

Holiday Wrap-up

Calamari Makes Annual Appearance

■ Port of LA threw its famous annual employees breakfast.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

The Port of LA's Construction and Maintenance Division fried up lots of calamari – as is the division's tradition – as part of its annual Employees Breakfast for family and friends.

The event was held Wednesday, Dec. 22, at the C&M yard in Wilmington.

More than 200 pounds of the stringy seafood were cooked this year!

The Club thanks employee Rene Perez for assisting us, and we thank C&M for inviting us to your annual employee breakfast.



The C&M 2004 Annual Breakfast Volunteers. In back, from left: Tony Samanieco, Painter, 15 years; Rich Blake, Painter, 15 years, Club Member; Mike Sestich, Boat Shop Leadman, 12 years, Club Member; Willie Brown, Carpenter, 5 years; Mark Weisenberger, Storekeeper, 15 years; Pauline Hospe, Pilot Station, 20 years; Tom Theprasit, Mechanic, 1.5 years, Club Member; and Federico Ramirez, Roofer, 2 years. Middle: Nokola Jurat, Carpenter, 7.5 years; George Jackson, Electrician, 30 years; (seated: Steve Karsten, Plumber, 4 years; John Radovcich, Boat Carpenter, 4 years, Club Member); Ante Basich, Ship Carpenter, 6 years, Club Member; and Ricardo Concepcion, AC Mechanic, 4 years. Front: Angel Jeronimo, Pile Driver, 3 months, Club Member; Rene Perez, Acting Lead Carpenter, 8 years, HDEC President, Club Member; Tish Lorenzana, Sr. MA, 25 years; Mimi Gutierrez, Civil Engineering Associate, 1.6 years, Club Member; Phillip Sandoval, Painter, 20 years; Alan Mayse, Equipment Repair Supervisor, 24 years; and Ping Lit, Civil Engineering Associate, 17 years.



Back, from left: Alan Mayse, Equipment Repair Supervisor, 24 years; Gilbert Atkinson, Construction Service Worker, 2 years, Club Member; and Federico Ramirez, Roofer, 2 years. Front: Pauline Hospe, Pilot Station, 20 years; Tish Lorenzana, Sr. MA, 25 years; Rich Blake, Painter, 15 years, Club Member; Mimi Gutierrez, Civil Engineering Associate, 1.6 years, Club Member; and Angel Jeronimo, Pile Driver, 3 months, Club Member, who was in charge of the "made-to-order machaca."



Back, from left: Ingrid and Eugene Thompson, Electrician, 2.5 years. Seated: their children Cory and Julie Thompson.



From left: James Henning, Electrician, 7.5 years; Mark Weisenberger, Storekeeper, 15 years; and George Jackson, Electrician, 30 years.



Back, from left: Barbara and Ron Price, Sheetmetal Worker, 7 years. Front: their children Samori and Ayisha.



From left: Calvin Chin, Retired Cabinet Maker, 32 years, Club Member. Right side of table, from left: Dave Chrisman, Carpenter Supervisor, 28 years, Club Member; and Holly Carlson, Construction & Maintenance, Club Member.



The left side of the table, from left: Anthony Di Tucci, Captain of Angelina II; and Tony Samanieco, Painter, 15 years. On the right: John Radovcich, Boat Carpenter, 4 years, Club Member.



From left: Mike Sestich, Boat Shop Leadman, 12 years, Club Member; Andrew Di Tucci, Volunteer; and Nikola Jurat, Carpenter, 7.5 years. Nikola was in charge of placing the batter on the calamari.



From left: Pablo Ninofranco, Electrical Associate, 31 years, Club Member; Robel Afewerki, Civil Engineering Associate, 12 years, Club Member; and Du Tran, Mechanical Engineering Associate, 18 years, Club Member.



From left: Ante Basich, Ship Carpenter, 6 years, Club Member; Bob Bacich, Retired Boat Shop Leadman; and Ping Lit, Civil Engineer Associate, 17 years. Bob Bacich, one of the calamari cooks, has helped cook the calamari for the annual event since 1979 and continues to help since he has retired.



From left: Joannie Mukai, Director of Port Construction & Maintenance, Club Board Member; Roy Cootes, Retired Director of Port Construction & Maintenance, Retired in 1992; Richard Riingen, GIS Specialist, 3 years; and Ed Kim, Environmental Specialist, 8 months, Club Member.



From left: James Williams, Gardener/Caretaker, 5 years, Club Member; Ramon Orona, Gardener/Caretaker, 8 Months, Club Member; and David Cartwright, Gardener/Caretaker, 1 year, Club Member.



From left: Shu Wu, Systems Programmer, 18 years; Zeinah Karimi, Database Architect, 13 years; Bob Zmuda, Civil Engineer, 21 years; and Roy Moon, Sheetmetal Worker, 6 years.



Left side of the table, from left: Molly Campbell, CFO, 17 years; and Cristina Saldana, Student Worker, 2 years. Right side, from left: Michelle Nunez, Secretary, 15 years; and Yolanda Brown, Executive Secretary, 17 years.



From left: Don Ikeda, Programmer Analyst, 3 years; and Jill Jeffries, Programmer Analyst, 18 years, with her husband, Hank.



From left: Eric Doucette, Storekeeper, 15 years; Andy Robateau, Carpenter, 5 years; Willie Brown, Carpenter, 5 years; Almus Edmonds, Custodian, 27 years, Club Member; Jose Estrada, Carpenter, 2 years, Club Member; and Lyndon Bailey, Locksmith, 15 years, Club Member.



From left: Officer David Armijo, Port Police, 18 years; Officer Kent Hobbs, Port Police, 22 years; and Officer David Knight, Port Police, 26 years.



