder if they know Rudolph.

Holiday Wrap-up

A Holiday Renaissance

■ LAPD Training Division throws a throwback party for the holidays.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor
Photos by Daniel Wang, Club Intern

On Dec 4, the LAPD's Training Division revisited the Renaissance. That was the theme for the division's annual holiday party, which included family, friends and co-workers.

The event was held in the Mountain View Ballroom at the Castaway in Burbank.

The Club was more than happy to provide prizes for the all-important raffle.

Special thanks go to the Holiday Committee: Laura Rangel, Denise Williams and Deborah Hernandez. And the Club also thanks Captain Terri Hara and Laura Rangel for inviting us to this exceptional party!



Eva and Cleon Joseph, LAPD Self Defense.



From left: Penny Dimitra, Office of Finance; Carolyn McCain, guest; and Monica Lewis, LAPD Training Division, Club Member.



From left: Jim Katapodis, LAPD Training Division, with Lori Barrios, LAPD Training Division.



From left: Chief Jim McDonnell, First Assistant Chief of LAPD; Captain Greg Meyer, Commanding Officer CED; Commander Paul Kim, Commanding Officer LAPD Training Group; and Captain Terri Hara, Captain Training Division, Club Member.



From left: Anthony Pack, LAPD Training Division, with his wife, Lakeysa; and Iris Ahn, wife of Paul Ahn, LAPD Training Division.



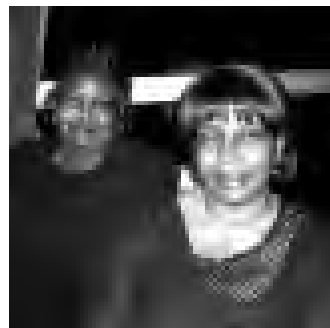
From left: Daryl Lewis, LAPD Central; Dawn Hunter, guest; and Lea Meighan, LAPD Training Division.



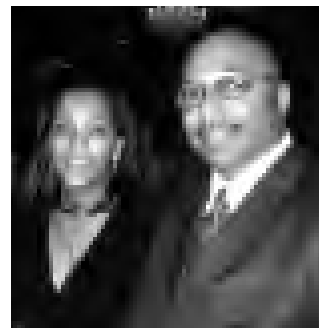
Denise Sinclair, LAPD Training Division, with her husband, Bryan.



Carla Ford, LAPD Training Division, with her husband, Leitch.



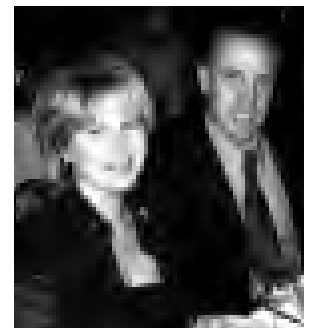
From left: Synorve Drake, LAPD Training Division, with guest Lestine Drake.



Lieutenant Regina Scott, South Bureau, with Kevin Wandick, guest.



Marie and Sgt. Ron Moen, LAPD Training Division.



Sally and Tim Surette, LAPD Training Division.



Rosalyn Hawes, LAPD Training Division.



From left: Gayle Hara, City Attorney, Club Member, with Captain Terri Hara, LAPD Training Division, Club Member.



Troy Baychue, guest, with Rhonda Mitchell, LAPD Training Division.



Captain Greg Meyer, Commanding Officer CED, and his wife, Natalie. In keeping with the theme of the evening, Natalie dresses in a Victorian dress.



Robert Grant III, LAPD Officer, with Denise Williams, LAPD Training Division.



From left: Detective Gena Brooks, LAPD South West, with Tony Alex, guest.



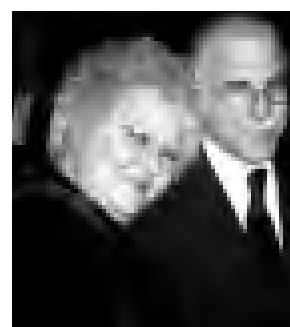
From left: Dan Thompson, LAPD Training Division; Kris Hutchings, guest; Lou Salseda, LAPD Training Division; and Kathy Salseda, wife.



David and Beverly Clark, LAPD Training Division.



From left: Erika Gonzalez, guest; Officer Deborah Hernandez, LAPD Training Division; and Officer Laurie Gyllen, LAPD Training Division, with her daughter, Megan Gyllen.



From left: Carol Portnoff, LAPD Training Division, with Michael Portnoff, LAFD.



