



# Retirees NEWS

## Retiree Hotlines

Who to call? Following is a list of contacts for the City and for the DWP:

**City Employees Retirement System:** (213) 473-7200

**City Retirement Counselors:**

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| • Edward Harding (805) 584-9417   | • Jack Mathews (310) 762-1942               |
| • Phil Skarin (818) 784-0130      | • Helen Salgado (323) 728-4930 (membership) |
| • Robert Wilkinson (818) 886-1000 | • Americo Garza (562) 928-2051              |
| • Jerry Bardwell (818) 782-5568   | • Neil Ricci (310) 394-1971                 |
| • Harold Danowitz (310) 472-0224  |   |

**DWP Retirement Plan Office:** (213) 367-1722

## For Retirees *By Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chair*

### MEMBER NEWS

**Ruth and Sampson Wilson** celebrated their 74th wedding anniversary Feb. 13... **George Wolfberg** received the Palisadian Post's Leadership Award for his many areas of community service... Notes of appreciation for this column from **Bob Knox, Jane Hanson, Mary Rose Wilkins,** and **Evelyn Akerman... Sisto Sandoval**, Lake Havasu City, must be busier now that when he was working. He is active in three veterans groups, the Lions Club and the Red Cross. He is a Certified CPR instructor for the Red Cross and a member of their Disaster Assessment Team. He speaks to various schools about his experiences in Vietnam. He would like to hear from his former friends in Building and Safety. Call him at (928) 680-1597... **Rodney Haraga** was appointed Director of Transportation for Hawaii... **George Morrison** has become a gourmet cook... **Doug Dow** sings with a barbershop chorus... **Pat Brodie**, living in Washington, teaches seamanship and boat handling for the United States Power Squadrons... **Michael Stafford** was elected Communications Officer of the Del Rey Neighborhood Council... **Richard Palmisano** took a transatlantic cruise following the Columbus route from the Canary Islands to the Bahamas... **Fred Hoepfner** has a folio of his ragtime piano compositions that has been selling well.

**If you have news about retirement activities that you'd like to share, call**

**Phil Skarin**

**at (818) 784-0130, or write to 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411 or fax (818) 906-3722.**

# Retirement Plan Proposed By Governor Put on Hold



**Ed Harding,**  
*RLACEI President*

*By Phil Skarin, Publicity Chair, RLACEI*

**E**d Harding, RLACEI President reports: "I recently attended a conference held by the California Retired County Employees Association. The topic was the Defined Benefit Retirement Plans vs. The Defined Contribution Retirement Plans, which the Governor and other politicians and taxpayer groups have been advo-

cating. Because of much opposition to the proposed new plan, which would affect all public employee pension plans in the State, the Governor has decided to not push for a vote this year, but will try to put it on the ballot next year. Stay tuned.

"Ken Spiker, RLACEI Vice President, is running for another term as Commissioner of the LACERS Board of Administration. He has been an elected Commissioner since July 1, 1995. Our Executive Board joins with me in endorsing Ken for reelection. Ken's knowledge and experience will be of great value to retirees. So, when you get your ballots on or about May 15, vote for Ken Spiker."

"I was happy to see a large group of retirees at our April 14 membership meeting. A vote was taken on a bylaws amendment that will change the way our officers are elected. Thanks to the many of you who called for luncheon reservations."

**Legislative Report:** Ken Spiker reports that the LACERS Benefit Committee has approved increasing the funeral expense allowance from \$2500 to \$5000. The next step is to get the LACERS Board, Council and Mayor to approve. The County and State employees already have \$5000

allowance. Negotiations have already begun with our health care providers for services in 2006. Good job, Ken.

### Upcoming events:

- **June 14** - Golf Tournament
- **August 11** - Picnic at Grace Simons Lodge
- **Oct. 6** - Annual Corp. Meeting & Elections at Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center
- **Dec. 8** - Christmas Party at Grace E. Simons Lodge

### Retiree Notes:

Hal Danowitz asks you to visit our Website at [www.rlacei.com](http://www.rlacei.com) to find out the latest retirement news.

The 27th Annual Retirees' Golf Tournament will be on Tuesday, June 14, at the Alhambra Golf Course. Sponsors so far include LAFUCU, City Employees Club of Los Angeles ACEBSA, and Bob Okuda. If you would like to be a prize sponsor, call Phil Skarin at (818) 784-0130. Golf entry forms are in the Spring RLACEI newsletter. Or call Phil.



### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

*What's Your Word Worth?*

*When you give your word to people,  
In person or in writing,  
To do, or not to do, something,  
You are really making a promise.*

*People have a reasonable expectation  
That you will keep your promise. It is  
A matter of honor and integrity.*

*Your reputation, good or bad,  
Is determined, in part,  
By how you keep your promise.*

*It is easy to promise,  
But so easy to forget.  
Therefore, with integrity in mind,  
Always couple your promises with  
The determination to fulfill them.*

- Phil Skarin



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# Lunch With the RLACEI Bunch

■ RLACEI holds annual spring membership meeting and luncheon.

Story and photos by Michelle Moreno, Club Events Guru.

The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) held its spring membership meeting and luncheon April 14 at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center.

Members of RLACEI gathered together for their spring membership meeting and luncheon to discuss important issues and events. Members received the opportunity to voice their concerns to the RLACEI Board. Details can be found in the retirement column by Phil Skarin in this month's *Alive!*

The day ended with a raffle sponsored by the Club.



Marguerite and John Shadle, Building and Safety.



Ed Harding, RLACEI Board President, presides over the meeting.



Ken Spiker, elected Commissioner on the LACERS Board, discusses benefits.



Bebe Jacobson, LAPD, wins a \$50 Safeway Gift Card from the Club.



Pablo Rivero, Bureau of Sanitation, wins a \$50 Black Angus Gift Card from the Club.



Wilma Rebbe, LAPD, wins a \$50 Black Angus Gift Card from the Club.



Sandra Dumon, Gen. Services, wins a \$50 Shell Gas Gift Card from the Club.



Beverly and Joe Etheredge, Airports, with Club CEO John Hawkins.



Irene and Stefan Dowbusz, LAPD.



Ann and Ken Kochakji, Transportation. Ken has participated in 14 Los Angeles Marathons from 1986 - 2004. Congratulations Ken, that's awesome!



Peggie and Lou Mastrangelo, Transportation.



Dora and James Smith, Bureau of Engineering.



From left: Armando Flores, Bldg. and Safety; Robert Abundis, Bureau of Engineering; and Harry Warshawsky, Transportation.



From left: Howard Steinberg, Controller's Office; Herb Hyman, Public Works; and Ray Norman, Planning.



From ITA, from left: Jan Parnell, Paul Jamgochian, Patricia Langlois and Betty McMaster.



From Sanitation, from left: Leroy A. Richards and Pablo Rivero.



Helen Salgado, RLACEI Board Member, with her mother, Josephine Salgado.



From left: Sam Hochberg, Convention Center; and Levi S. Richard, Gen. Services, with his wife, Leoria.



From left: John Jones, Street Maintenance; and Michael and Cleone Vrabel, LAPD, Foothill Division.



From Gen. Services, from left: Jim McCloskey, Jim Acosta and Brian Smith.



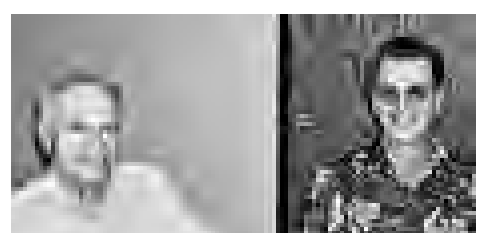
From left: David Hoy, DWP, and wife, Rosemarie; and Barbara and David Port, Gen. Services, Printing.



From CAA, from left: Frank Pincherli and Ted Lerchenmuller.



From left: Alice Walder, City Clerk; Martha Harding, Bureau of Sanitation and LAFD; and guest Josephine Salgado.



From left: Henry Gervais, Bureau of Sanitation; and Dick Taylor, Airports.



Jack Matthews, RLACEI Board Member, gives Ralph Burquist, Gen. Services, a \$50 Safeway Gift Card from the Club.



Ella and Americo Garza, RLACEI Board Member, celebrated their 60th anniversary April 28. Congratulations!



From left: John Mills, Gen. Services; Howard Tapia, Gen. Services; Bob Finn, LAFD; and Sandra Dumon, Gen. Services.



From left: Phil Skarin, RLACEI Board Member, with Bob Cutler, Public Works.

# Bonnville Motors On

## ■ Jim Bonnville retires from Gen. Services after 25 years of City service.

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

Jim Bonnville, the Director of Fleet Services for Gen. Services, retired with a reception March 29 at the Quiet Cannon in Montebello.