The C&M yard on the morning of the breakfast.



Crowds in line enjoy the calamari while they wait to get inside.

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Counting On The Holidays

Accounting Office celebrates the season.

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

The Office of Accounting (Public Works) held its annual Holiday Luncheon Dec. 15 at the

Sportsmen's Lodge in Studio City. Approximately 60 people attended the buffet lunch. Craig Bloomquist, Accounting Director, began the luncheon with a welcome speech to the crowd. Raffle prizes were handed out, and guests sang holiday songs and played games.

The Club thanks City employee Arlette Davis for her assistance.



Back row, from left: Linda Gatchalian, Susan Maniquis and Lilia Bayan. Middle row: Norma Sattiewhite, Dina Colorado, Jean Su, Cely Santos, Nancy De Leon, Marie Yeh, Hetty Sy, Merlita Valmores and Eleanor Chang. Bottom row: Jose Gatchalian, Hank Lengsavath and Almer Colorado.



From left: Ramon Gregorio, Charles Kalibbala, Uma Davda, Gary Plangio, Marcelo Castillo, Ses Regala, Macky Fortu, Juanita Inton, Leon Ejercito, Cein Lim, Cristina Macahilig and Jean Su.



From left: Dennis Robertson and Beverly Simms.



Craig Bloomquist, Director, gives a welcome speech.



From left: Eli Tumbucon, Ninfa Malabayoc, Dolores Lovric, Craig Bloomquist, Jean C. Su, Thelma Gunasekara and Luisa Tan.



From left: Sandrina Hu, Mary Ann Miu, Ching Ilagan, Judy Harrison, Amy Chang and Jacinta Shah.



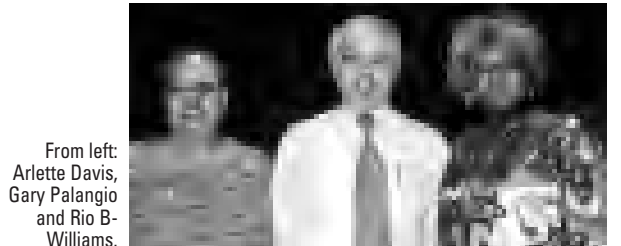
Back row from left: Claude Gonzales, Saletheil Armstrong, Dennis Robertson, Cora Rho'Dess, Christi Guymon, Ramon Gregorio and Abe Rasheed. Middle row: Violeta Tan, Billie Domingo and Angie DeVera. Bottom row: Kyong Choi and Arlette Davis.



From left: Nhuy Tonnu, Vicky Santiago, Richard Harada, Mary Jean Devera and Cesar Cruz.



From left: Herman Guevara, Seny Abad, Yolly Antonio, Zenaida Go and Wilken Quon.



From left: Arlette Davis, Gary Palangio and Rio B-Williams.

LAX Officers Run Drives

LAX sponsored a toy and food drive for those in need.

Story and photos by Liz Montes, Club Counselor

LAX Police and Traffic officers coordinated a Holiday Food and Toy Drive for the African-American Infant Health project. The drives culminated with an event on Dec. 17 at the LAX Police Office.

To help make the holidays a more cheerful time of year for these families in need, Airport employees donated canned foods and toys from Dec. 1 to 17. Latrusel Williams and Veronica Williams, representatives from the African-American Infant Health Project, met with the Officers on Friday Dec. 20 to pick up the donations. Several officers went beyond the call of duty by collecting money from fellow officers to purchase the food and toys that were donated.

The Club thanks Anthony Williams for his assistance, and congratulates the Police and Traffic officers at LAX for their worthwhile holiday project.



From left: Sgt. Tamba Matturi, 7 years; Louis Claverie, 16 years; Lt. Donald Wilson, 15 years; Latrusel Williams and Veronica Williams representatives from the African-American Infant Health Project.



Officers move the items into the truck.



Darlene Fuller and fellow officers fill bags with donated toys.



From left: Howard Thompson and Kenneth Shanklin, 13 years.



Food and toys were placed in the back of the truck.



Bottom row, from left: Darlene Fuller, 2.5 years; and Efreem Charles, 6.5 years. Back: Veronica Williams; Kenneth Shanklin, 13 years; Sgt. Robert Foston, 4.5 years; and Latrusel Williams.

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West Valley Family Party

■ **West Valley Sanitation holds family holiday party.**

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

The West Valley Bureau of Sanitation held its second annual Employee Dinner for the holidays Dec. 18 at the Woodley Park Golf Course in the Valley.

The following employees were honored for their service:

- Anabel Duran, Clerk Typist, West Valley Clerk Typist of the Year

- John Diaz, RCTO, WV Trimming Commodity Driver of the Year
- Allan Stogner, RCTO, WV Household Commodity Driver of the Year
- Paul Serrano, RCTO, WV Household Commodity Driver of the Year
- Lee Wood, RCTO, WV Bulky Item Commodity Driver of the Year
- Gilbert Palomares, Refuse Collection Supervisor, WV Supervisor of the Year
- Arman Martirosian, RCTO, WV Recycling Commodity Driver of the Year

The Club donated an X-box as well as other prizes for the raffle. Special thanks to Martha Yniguez, Bob Porter, Jesse Cruz and Adriana Nunez for inviting me to participate.



Back, from left: Adolfo Jimenez, Mechanic, 1.5 years; Roy Jimenez, Equipment Mechanic, 5 years; and Armando Jimenez, guest. Front: Mel Montes, RCTO, 3 years, Club Member; Angel De Leon, Mechanic, 10 years; and Paulie Jimenez, Recreation & Parks, 1.5 years.