From left: Charlie Dansler, guest; Eugene Mori, LAPD Training Division; and Leona Reed, LAPD Communications.



From left: Jenai Johnson, LAPD CED; Elisha Mitchell, LAPD CED; and Coleen Briggs, LAPD TD, Sr. Management Analyst, Club Member.



From left: Jack Hill, guest; Neckole Malik, LAPD Training Division; and Lee Allen, LAPD, and his wife, Nancy.



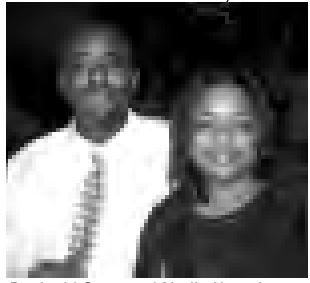
From left: Chuck Gioia, LAPD Training Division, and his wife, Janet, with Robin and Dan Miller, LAPD Training Division.



From left: Elvira Osmond, guest; Charles Osmond, guest; Shirley Mirador, guest; and Tony Ong, guest.

Holiday Wrap-up

A Holiday Renaissance (continued)



Reginald Scott and Nodia Heastie, guests.



From left: Jan Barnett, guest; Officer Ann Bozzi, LAPD Training Division; and Officer Don Wynne, LAPD Training Division.



From left: Laura Rangel, LAPD Training Division, Club Member, with Miguel Rangel, DWP, Club Member.



Rosalyn Clark, LAPD Training Division, with her husband, Gary.



Christina and Rick Magana, guests.



Sergeant Ruben Padilla, LAPD Training Division, and his wife, Margaret.



Brenda Smith, LAPD TD, Club Member, with her husband, Jo Smith.



Officer Laura Windsor, LAPD Training Division, with Sergeant Mitch Windsor, West Traffic, 22 years.



Officer Joyce Davis, LAPD Training Division, and Officer Dewayne Davis, LAPD West Los Angeles.



Natalie Williams, LAPD Training Division, with James Williams, Sheriff.



Timothy and Sheila Campbell, guests.



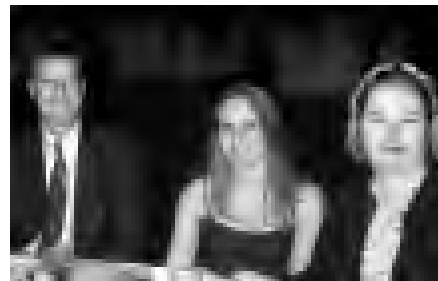
From left: Joan Mueller, wife of Joseph Mueller, LAPD Training Division; and Mark Snyder, LAPD Training Division, with his wife, Debbie.



Kenneth Wyse, with his wife, Sandra Deis-Wyse, LAPD CED.



Officer Chris Hughes, LAPD Training Division, with his wife, Luana.



From left: Eric Hertsgaard, guest; Erica Le Pon, LAPD Intern; and Robin Young, Retired LAPD.



Kim Reedy, Police Officer 2, LAPD Training Division, and Brenda Smith, LAPD Training Division.



Jennifer Hooper, guest, with London Ward, LAPD Training Division.



From left: Joshua Lewis, guest; Kenna Jones, guest; and Julie Heuer, guest.

Lighting Up the Holidays

■ Street Lighting holds annual Holiday party.

Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor
Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager

The Bureau of Street Lighting held its holiday luncheon Dec. 8 at the New Otani Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. Approximately 100 people were at the event and enjoyed a buffet lunch, live music and free door prizes.

Thanks for inviting the Club to your holiday party!



The entrance to the Street Lighting Holiday luncheon.



From left: Robert Horsting, guest, and Janet Iwaki-Horsting, 1.5 years.



From left: LaNita Wade, guest, and Francis Akpanokon, Engineering Associate I, 4 years.



Guests enjoying their lunch at the holiday party.



From left: Bruce Movahedi, Engineering, 2 years; Flora Khaw, Management Analyst, 1.5 years; Megan Hackney, 5 years; and Carleen Marquez, Senior Management Analyst, 13 years.



From left: Pauline Tang, Management Analyst, 4 years; Art Newborn, Supervisor, 38 years; Kristina Briones, Clerk Typist, 1.5 years; and John De La Rose, Management Analyst, 1.5 years.



From left: Kurt Sato, Senior Systems Analyst, 16 years; Todd Mitchell, Senior Systems Analyst, 10 years; Sandy Truong, Associate, 13 years; and Robert Tom, Engineering, 4 years.