Representatives of Gen. Services, Rec and Parks, LAX, Bureau of Street Services, Bureau of Sanitation and other departments came to extend their congratulations.

Gen. Services Assistant General Manager Anthony De Clue was the Master of Ceremonies for the retirement luncheon. Ali Taylor sang a beautiful song before the invocation.

Jim has been married for 29 years to his wife, Liz. His family came to the event to celebrate.

Jim was also presented a Customer Service Award by GSD General Manager Alvin Blain. The Customer Service Award was also signed by three of the largest Fleet customers.

A resolution from the City Council read as follows:

WHEREAS, James Peter Bonnville started his career with the City of Los Angeles in the Department of General Services, Fleet Services Division, on June 19, 1980, and will officially retire on March 29, 2005; and

WHEREAS, James is one of the most senior members of the Department of General Services since his hiring during the first year that the

Department was established and has served his entire 25 year career with the Department; and

WHEREAS, James steadily promoted throughout his career from Equipment to Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic in April 1981, Senior Equipment Mechanic in September 1983, Automotive Supervisor in January 1984, Senior Automotive Supervisor in March 1989, General Automotive Supervisor in February 1996, Equipment Superintendent in July 1997 and finally to Director of Fleet Services in August 2001, and

WHEREAS, James has sought to improve his technical and managerial skills through continuous education, has received commendations for leadership and creativity and has been involved in numerous productivity improvements in fleet operations, and

WHEREAS, James has been a model City employee and has exhibited professionalism, leadership and customer service throughout his career, and

WHEREAS, James intends to leave the City to spend time with his family and enjoy traveling, golfing, sailing and fine woodworking,

NOW, therefore be it resolved, that by the adoption of this resolution the Los Angeles City Council along with the Mayor, City Attorney and City Controller do hereby commend and thank James Peter Bonnville for a quarter century of dedicated service to the citizens of this fine City; and wishes him well on his retirement.

The Club congratulates Jim on a great career and wishes him well in his retirement. Special thanks to Assistant General Manager Anthony De Clue for providing *Alive!* with the Council Resolution, and to Beverly Batiste and Ali Taylor, who organized the event.



From left: Jim Bonnville, Director Fleet Services, General Services, with his wife, Liz.



From left: Jess Tiznado, GSD, 7th Street Shop, Club Member; Rafael Beltran, GSD, 7th Street Shop; and Steve Eisenberger, GSD, 7th Street Shop.



From left: Alex Lopez, GSD; Juan Rivas, GSD; and Rick Thayer, GSD, Club Member.



From left: Mike Graham, GSD Tech Services, Club Member; Jerry Hamby, Retiree, Club Member; and Larry Smith, GSD Tech Services.



From left: Jim Acosta, GSD Retired; Larry Reynosa, GSD at Lopez Canyon, Club Member; and Howard Tapia, GSD, Retired.



From left: Glenn, Jim's son-in-law; Jennifer, his daughter; Jim Bonnville; his wife, Liz; and Mike, son.



From left: Josh Esquivel, Helicopter Mechanic Supervisor, Club Member; and Howard Tapia, Retired.



From left: Michael Byrne, GSD Headquarters, Club Member; and Raul Gomez, GSD North Hollywood.



From left: Ed Roes, CAO; John Trevogoda, GSD; and Beverly Batiste, GSD.



From left: Jerry Croy, GSD at North Hollywood, Club Member; Eric Guzman, GSD at North Hollywood; and Michael Leighton, Director of Publishing Services, Club Board Member.



From left: Dick Ronning, GSD Retired; Ron Bahn, GSD at Raymer Street, Club Member; Paul Fox, GSD Heliport; and Joe Fosselman, GSD Heliport, Club Member.



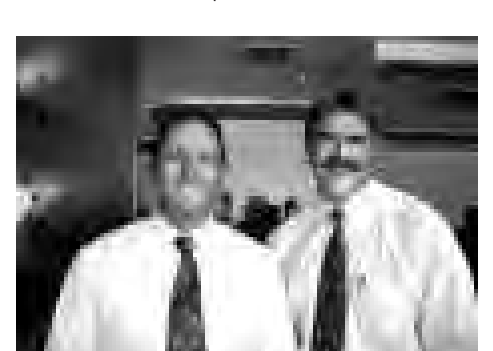
From left: Walter Lee, GSD Tech Service Division; Kevin Lee, Auto Engineer, Club Member; Marsha Cain, Retired Ontario Airport; and Jim McCloskey, GSD, Retired.



