

Party for Pablo

■ Longtime Club member Pablo Ninofranco retires after 31 years of City service.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor
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HARBOR DEPT. — Friends, family and co-workers at the Harbor Dept. threw Pablo Ninofranco a party to mark his retirement after 31 years of City service April 5 at Rafaelo's Italian Restaurant.

The Club was there, too, as Pablo has been a Club member since 1979. John Hawkins, Club CEO, gave Pablo a Club golf jacket as a retirement gift. It marked the first time John Hawkins has given a retirement gift, he said. This was a small token of the Club's appreciation for Pablo's continued support and dedication. He believed in the Club so much so that he has and continues to get his fellow colleagues excited in joining and learning of the benefits the Club provides. Pablo plans on remaining a Club member in his retirement. Great move, Pablo!

Pablo's wife, Josie, retired last year. They are expecting their first grandchild (girl) in the sum-

mer. Pablo and Josie will enjoy a cruise to the Panama Canal and then to the Philippines.

Below is the presentation of Pablo's career, provided by Ray Alieiado, who hosted the luncheon.

Pablo Ninofranco Career Presentation

"Pablo started with the City 31 years ago as an Electrical Engineering Assistant in 1974 with the DWP. After a few years, he transferred to the Building Department. He worked as an electrical plan checker for several years and transferred to the Waste Water Division because of the wonderful people one meets across the counter. They always had nice things to say like:

'This is stupid.'

'Why do I need to have to get a permit?'

'Why don't you go back where you came from?'

'The City only wants my money.'

'Why don't you stand up when I'm talking to you?'

'Of course, there were nicer things that were said that can't be mentioned.'

"At the Waste Water Division, Pablo acquired the knowledge and skill to accept and give out crap. One needs to learn fast in that division, for it's pretty tough to stand ankle deep in that stuff. After working in that kind of environment and



Pablo Ninofranco with his daughter, daughter-in-law, wife and sons. From left: Phyllis, Melissa, Joe, Pablo, Josie and John.

becoming immune to the odor for five years, he became bored and transferred to the Harbor Department, where he found the water to be clear and the ideal location and environment to work in. It is also while working at the Port that he discovered the benefits of a cruise vacation and he has gone on a few of them.

"During his years at the Harbor, the Department has grown ten-fold from the first Harbor deepening to the current one and the building of Pier 400. He has personally been involved with many of the wharves, buildings, backland and terminal projects that have taken place over the years. He has contributed greatly to the permit process that we as a Department

need to undergo. He has contributed and made the electrical section a better design group by his presence and expertise.

"Pablo, you will be missed and your work ethics, experience, vibrant personality and friendship will be a void in the Engineering Division."

Congratulations, Pablo. Enjoy your life as a retired Club member!

The Club thanks Sirlord Morse, Christina Sar, Geraldine Yu, Ray Alieiado and Martin Lovato for contributing to this story.



From left: Dina Aryan-Zahlan, Engineering; Donna Enfiajian, Construction; Carmen Bognot, Engineering, Club Member; and Boyd Bostre, Engineering, Club Member.



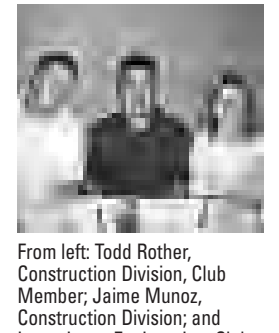
From left: Jack Chang, Construction; Terry Keating, Engineering, Club Member; Ping Lit, C&M; Dennis Ogren, C&M; and Rica Viola, Property Management, Club Member.



Sirlord Morse presents Pablo a T-shirt containing a few of the many pictures that were found around Pablo's office.



From left: Pons Rongavilla, Engineering; Ken Sy, guest; Dennis Kisner, guest; Vahik Haddadian, Electrical Engineering Supervisor; and Yong Park, guest.



From left: Todd Rother, Construction Division, Club Member; Jaime Munoz, Construction Division; and Laura Leon, Engineering, Club Member.



Ramir, Pablo's youngest brother, presents him a gift on behalf of the Ninofranco family.



John Hawkins, Club CEO, presented Pablo the first Club golf jacket. This was the first ever given to a Club Member, according to John.



Club CEO John Hawkins congratulates Pablo on his retirement.



From left: Guillermo Martinez, Engineering; Sue Lai, Engineering; and Mimi Gutierrez, Engineering, Club Member.



Pablo is escorted in.



From left: Christine Honeybone, Engineering; Adrienne Fedrick, Engineering; Geraldine Yu, Engineering; Christina Sar, Engineering; and Ray Alviado, Engineering, Club Member.