From left: Ray Nobuhiro, 20 years; Art Tagatac, Engineering Associate, 4 years; Jim Quigley, Engineering Associate, 11 years; and Ruben Flamenco, Engineering, 15 years.



Back row: Kerney Marine, Engineering, 15 years. Front, from left: Tae Lee, Engineering, 2 years; Katya Belyayeva, Engineering, 1.5 years; Marnelli Tabbada, Engineering, 2 years; Mari Gomez, Engineering, 3 years; and Dwight Garcia, Engineering, 23 years.



From left: John Garcia, Engineering, 11 years; Hagop Tujan, Division Manager, 16 years; Jorge De La Cerda, 1 year; and Shan Yu, Engineering, 3 years.

Holiday Wrap-up

Chicano Association Gives to Charity



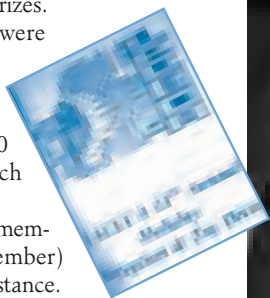
■ LACECA holds annual party and toy drive.

Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor
Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager

The Los Angeles City Employees Chicano Association (LACECA) held its 33rd annual Holiday Reception and Toy Drive Dec. 2 at the Travel Town Transportation Museum in Griffith Park. LACECA members enjoyed food, music, dancing and door prizes.

All donations raised were given to the Good Shepherd Center for Homeless Women, which serves more than 1,200 women and children each year.

The Club thanks Club member (and LACECA member) Leonor Garcia for her assistance.



From left: Raul Lemus, Elba Solano and Rafael Porter.



From left: Elvia Garcia and Gloria Ortiz.



Back row, from left: Chris Barajas and Cythnia Martinez. Front: Lupe Durazo, John Garcia, Anna Campuzano, Rose Marie Rosa and Michael Salazar.



From left: Leonor Garcia, Carlos Portillo, Veronica Jaimez and Lupe Durazo.



From left: Charles Rogers, Gonzalo Vasquez, Robert Aguayo, Mario Casas and Raul Valenzuela.



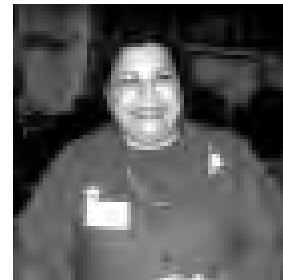
From left: Gloria Ortiz, Elvia Garcia, Bridget LaBonge, Tom LaBonge.



The LACECA Holiday Committee, from left: Charles Rogers, Edna Meraz, Carlos Portillo, Elvia Garcia and Gloria Ortiz.



From left: Juno Galvan and Leonor Garcia, Club Member.



Dolores Medina.



From left: Robert Soto receives a recognition award; with Jackie Zarate, LACECA president.



From left: Katynga Martinez; Frank Martinez, City Clerk; Gloria Sosa; Rafael Porter; Elba Solano; Raul Lemus; and Raul Valenzuela.



From left: Hector Torres-Cacho, Art Irigoyen and Raul Pereyra.



Live music performed by Milestone.

Holidays Take Off at Ontario

■ Ontario throws its own holiday party for children.

Story and photos by Liz Montes, Club Counselor

More than 300 Ontario Airport employees and guests enjoyed food, games and free prizes at the Ontario Airport Annual Children's Christmas Party. The party took place on Dec. 4 at the Scandia Park in Ontario.

The Club was happy to donate an Xbox as a prize.

The Club thanks Club Member Leatrice Pickens for her assistance.



From left: Elaine Hatcher, AAE representative; Lu Alecxih, winner of the Xbox donated by the City Employees Club; Aprile Benjamin, AAE representative; and Diane Gilmartin.



From left: Leatrice Pickens (on the microphone); Lori Coleman; and Jeff Mararac, who won the portable DVD player.

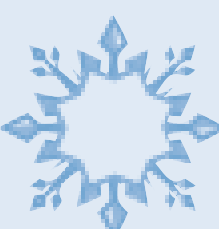


Guests wait anxiously as the prizes are given out.



Guests enjoying the festivities.

Reyes in Wonderland



On Dec. 7, Councilmember Ed P. Reyes treated 450 children to a daylong winter wonderland experience – complete with snowball fights, sleigh rides and Santa visit – at the Grace Simons Lodge, 1035 Elysian Park Dr. in Elysian Park. Children from 37 elementary schools, Boys and Girls clubs and other groups throughout Council District One participated in the fourth annual Winter Wonderland Party.