Jim Bonnville listens as Assistant General Manager Tony De Clue calls on the next guest to present.



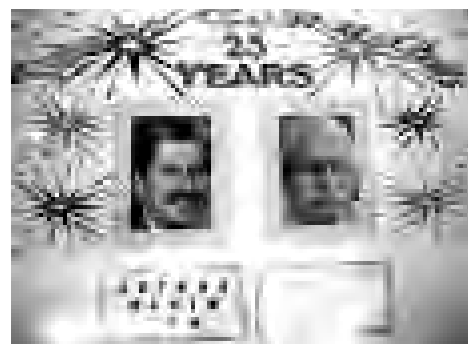
From left: Jim Hicks, GSD Parking Enforcement; Richard Falt, GSD at Hollywood; and Sean McMorrow, GSD Fleet at 7th Street, Club Member.



From left: John Ferris, LAX, Club Member, with Kris Goolsby, GSD Fleet Services at Headquarters, Club Member.



A sign that was presented to Jim Bonnville.



A poster made by Gen. Services Printing Services.



From left: Steve, Jim's youngest brother; Theresa, Jim's sister-in-law; and Chris, his brother-in-law.



Ali Taylor sings prior to invocation.





Jim Bonnville, Retiree (center), with the organizers of his retirement luncheon: Beverly Baliste, GSD; and Ali Taylor, GSD.



From left: Allan Brown, GSD, 7th Street Shop; Bryant Tarumoto, GSD, 7th Street Shop; and Don Yeomans, GSD, 7th Street Shop, Club Member.



From left: Carlos Meza, GSD 7th Street Sweeper Shop, Club Member; Calvin Dennis, GSD, 7th Street Construction Shop; Alfonso Santoyo, GSD, 7th Street Supervisor, Club Member; and Tommy Walker, GSD Fleet, Club Member.



From left: Paul Mahony, GSD Fleet at Piper Tech; Righel Cisneros, GSD Fleet at Piper Tech; Louis Ruiz, GSD, Parking Enforcement at Central; and Greg Reimer, GSD Fleet at Piper Tech.



From left: Ceci Rogers, GSD, Club Member; Laura Bermudez, GSD; Tony M. Royster, Assistant General Manager, GSD, Club Member; and Beverly Pleasant, GSD, Club Member.



From left: Mike DeLeon, GSD Fleet, 24th Street, Club Member; and Mario Martinez, GSD Fleet, 7th Street Nights.



From left: Richard Coulson, GSD Area II, Club Member, with Keith Hall, GSD, CSY.



From left: Ralph Quintero, Rec and Parks, Club Member; Debbie Miller, Rec and Parks, Club Member; and Terry Lien, Rec and Parks.



Jim Bonnville's family looks on as Assistant General Manager Tony De Clue shares some of his memories of Jim.



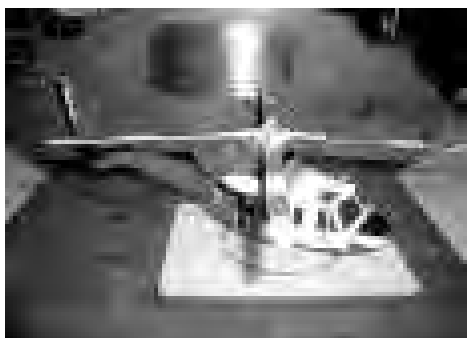
From left: Rita, Jim Bonnville's mother, along with her husband, John.



Everyone looks on as Assistant General Manager Tony De Clue begins a "new retirement tradition." Jim's tie was cut in half since he will no longer be required to wearing one now that he is retired.



Retiree Jim Bonnville delivers some closing thank-yous and a goodbye.



An award presented to Jim Bonnville by Josh Esquivel.



Alvin Y. Blain, General Manager, Gen. Services, Club Member, presents retiree Jim Bonnville with a Customer Service Award Certificate jointly signed by Blain, General Manager, GSD; Anthony R. De Clue, Assistant General Manager, GSD; Jon K. Mukri, General Manager, Rec. and Parks; William Robinson, Director of Street Services; and Rita Robinson, Director of Bureau of Sanitation. These departments were the largest customers of Fleet Services.



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