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by **John Hawkins**  
 President and CEO, The Club



## Ahh, February; The Month of Love.

That's right, Valentines Day is upon us (February 14th!). Please don't forget to impress the one you love with a nice bouquet of flowers, a gift certificate to Home Depot or to a spa, or at least a Valentine's Day card that gets to your loved one before you get home from work on this special day (oh, and if you're buying flowers make sure you use the Club's discount with 1-800-flowers.com; see page 33).



And speaking of sharing the love, I want to give a big thank-you to the hardworking employees of the DWP for helping us all out during the storms and the resulting damage (please read the story starting on page one). I personally witnessed the hard work and perseverance of the DWP crews that were dispatched to trouble spots during the latest storm. In particular, the Mt. Olympus area, where many large trees fell onto power lines snapping them in two like they were little twigs. The result was numerous massive tangles of high-voltage lines and transformers mixed in with giant uprooted trees and then strewn throughout the streets, yards and on parked cars.

And as the storm raged on I watched as the DWP Tree Surgeons meticulously chain-sawed the fallen trees that were tangled in high voltage lines and the DWP Electric Trouble crews repairing power lines and poles.

So once again, the City employees of Los Angeles showed the world what they are made of. From the DWP battling a violent storm to restore the power, to the DOT, Fire & Police Departments helping our Glendale neighbors in a horrific train crash; to various city departments helping Tsunami victims through charity drives. Every single City employee should feel proud to be part of this family. You are truly a City of Angels.

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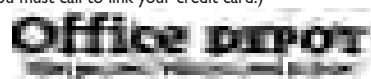
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