"Many of the children came from some of the City of Los Angeles' poorest neighborhoods," Councilmember Reyes said. "We planned a daylong event for them filled with activities that were both fun and educational."

The Winter Wonderland Party, which ran from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.,

included puppet shows, face painting, crafts, a Dodgers batting station, the Avengers "Achieve" show, balloon art and lunch. The party culminated with Santa arriving on an LAFD truck and giving each child a gift.

"It was great watching the children laughing, playing and having fun," Reyes said. "Some of them saw snow for the first time. I'm glad I could be a small part of that memory."



Holiday Wrap-up

Jay Stops By

■ Talk show host Leno attends the LAPD Communications holiday party.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor
Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager

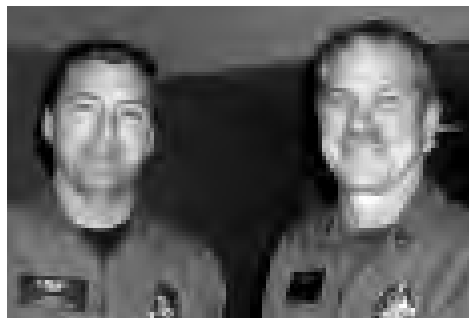


The holiday committee poses with guest Jay Leno. In back, from left: Valerie Covington, PST, 9 years, Club Member; Elana Boswell, PSR, 7 years; Pat Alston, Sr. PSR, 13 years; Rosemary Arroyo, PSR, 10 years, Club Member; Stephanie Martin, PSR, 14 years; Jay Leno; Laura Cruz, PSR, 10 years; David Baek, Police Officer, 5 years; Rebecca Pereida, PSR, 7 years, Club Member; Lieutenant Gloria Vargas. Front: Yolanda Bunn, PSR, 10 years, Club Member; and Yvette Bentley, Sr. PSR, 16 years, Club Member.

The LAPD Communications Division held its holiday party Dec. 10 at the LAX Renaissance Hotel. The event included fun, friends, fellowship and dinner.

Special guests included Tonight Show host Jay Leno (who attended thanks to Lt. Gloria Vargas) and, of course, the Club. The Club thanks Captain Andrew J. Smith, Tracy Page and Yvette Bentley for inviting us!

Congratulations, LAPD Communications, on a great year with the Club. Here's to many more.



From left: Dale Melton, TFO, 9 years, with Sgt. Jim Heintzman, Air Support, 32 years.



From left: Yvette Bentley, Sr. PSR, 16 years, Club Member; Jay Leno; and Tracy Page, Sr. PSR, 14 years, Club Member.



From left: Michael McGowan, PSR, 1.5 years; wife Brandy McGowan; Eva Espinoza, PSR, 10 years; and husband Jesus Espinoza.



At the check-in table, from left: Tracy Page, Sr. PSR, 14 years, Club Member, and Yolanda Bunn, PSR3, 10 years, Club Member.



Sgt. Mat Mulvihill, LAPD, 22 years, with Jay Leno.



From left: Latrice Jones, PSR, 2.5 years, Club Member; Norma Chacon, guest; and Alma Flores, PSR, 2.5 years, Club Member.



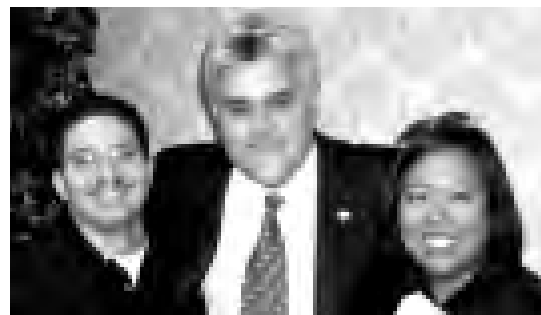
From left: Karen Koukal, PSR3, 11 years; Tammy Lindquist, PSR3, 5 years, Club Member; Yvette Salazar, PSR3, 10 years, Club Member; and Ricci Cureton, PSR3, 8 years.



From left: Peter A Di Carlo, Assistant Commanding Officer, LAPD Information & Communications Bureau; Deanna Deering, guest; and Captain Andrew J. Smith, LAPD Communications Division.



From left: Freddie Oliver, Retired PSR, 30+ years, with Gloria Unterburger, PSR, 31 years, Club Member. (Gloria thanked the Club for her refund check. She was very happy with her check!)