Ron Lee, Supervisor East Valley, 18 years, Club Member, and his wife, Teri.



From left: Ernie Ballesteros, Retired RCTO, 32 years, Club Member; Sylvia Orozco, guest; and Martha Yniguez, Sr. Clerk Typist, 7 years.



Brenda and Enrique Zaldivar, Assistant Director, Bureau of Sanitation; with Greig Smith, Councilman District 12, Club Member.



From left: Douglas Adger, Retired RCTO, 33 years, with his wife, Robie, and grandson, Lawrence.



Debbie and Eddie Davis, RCTO, 2 years, with Reginald Rogers, RCTO, 2 years, and his wife, Wanda.



Dollie and Allen Guidry, RCTO, 32 years, Club Member.



Michael Shaw, Sr. Management Analyst, CDD, 32 years, Club Board Member, and Rita Robinson, Bureau of Sanitation Director, Club Member.



Jesse Cruz, West Valley Supervisor, 6 years, with Sylvia Orozco, guest.



Guests Deonte, Tabreal and LaTiffany Givens.



Richard Myles, South Collection Division Manager, 27 years, with his wife, Helen.



From left: Gilbert Palomares, West Valley Supervisor, 32 years; Dave Mansker, Equipment Mechanic, 25 years; Lee Wood, RCTO, 31 years; and Kathy Mansker, Dave's spouse.



From left: Juan Gomez, RCTO, 15 years, Club Member, with his wife, Letty; and Stacy Weinberg, fiancé of Miguel Gomez, RCTO, 10 years.



Tracy and Allan Stogner, RCTO II, 17 years.



Richard Guzman, RCTO, 10 years, Club Member, and his wife, Maura.



Jabari Whitaker, RCTO, 5 years, Club Member, and his wife, Michelle.



From left: Bob Anzini, RCTO, 1.5 years; Stacy Champy, guest; Rachell Vega, spouse; and Jr. Vega, RCTO, 9 years.



Bob Potter, Solid Resource Superintendent, 15 years, with his wife, Kim.



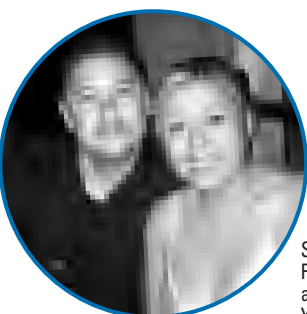
From left: Veronica Mares, DWP; Adrian Hernandez, RCTO, 5 years, Club Member; and Johnny Diaz, RCTO, 14 years.



Mary Benavidez, guest of Chris Gomez, RCTO, 17 years.



Debbie and Sal Miranda, Division Manager



Shad Martinez, RCTO, 8 years, and his wife, Yadira.



From left: Cash Russell, RCTO, 7 years, Club Member; Mike Derby, RCTO, 8 years; and Gwen Fontenette, DWP, Club Member.



From left: guests David and Valerie Ganio; Richard Molina, RCTO, 30 years; and guest Eliseo Mojarro.



Tony Fenderson, East Valley Supervisor, 24 years, Club Member, with his wife, Dorothy.



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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.



Front row, from left: Belinda Brandon, Custodial Supervisor, 19 years; Tessa Bateman, Custodial, 5 years; and Marilyn Wells, Custodial, 24 years. Back: Maria Abdellah, Custodial, 3 years; Edward Bowers, Custodial, 15 years; Gentleman with hat; Gary Campbell, Custodial, 4 years; Sabas Valencia, Custodial, 4 years; Enrique Alvarez, Custodial, 3 years; and Dan Robinson, Custodial, 9 years.



From left: Pam, Brandon, Karla and Courtney Jackson.



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



Linda Brown, Supervisor, getting her face painted by the clown.



From left: Ferrari, Seaghan and Ahriael Colling.



From left: Norerto Diaz, Landscape, 5 years; Juan Juarez, Landscape, 5 years; and Juan Reyna, Landscape, 4 years.



Holidays Come to Central City

■ Central City Police Boosters throws party for youths.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

Photos by Michelle Moreno, Club Events Guru

The LAPD's Central City Police Boosters held its 24th annual Children's Holiday Party Dec. 15 at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center in Burbank. The Metro Mounted Platoon made a special appearance at the event.

The party, which greeted more than 1,400 children from the downtown area, also featured entertainment by a spectacular equestri-

an show featuring the Imperial Knights.

This yearly event was the second in which the Club participated. Also, the Club was a Silver Sponsor. The Club collected toys, which benefited this organization.

All 1,400 children enjoyed the equestrian show featuring the Imperial Knights, got up close with the Mounted Platoon, had lunch, received goodie bags and enjoyed a visit from Santa Claus.

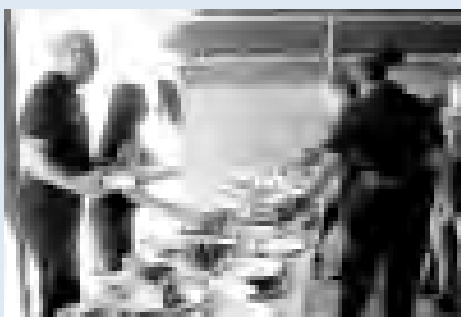
Thanks to Captain James A. Rubert and Captain Blake Chow, along with Officer Marie Kardiban and Central Police Booster President Tom Hyde, who invited the Club to come out.



Officers from the Mounted Platoon give children a closer look.



From left: Police Officer Calderon, 12 years; Police Officer Nambu, 15 years; and Police Officer Lew, 15 years; all from the Central Community Police Station.



Volunteers from Central Station and Central City Police Boosters prepare the lunch for all 1,400 children.



