

# Waving Goodbye to Wanda

■ **Wanda Williams-Brown retires from DWP. Now she's off to Texas.**

Story by Bev Haro, Club Counselor  
Photos by Robert Larios, Club Operations Director

Wanda Williams-Brown retired from the DWP Customer Service with a festive event March 12 at the Proud Bird Restaurant in Westchester. She spent 28 years in service to the City.

Wanda started as a Commercial Service Representative at the DWP and at one time was the only female Commercial Field Collector (collecting delinquent DWP bills in the field or turning off service for nonpayment). She worked on the committee that developed the department-wide DWP Earthquake Preparedness Program.

She was one of the first group of Residential Conservation Representatives hired by DWP after the federal government mandated that utilities of a certain size were required to hire and train individuals to conduct energy conservation surveys. And she worked several years as an Account Executive in Major Accounts, providing personalized service to some of the

DWP's largest commercial and industrial customers.

She considers her greatest accomplishment as starting at the DWP with just a high school diploma. As a single parent, she obtained a Bachelor of science degree in business management and a Master's degree in business administration, both from Pepperdine University.

Married to the Rev. Willie Brown, Wanda is the mother of one son, Christopher Williams Sr. and one daughter, Tracey Renee Williams, three stepsons, one stepdaughter and eleven grandchildren.

**Other accomplishments:**



- Member of the DWP Choraliers
- Member of DWP Toastmasters
- Founding Board Member of Water and Power African American Association (WPAAA)
- Former member of the Association of Blacks in City Government (ABCG)
- Former member of the Affirmative Action Council
- Former DWP Rep to the American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE)
- Represented DWP as a speaker for various civic and community organizations on energy

- conservation and rates issues
- Staffed DWP booths at conventions and trade shows
- Soloist for DWP Good Friday services
- Participated for two years as a speaker from DWP for Career Day at the Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies
- Provided musical selections for numerous DWP retirement celebrations and memorial services
- Member of Park Windsor Baptist Church since July 1981
- Lead vocalist with the Voices of Park Windsor Choir
- Former member of the Trustee Board serving as Financial Secretary

In her retirement, she looks forward to singing, entertaining family and friends, planning parties and reunions, traveling, baking, floral design and decorating.

*What a life! What a career!  
Congratulations, Wanda.*



Wanda Williams-Brown and her husband, Willie.



Happy Retirement, Wanda!



Gwyn Walker presents Wanda with a Toastmasters award.



From left: Harrison Chastang, Retired DWP, 32 years, with wife Ruth Harrison.



From left: Jimi Roberson, Retired DWP, 28 years, with Betty Dixon-Edwards, Retired DWP, 32 years.



From left: Carolyn Carter, Retired DWP, 32 years; and Barbara Merrick, Data Entry Supervisor, 30 years.

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From left: Schiry Monroe, Documentation Technician, 25.5 years; and James Monroe, DWP-retired-Info Systems Supervisor, 33years.



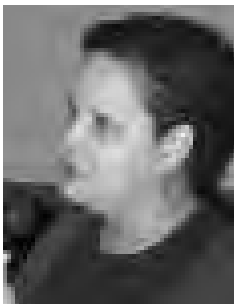
Master of Ceremonies Keith Brown.



Betty Quarter, DWP-retired



Maybrie Lasuere, Retired DWP, 32 years.



Selina Roberts sings the first song during Wanda's retirement party.



Beverly Swann, Retired DWP, 37 years.



Conney Williams shared his special and moving poem for Wanda, and then received a standing ovation by attendees. Retired DWP, 23 years.



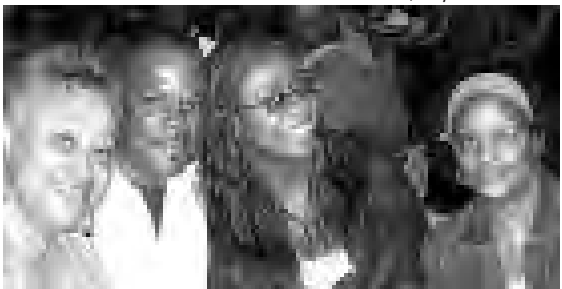
From left: Beverly Tagger, Retired DWP, 33 years; and Darrylyn Johnson, St. Commercial Service Rep., 30 years.



From left: Mary Sneed, Retired DWP, 35 years; and Anna Redd, DWP-retired.



From left: Mary Burns, Retired DWP, 32 years; and Ellie Riley, Retired DWP, 30 years.



From left: Pat Houston, Retired DWP, 30 years; David Jones, Field Service, 21 years; Jean Godfrey-Bell, Sr. Commercial Rep., 33 years; and Susan Washington, Management Analyst, 33 years.



From left: Penny Brown, Sr. Clerk Typist, 29 years.



Peter Garra, DWP Photographer, 29 years.



From left: Pearl Williford, Retired DWP, 31 years; and Robert Garcia, Supervisor, 34 years.



From left: Gloria Lee Ray, Utility Services Manager, 28 years; and Heidi Bas, Sr. Premier Account Manager, 17 years.



From left: Yvonne Woods, Computer Operator II, 11 years; and Wanda Clark, Sr. Costumer Service Rep., 27 years.



From left: Sharon Kendrick, DWP-Call Center Manager, 25 years; and Vernon Kendrick, Retired DWP, 33 years.



From left: Martha Hernandez, Utility Marketing Rep, 25 years, with her son, Kevin Garcia.



Master of Ceremonies Baron Brown



Slappy White crashes the retirement party (performed by Keith Brown).



From left: Janet Dunham, Sr. Utility Buyer, 17 years; and Zara Madison, Utility Marketing Rep, 18 years.



From left: Connie Garrison, Customer Service Rep, 30 years; and Joyce Bodley-Walker, Customer Service Supervisor, 29 years.



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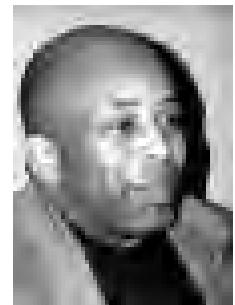
April Steffen, representing the DWP Choraliers, honors Wanda.



Belinda Crawford presents Wanda with a certificate from the DWP Employees Association.



Ida Smith of Park Windsor Baptist Church says a few words on behalf of the congregation.



Gregory Black, representing DWP management, presents Wanda with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of DWP.



Back, from left: Marylin Washington, Sr. Clerk Typist, 30 years; Billy Younger, Retired DWP, 36 years. Front: Vivian Dode, Sr. Clerk Typist, 30 years; and Belinda Crawford, Administrative Assistant, DWP 26 years.



Linda Colley dressed in the Texas attire to welcome everyone at the retirement party and to welcome Wanda to Texas...this is where she will be living her years after DWP.



Steve King, former ACEB-SA president, shares his appreciation for Wanda for her help during his tenure.



Tracy Williams, Wanda's daughter with her mother.



From left: Shelia Le Fridge, LAPD Management Analyst II, 15 years; Norma Brooks, Retired DWP; and Sandy Mack, Office of Finance, 33 years.