The Club visits with the Celebrity, from left: Angel Gomez, Club Member Service Manager; Jay Leno; and Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor.



Yvette Bentley, Sr. PSR, 16 years, Club Member, with her husband, Brian.



From left: Captain Andrew J. Smith, LAPD Communications Division; Deanna Deering, guest; with Jay Leno.



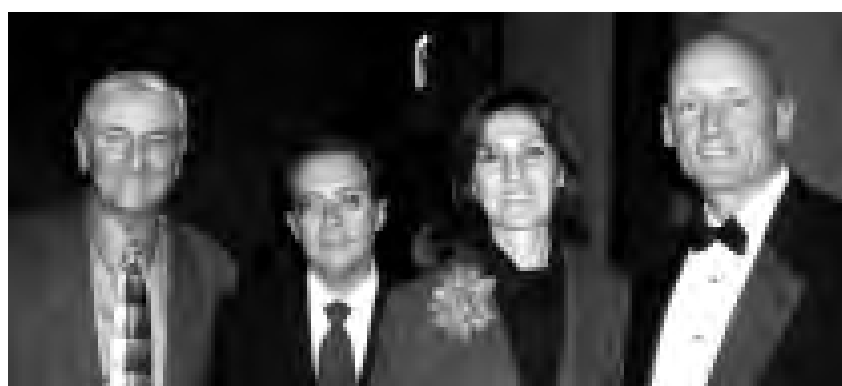
From left: Melissa Felix, guest; Andrea Esquivel, PSR, 1 year, Club Member; Maria Moreno, PSR, 1 year; Emiko Uyeda, PSR, 1 year; and Joe Bonilla, guest.



The crowd reacts to Jay Leno's performance.



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From left: Lieutenant Charles Mealey; Peter Di Carlo, Assistant Commanding Officer, LAPD Information & Communications Bureau; Sharon Papa, Assistant Chief, Club Member; and Captain Andrew J. Smith, LAPD Communications.



From left: William Vargas, brother of Lieutenant Gloria Vargas; Natja Vargas, wife of William Vargas; Jay Leno; Lieutenant Gloria Vargas; and Leslie Carr, guest.



Holiday Wrap-up

Heroes Land At Ontario

■ Ontario Airport hosts holiday event for the well-deserving.

Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor
Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager

On Dec. 15, Ontario International Airport (ONT) hosted a holiday dinner and party for approximately 80 homeless and disadvantaged children. The community event took place at the airport's fire station where the children, ages five to 17, were treated to a traditional holiday dinner with all the trimmings, hands-on tour of the fire station, guest appearances by local community mascots such as "Tremor" of the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes, and special visit from Santa Claus, who arrived by helicopter. Each child received a present and keepsake photos taken with Santa Claus.

In November, ONT "adopted" the Hero Club (Homework Enrichment Reading and Outreach), an after-school program that provides tutoring services, enrichment activities, clothing and shoe referrals, school supplies, referrals to medical and dental care, on-site counseling services, and snacks for school-aged homeless children living within the west end of San Bernardino County. The children live in cars, motels or with relatives. ONT's Community and Public Affairs, and Airport Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) divisions coordinated an airport-wide book and toy drive. The books will be donated to the Hero Club library and the toys will be individually wrapped and handed out to the children at the "Holiday Heroes" event.

The Club would like to give a special thank you to Maria Tesoro-Fermin, Mayor Pro Tem Paul Leon, Jens Rivera, Airport Manager, Chief Dan Lindsay, Bill Nugent, Dave Duncan, Leatrice Pickens, and Penny Riccardi.

Congratulations to Ontario Airport on this excellent program and event. It's what the holidays are all about.



More than 80 children in attendance get ready for Santa's arrival.



From left: Ontario Mayor Pro Tem Paul Leon, Maria Tesoro-Fermin and Jens Rivera, Airport Manager.



The kids waiting for Santa wave to him as he gets closer.



From left: Colby Horstmeyer, Michael Nugent and Bill Nugent, Club Member



Randy Horstmeyer makes his big entrance down the pole.



From left: Nick and Guillermo Gonzalez.



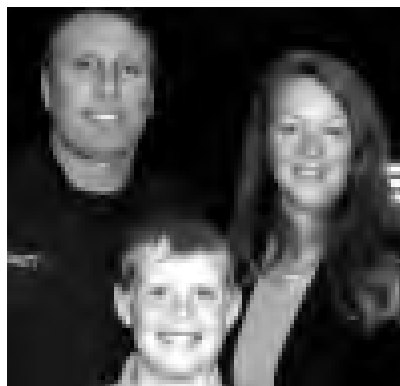
A young boy in attendance walks away with a big surprise.