From left: Tom Hyde, Central City Police Booster President; Officer Marie Kardiban, Event Organizer, Club Member; and Captain James A. Rubert, Area Commanding Officer, Central Community Police Station.



Police Officer Irma Foster with Santa Claus.



Santa arrives in by police car with full siren and lights.



Kids line up to meet Santa and get their goodie bag.



From left: Sgt. Garcia; Lieutenant Heredero, Captain James A. Rubert and Captain Blake Chow welcomed the 1,400 children who attended the event.



Children reaching out to touch the horses.



The Mounted Platoon entertained the crowd.

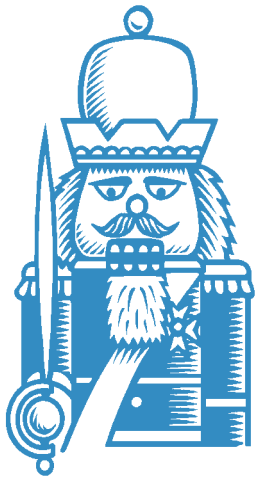


Sgt. Campbell hands out pizza slices to the kids from Castelar School.



Santa hands out goodie bags to eager kids. Each child who attended received a goodie bag.

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Centurions Hit Home Run

■ **LAPD's Centurions baseball team pulls off a great holiday toy giveaway.**

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

The LAPD's baseball team, the Centurions, gave away thousands of toys to area children and had a great day doing it!

On Dec. 18, at the LAPD Academy, the team hosted the LAPD Holiday Experience and Toy Giveaway, bringing together an impressive assortment of distinguished guests, hard-working City employees and attractions for the cause.

Present were Mayor James K. Hahn; City Councilmembers Dennis Zine, Ed Reyes and Wendy Greuel; Police Commissioners David Cunningham, Alan Skobin and Corina Alarcon;

Police Chief William J. Bratton; the Centurions; numerous community and volunteer organizations; former Los Angeles Dodger Lou Johnson; and of course Santa Claus.

Holiday partygoers were treated to a special performance by James Jones, lead vocalist of the signing group "All for One," and was entertained by other live bands throughout the day.

On display were an LAPD helicopter, tactical equipment and police vehicles from the Department's specialized units, and guests had the opportunity to meet with the officers from the LAPD SWAT Team, Mounted and K-9 units. Interactive games, bouncers, rock climbers, a bungee run and the Dodgers on Wheels mobile unit were on hand for the duration of the event. Just before 1 pm, Santa Claus arrived in a 1958 Chevy LAPD police car to kick off the toy giveaway.

The Club contributed toys from its own toy drive to this event.

Special thanks go to Officer Mike Scott for inviting the Club.

Congratulations, Centurions, on a great event!



From left: Rikki Klieman and her husband, LAPD Chief Bill Bratton; Officer Mike Scott, Event Organizer, LAPD Officer; and Mayor James Hahn, with a few of the LAPD Centurions players.



Chris Heinz, PSR, 6 years, and Nina Adtkins, PSR, 3 years, at the 911 booth.



Vannessa Heatley, DWP Field Trainer, 22.5 years, Club Member, with Enrique Gomez, Civil Engineering Associate, 12 years, Club Member, at the DWP booth.



Santa enters the gymnasium; he arrived in a 1958 Chevy LAPD Police car to kick off the toy giveaway.



Danny Ruiz, 6 years old, with Officer Belmonte, CTD, 12 years.



Debbie Matsuda, Police Officer North East Division, 6 years, and Dominic Santiago, Police Officer North East Division, 6 years.



Rock climbing.



April Thompson, Impact Sports, provided more than 2,000 baseball giveaways.



No shortage of trucks and dolls.



Thanks, Santa!



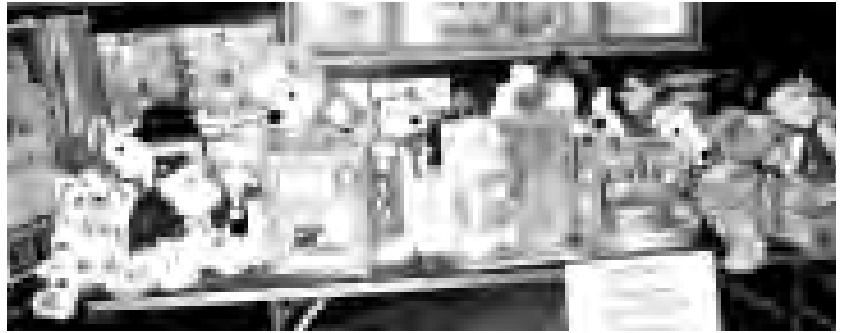
The Mounted Platoon: Ron Terrazas, Police Officer, 22 years, Club Member, with General, 12 years of service; Rafael, 11 years of service; and Rudy De Leon, Police Officer, 30 years, Club Member.



A future chef about to enjoy her cooking set.



Karyn Smith, VIP check-in, Calvary Chapel Mid-Valley.



Tables full of toys at the gymnasium.



From left: Merrill Dunn, Police Officer West Valley, Pitcher, 3 years; Cesar Gomez, Police Officer Wilshire, Infield, 5 years; Alfredo Aleman, Police Officer 77th Station, Utility, 4.5 years; and Noel Magpoc, Police Officer West Los Angeles, Infield, 8 years.



From left: Jaime Arredondo, General Services Custodian, and his wife, Alicia, and daughter, Viviana, who selected the Princess Castle to take home.



From left: Rikki Klieman and her husband, LAPD Chief Bill Bratton; Officer Mike Scott, Event Organizer, LAPD Officer; and Mayor James Hahn.



Police Officer Olson, K-9 Unit, with Rocky, police dog, 6 years of service..



Mark Smith, 27 years, Air Support, and Kevin Cook, 8.5 years, Air Support.



Excited kids and parents.



The Take-Along Palace was her toy of choice.



Dolls for us!



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Bouncers for kids to enjoy.



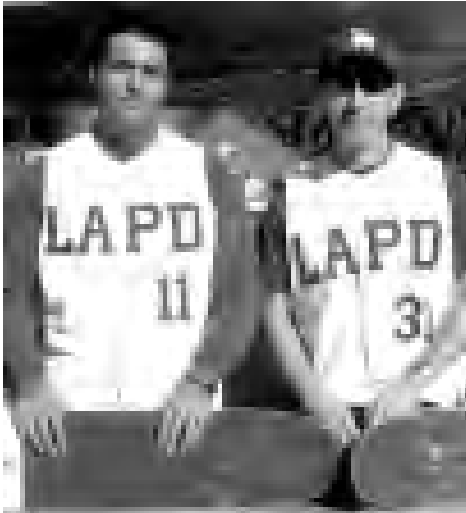
Dodgers on Wheels mobile unit, also known as the Arcade Booth.



Lunch!



Tables full of toys at the gymnasium.



Juan Soriano, Police Officer Devonshire Gang Unit, short-stop/pitcher, 7 years; and Sgt. Martin Mojarró, Van Nuys Station, pitcher/third base, 9 years, at the Centurions booth.



Excited kids and parents.



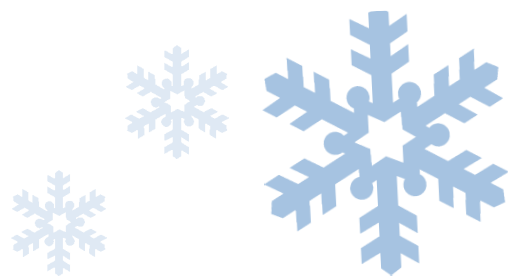
Thanks, Santa.



Lunch!



Children start to check in to pick out a toy.



It's heavy, but it's mine!



My first racing set!

Housing For the Holidays

■ Van Nuys Housing Dept. throws holiday party for staff.

Story and photos by Liz Montes, Club Counselor

The Van Nuys Housing Dept. held its holiday party Dec. 23 at the Van Nuys office. Employees invited their friends and family to the potluck event. Santa Claus made his big appearance and brought gifts for all the children in attendance.

The Club thanks the Van Nuys Housing Office for inviting us to its festive holiday gathering.



Welcome!



From left: Maria Palomo, Security officer, and David Barron, 5 years.



From left: Michael Kuhn, Yolanda Kuhn and Vatche Kasumyan, 5 years, Club Member.



The children wait for the arrival of Santa Claus.



Jose plays with the race-track.



Lorena gets her hands dirty as she makes a gingerbread house.



Alberto Juarez, Club Member.



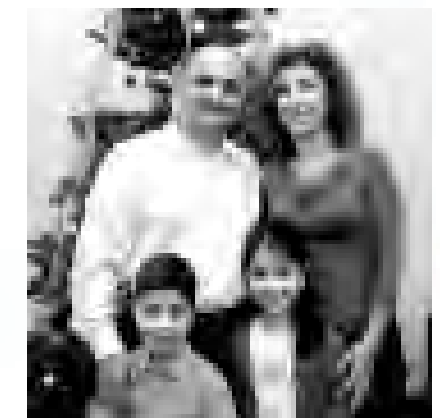
Frances Felix, 1 year, Club Member, and her guests.



From left: Shelia and Ricky Reisner, 2.5 years, and their two children.



Patti and Ray Ives, volunteers, donated \$300 worth of toys ... and have been married for 48 years!



From left: Vatche Kasumyan, 5 years, with his wife, Klara, and children Matthew and Megan.

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Holiday for Harbor Employees

■ The Harbor Dept. Employees Club celebrates the season.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor



The Harbor Department Employees Club hosted its annual holiday dinner and dance Dec. 16 at Mercello's Restaurant in San Pedro.

HDEC hosted the event to allow employees to celebrate the season together.

Holly Carlson would like to acknowledge and thank the following for helping make this a success:

- Rene Rodriguez
- Emma Gonzalez
- Jessica Bautista
- Lori Gastelum, and
- Trish Lorenzana

The Club was more than happy to donate prizes for the raffle.

Special thanks to HDEC President Rene Rodriguez and Jessica Bautista for inviting me to attend this fun celebration!



From left: Nathan Espinoza, guest; Antonia Grbic, POLA HAB; Kelsey Wolleat, POLA HAB; and Mario Amalfitano, guest.



Maria Couch, POLA HAB, Club Member, and her husband, Cedric Couch.



Carol and Enoch Samuel, POLA C&M, Club Member.



From left: Gabe Silva, POLA HAB; Bruce E. Seaton, Interim Executive Director, Club Member; Prashant Konareddy, POLA HAB; Geraldine Yu, POLA HAB; and Christine McMillan, POLA HAB.



Mike Dailey, guest, with Gina Svicarovich, POLA HAB.



Pauline Hospe, Pilot Station; Syd Groves, guest; and Teresa and Dr. Ralph Appy, Director of Environmental Management.



Sherri and Charles Miller, POLA C&M.



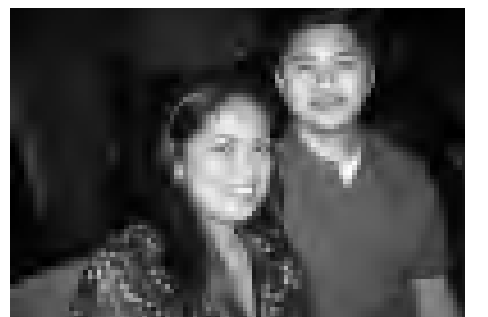
From left: Alex Carbajal, POLA HAB; Danielle Holt, POLA HAB; Danny Dundov, POLA HAB; and Summer Cheyne, POLA HAB.