A young girl wins her prize.



Kids gather to pick their favorite animal.



From left: Cliff, Dalton and Theresa Duckett.



"Tremor" of the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes takes a picture with the kids.



Children get their pictures taken with Santa Claus.



Children get their pictures taken with Santa Claus.



A youngster delivers to Santa her Christmas wish.



Children get their pictures taken with Santa Claus.



The Club's Member Services Manager Angel Gomez with Santa Claus.



Each child in attendance received a stuffed animal.



The event committee poses with Santa.



The guests pose for a picture with Santa.

Holiday Wrap-up

A Fiery Fun Event

■ LAFD hosts a holiday luncheon for its employees.

Story by Bev Haro, Club Counselor
Photos by Robert Larios, Club Operation Manager

On Dec. 14, the LAFD held an annual Christmas luncheon for its employees.

The event was held in City Hall East.

The Club had a great time at the event, and we thank the LAFD for being invited. It's always great for City departments and their events to be a part of *Alive!*



From left: Valerie Coleman, Secretary, 8 years; Zina Abram, Sr. Clerk Typist, 9 years; and Rugena Weakley, Payroll Supervisor II, 27 years.



Captain Villanueva, 22 years; Captain Reynar, 22 years; and Captain Cronenbald, 22 years.



From left: Adriana Courseault, Clerk Typist, 1.5 years; and Debbie Martinez, Sr. Clerk Typist, 24 years.



Back row: Mariana Rivera, Sr. Management Analyst, 19 years. Front row, from left: Virginia Waters, Clerk, 31 years; Mary Reuschel, Management Analyst, 3.5 years; Sandra Ocon, Sr. Personnel Analyst, 11 years; and Faye Matsuoka, Sr. Management Analyst, 29 years.



From left: Kimberly Bayer, Grant Specialist, 1.5 years; Betty Bonada, Management Analyst, 6 years; and Teresa Mui, Clerk Typist, 4 years.



From left: Kathleen Devereaux, Personnel Analyst II, 3 years; and Battalion Chief Dan McCarthy, 24 years.



From left: Bob Yan, Sr. Systems Analyst, 15 years; Kimberly Hee, Grant Specialist, 5 years; Lori Kwiatkowski, Management Analyst II, 27 years; and Bill Jones, Sr. Management Analyst, 15 years.



Entertainment at the holiday party.



From left: Sammie Spain, Cartographer, 23 years; and Chief Bill Bammatre, 29 years.



From left: Battalion Chief Brian Schultz, 24.5 years; Battalion Assistant Chief Terry Manning, 27 years; and Janos Szaktilla, GIS (Geographic Information Systems Supervisor), 5 years.



From left: Edith Ramirez, Accounting Clerk I, 6 years; and Anita White, Accounting Clerk II, 25 years.



From left: Stephanie McNeil, Personnel Analyst, 5 years; and Fernando Pescon, Sr. Clerk, 20 years.



Teresa Tse, Accounting Clerk I, 25 years.

From left: Grace Davis, Sr. Clerk Typist, 20 years; Katherine Bermudez, Principal Clerk, 15 years; Alice Castillo, Clerk Typist, 1.5 years; and Bernal Edna, Management Analyst II, 16 years.



From left: Caroline Decosto, Sr. Clerk Typist, 10 years; and Ed Chua, Systems Analyst II, 12 years.



From left: Joyce Kawai, Sr. Personnel Analyst, 28 years; and Daisy Quan, Secretary, 17 years.



From left: Barry Johnson, Clerk Typist, one-half year; Greg Bartz, Management Analyst, 16 years; Rosemarie Ibanez, Sr. Management Analyst, 18 years; and Martha Lucero, Executive Secretary, 31 years.



From left: Roberta Yang, Deputy Mayor, 5 years; and Maureen Tang, Accounting Clerk I, 19 years.



From left: Franklin Etherly, Payroll Supervisor, 25 years; Robert Garcia, Clerk Typist, 1.5 years; Esther Rojas, Accounting Clerk I, 6 years; and My Banh, Accounting Clerk II, 17 years.



From left: Rosa Orlean, Sr. Clerk Typist, 20 years; and Patricia Redwine, Sr. Personnel Analyst, 20 years.



From left: Laura Triner, Sr. Personnel Analyst, 5 years; and Silvia Pena, Clerk Typist, 5 years.