Adam Birkenbach, Retired Chief Harbor Engineering, and Angela Birkenbach, Chief Wharfinger, Club Member.



From left: Kris Petrevski, C&M Testing Lab; Vanessa Alvarez, guest; Berlinda Martinez, POLA C&M; Neca Alves, C&M Testing Lab; and Frank Comfort, C&M Testing Lab.



Sharon Tatel, POLA HAB, Club Member, with Gerrick Cardenas, guest.



From left: Zoya Dyer, POLA HAB and her husband, Dennis; Heloise Froelich, EAD; and Shokoufe Marashi, POLA HAB.



From left: John Gloster Jr., POLA C&M; Frank Rendon, POLA C&M, Club Member; Joy Mativa, City Attorney, Club Member; and Cindy Jelenic-Babich, guest.



Luis and Claudia Romero, POLA HAB, Club Member.



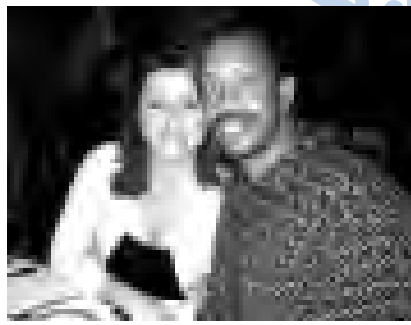
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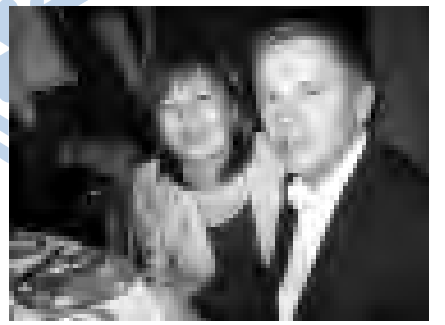
Back, from left: Guadalupe Diaz, POLA HAB, and her husband, Juan Benitez. Front: Melissa Malahni, POLA HAB; Trisha Karmelich, POLA HAB; and Danette Nappi, POLA HAB.



Beth Adamik, POLA HAB, and Donni Gray, POLA HAB, Club Member.



Teresa Scognamillo, guest, with Kenneth Henderson, POLA C&M.



Rica Viola, POLA HAB, Club Member, and Dennis Ogren, POLA HAB.



From left: Marc Wright, Bureau of Contract Administration, Club Member; Donna Wright, POLA HAB, Club Member; Patti D., POLA HAB; and Rose Kinoshita, POLA HAB, Club Member.



Martin Lovato, C&M Electrician, Club Member, with his wife, Daryl.



Ron and Teresa Henkhaus, POLA HAB.



Lori Gastelum, POLA Engineering, 14 yrs, Club Member, and Mimi Gutierrez, POLA Engineering, 1.5 yrs, Club Member.



Ann and Jim Kinkor, POLA HAB; Kecia Brooks, POLA HAB; and Angela Ross, guest.



Roy Benjamines, POLA Engineering, with Carlos Baldenegro, POLA HAB.



Francisco and Enedina Rodriguez, POLA HAB.



From left: Andrew Wooster, POLA HAB; Amy Ebro, POLA HAB; and Jessica Bautista, POLA HAB, Club Member.



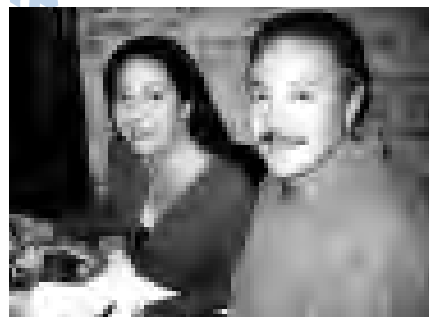
Sam and Lynn Qubain, POLA Personnel Officer; Donna Wright, POLA HAB, Club Member; and Marc Wright, Bureau of Contract Administration, Club Member.



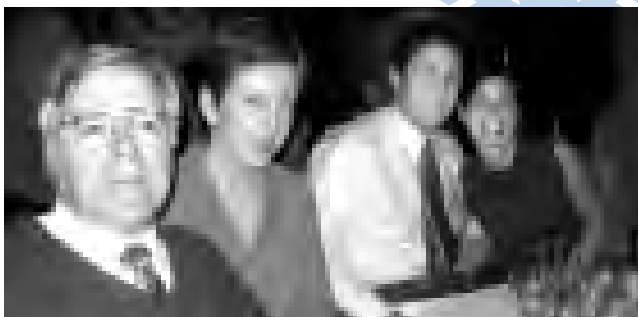
Jim Reed, Retired Sr. Construction Manager, and his wife, Leslie.



From left: Linda Clifford, POLA HAB; Rhonda Wheelwright, POLA HAB; and Marisa Trutanich, POLA HAB.



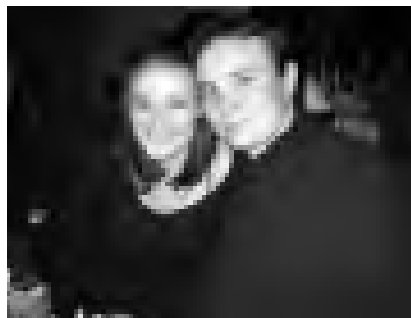
Tish Lorenzana, POLA HAB, with Richard Lorenzana, Wharfinger's Office.



From left: Ken Ragland, POLA HAB, Club Member, with his wife, Cathy; Paul Desantis, guest; and Lena Maun, POLA HAB.



Paco Romo, musician, and Jose Estrada, Musician & POLA C&M, provided music for everyone to enjoy.



Adrienne Fedrick, POLA HAB, with Jeremiah Smiddy, guest.



Julie DiTucci, POLA HAB, and Anthony DiTucci, Captain of Angelina II.



From left: Ruben Ceja, guest; with Denise Martinez, POLA HAB; and Antonio Alvarado, POLA HAB.



From left: Sheila Gonzalez, Public Relations; Maricela Carballo, POLA HAB; and Rachel Campbell, Public Relations.



Holly Carlson, POLA C&M, Club Member, with Emma Gonzalez, POLA C&M.



From left: Vanessa Manjarrez, POLA HAB, Club Member; Brenda Aubert, POLA HAB; and Linda Jimenez, POLA HAB.



From left: Guests Erik Fonseca and Patricia Ponce, with Laura Castillo, POLA C&M.



Walter Dow, Retired Database Architect and his wife, Martha, with Pete Mattingly, Retired Systems Programmer, Club Member.



In back, L-R: Rene Rodriguez, President of HDEC, and Bruce E. Seaton, Interim Executive Director. Front: Arturo Medina, POLA HAB, and David Robles, POLA HAB.

Holiday Wrap-up

Housing Gathers Toys

■ Housing Dept. collects toys for children.

Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor
Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager, and the Dept. of Housing

The Los Angeles Housing Department organized a Toy Drive for the holidays to help needy families throughout the Los Angeles area. LAHD employees, Fun Rise Toy Company, Mattel and Toys for Joy Foundation all donated to toys to the drive. On Dec. 20, more than 20 housing inspectors arrived to the downtown office on motorcycles to pick up the toys and delivery them to the families.

The Club thanks Housing employees Alma Lopez, Chris Hatzikian, Angie Garcia and Alicia Marquez for their assistance and their invitation.



The Housing inspectors who took part in the toy drive.



The Housing Inspectors prepare to deliver the toys.



From left: Ray Kehoe; Keith Gordon; Elizabeth Kazay, Club Member; Norman Koplin; Francis Felix, Club Member; Melba Williams; Reid Daub; Enrique Salazar; Miguel Barcenas; Jeffrey Bogust; Ricky Reisner; Gary Pochmara; Robert Stagnitta; and Ken Kirkness.



Special shirts were made for the "Housing Hogz."



From left: Representative from the Toys for Joys Foundation Domingo Saucedo, Rishard Gomez and Ken Simmons.



A group photo of the "Hogz."



Wayne Durand gets ready to depart.



On the floor, from left: Flor Esguerra and Joseph Lung. Back row: Chris Hatzikian, Angela Lung, Alma Lopez and Meritxell Capdet.



Back row: David Whitehurst. Second row: Elena Zamora; Jerry Carapia; and Scott McGill. Third row: Sara Rutledge and Dan Snyder. Front row: Sonia Pereda and John Alipio, Club Member.



Back row, from left: Mike Gruett; Doug Webster; Barry Gilfry, Club Member; David Greene; and Pieter Van Every. Middle: Shawna Blank, Club Member. Front: Scott Hrebek and Svetlana Ramirez, Club Member.



Housing inspectors deliver boxes of toys.



From left: Ron Diaz, Club Member; Mirta Ocana; and Chris Hatzikian.



Inspectors drive on their bikes to deliver the toys.



From left: Miguel Barcenas and Enrique Salazar, Club Member.

Holiday Wrap-up

Fun Under Contract

■ Contract Admin. has its holiday luncheon.

Story and photos by Liz Montes, Club Counselor

The Bureau of Contract Administration had its annual holiday luncheon at the Proud Bird Restaurant Dec. 9. Approximately 130 employees attended and enjoyed an excellent buffet, games, door prizes and a sing-along to "The Twelve Days of Christmas." Special thanks to Club Member Sharon Redditt for inviting us.



From left: Margo Hendricks; Ken Hendricks, Sr. Construction Inspector; Robert Moore, C.I.; Ted Galsim, Principal C.I.; Ray Sanchez, C.I.; and Dean Lee.



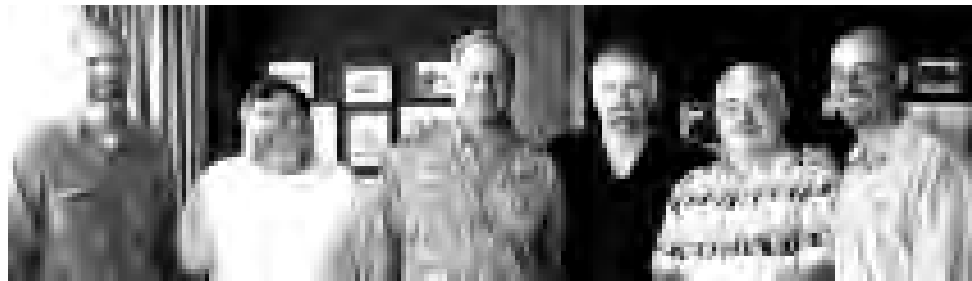
From left: Sharon Redditt, Executive Secretary III; and Vanessa Garcia, Clerk Typist.



From left: John L. Reamer, Director; and Walter Bradley, Acting Assistant Director.



From left: Jennifer Roncal; and Benjamin Roncal, Sr. C.I.



From left: Red Medina, C.I.; Paul Malcolm, Sr. C.I.; Pete LeGrand, Assistant C.I.; Joe Zamora, Sr. Electrical Inspector; and Sepou Ohanian, C.I.



From left: Steve Willis, Sr. Construction Inspector; David Tang, Principal Construction Inspector; and Lubie Carovski, Sr. Construction Inspector.



From left: Marianne Gomez, Payroll Supervisor I; Lori Rodriguez, Systems Aide; Larry Reynosa; and Irma Aranda, Executive Secretary II.



From left: Lynda McGlinchey, Sr. Management Analyst; and Hannah Choi, Program Manager.



From left: Larry Reynosa, Management Analyst II; and Joy Gaddi, Management Analyst II.



From left: Sandy Ortiz; Ernie Ortiz, C.I.; and Chris Cox, Sr. C.I.



From left: Jean Markham, Clerk Typist; Mary Taylor, Principal Clerk; Lydee Su, Management Assistant; and Linda Cruz, Sr. Clerk Typist.



From left: Dudley Sweeney, retired Principal C.I.; and Joy Gaddi, Management Analyst II.



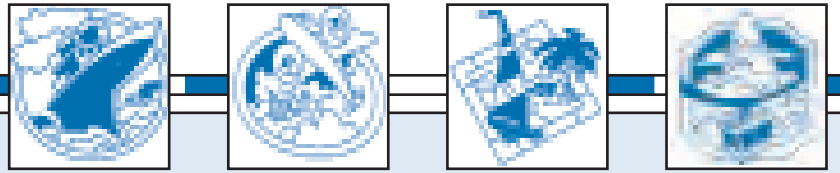
From left: Adrian Barrera, Sr. C.I.; and Anthony Garcia, Sr. C.I.



From left: Larry Reynosa, Management Analyst II; Femi Oyewole, Management Analyst I; and Alem Kabsay, Management Analyst II.



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TravelTalk

by Tony Adler, President, Cruise and Resort, Inc. Club Travel Partner



Much Has Changed With Alaska Cruises

When my wife, Kristy, and I went on our first Alaska cruise about 16 years ago, it was still a bit of a novelty. I was in my 30s, my wife was in her 20s, and we were probably the youngest couple on the ship. Alaska was beautiful, but it was a much more subdued experience than the usual sun and fun of Mexico or the Caribbean. In a way, we sort of thought we had grown up. The entertainment onboard was not very exciting, but we met a lot of nice people and read more books in a week than we ever had before!

The ship we went on had about 600 passengers. Most of today's vessels carry more than 1,500! That might not seem like a positive thing at first, but there are many attractive elements to the larger ships. First of all, the entertainment and facilities onboard are far superior. The cabins are bigger. Most have verandas, something unheard of 16 years ago! There are many more dining choices on these larger vessels, and to fill the ships, the cruise lines have had to market to a much more broad demographic. The average age is still higher than the Caribbean or Mexico, but the gap is narrowing. In fact, on several summer sailings on Princess, Holland America and NCL last year, there were over 300 kids onboard! There are children and teen programs on all major cruise lines that keep the young ones happy day and night.

CruiseTours have also gained in popularity. These vacations allow guests to see both sides of Alaska, by cruise ship, train and motor coach. There are beautiful new lodges that make the trip much more palatable to those used to the luxuries of fine hotels. Denali National Park is a favorite spot for quite a few of our clients. For those wanting to see wildlife native to this region, a CruiseTour is the best option. Many believe that you really haven't seen Alaska at all until you've visited the interior of this magnificent state.

A much greater variety of shore excursions are offered now, and they tend to be more active than the standard city tours offered in 1989. Today, the choices range from easy trips to more participatory activities like hiking, flying across scenic mountains, helicopter trips to glaciers, salmon fishing and even riding the rapids of a river. There are activities designed especially for families, children and seniors. We even create exclusive adventures for some of our Club clients who want to get off the beaten path.

My wife talked me into taking a helicopter tour that landed on a glacier during our last visit to Alaska. I have to be honest: I am a white-knuckle flyer, even on a 747. While I am sure the pilot of our whirlbird was well qualified from his years of experience in Vietnam, I was terrified. My wife kept telling me to look at the scenery, but I was busy making deals with God as we approached the glacier.



Once on the glacier, (and I could breathe again), we had a great time trying to walk on the giant hunk of ice. For me this was a highlight. For the other seven people on the tour, the helicopter was the best. Different strokes for different folks! I might try rafting down the rapids next time. I am not sure it is any safer, but I am confident that I can swim better than I can fly!

Most of the cruise lines depart from Vancouver, Seattle or the seaport for Anchorage. There is usually not much difference in the cost of the cruise, but sometimes the airfare is less to Seattle than it is to Vancouver. The Alaska season is from May until early September, and the time to book is now. In fact, many of the summer sailings are already nearly full. The earlier you book, the less you will pay. Be sure to call us to see what specials we have available when you can plan your well-earned vacation time. I think you will like all that Alaska offers. Believe me, it is an awesome experience and it is much better than ever to cruise there!

I also wanted to tell you about a different kind of cruise that we have been selling very well. These cruises are out of Portland and include the Columbia and Snake Rivers, and some historic and scenic towns that many of us have only heard or read about. America West Steamboat Company has authentic riverboats that add even more to the experience. Their product is fantastic! They have expressed a desire to work with the Los Angeles City Employees Club, and we have put together some excellent Club rates on several departures including the hard-to-get Thanksgiving and Christmas cruises. Be sure to call one of your Club agents at (888) 652-6400 or (818) 990-4290 for more information.

Thanks to all of you who gave such nice feedback about last month's article on The Good, The Bad and The Ugly Travel Experiences. We are fortunate to have so many stories to tell from our years of doing what we love: traveling.

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