Prashant Konareddy from the Harbor Department Employee Club presented Pablo a check.



Pablo's supervisor, Vahik Haddadian, presents a gift on behalf of his department.



Standing, from left: Zizhan Liu, Engineering; Chinh Le, Engineering, Club Member; and John Posadas, guest. Seated: Robel Afewerki, Engineering, Club Member, and Ron Groves, Engineering.



From left: Velinda Meza, Electrical Engineering; Emil Zordilla, Architect, Club Member; Joanna Rios, Engineering; and Sharon Tatel, Engineering, Club Member.



From left: Barry Harbayan, Electrical, Club Member; Chaouki Aboulhossn, Electrical; Mike Gasper, guest; and James Davis, Construction.



A well-wisher says farewell.



Standing, from left: Ramir Ninofranco, Pablo's younger brother; Joe Ninofranco, Pablo's oldest son; and John Ninofranco, Pablo's youngest son. Seated: Melissa Ninofranco, Pablo's daughter-in-law; Phyllis Ninofranco, Pablo's daughter; and Josie Ninofranco, Pablo's wife.



From left: Disdado Garin, Engineering; To Markotic, Engineering, Club Member; Jurica Ivcevic, Engineering, Club Member; Jim Kinkor, Retired Engineering; and Carlos Baldenegro, Engineering.



From left: Prashant Konareddy, Engineering, Club Member; Tamura Fatherree, Engineering; and Lisa Roberts, Engineering.



Pablo looks surprised as he enters the banquet room and sees his friends and family gathered in his honor.



Pablo is presented with the Angels' Gate replica. The "actual" will be presented to him at a later time as it was kept away to keep Pablo unaware of the surprise luncheon.



From left: Enedina Rodriguez, Engineering; Roy Benjamins, Engineering, Club Member; Stacey Hashimoto, Engineering, Club Member; Jessie Palicte, Retired Engineering, Club Member; and Zeny Lerma, Retired Engineering.



From left: Myrna Diaz, Accounting, Club Member; Sally Tomboc, Treasury, Club Member; Ismael Arriola, Accounting, Club Member; and Amando Parreno, Accounting.



From left: Jose Lopez, Engineering; Angel Lim, Engineering; Peter Ouk, Construction; and Tom Asuncion, Engineering, Club Member.



From left: John Ibrahim, Engineering; Jin Kim, Engineering, Club Member; Chris Grossi, Engineering; Chuong Le, Engineering, Club Member; and Carlos Quintana, Engineering.

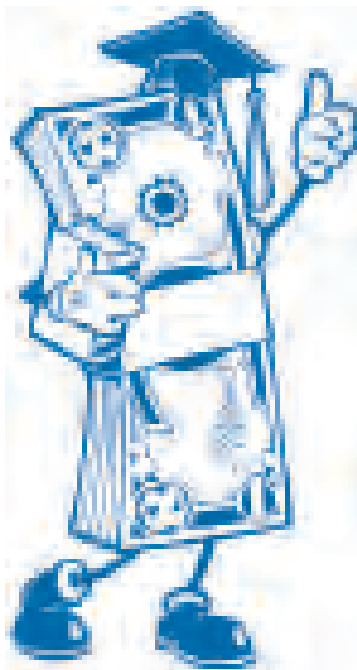


From left: Demetrios Zaferes, Engineering; John Hawkins, Club CEO; Robert Zmuda, Engineering; and David Walsh, Engineering.



From left: Du Tran, Engineering, Club Member; Emilio Macias, Engineering, Club Member; Angie Nguyen, Engineering; Christine Nguyen, Engineering; and Henry Martinez, Engineering.

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Scholarship

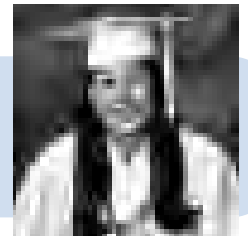
DEADLINE: JULY 1

■ Program, for Club member or child of Club member in college, supports the Club family.

Applications are now being accepted for the Club's annual scholarship program. The program is open to all college-age Club members or their children enrolled in a full-time college program, or to be enrolled in a full-time college program in fall 2005.

Three scholarships are expected to be awarded: one at \$3,000 and two at \$1,000 each.

Please note the early deadline: It's two weeks earlier this year.



Winner of the Club Scholarship last year was Jessica Moncayo, daughter of Cynthia Beltran, an employee in Housing, and a 29-year veteran of the City. Jessica is an excellent student at Loyola Marymount University in Westchester.

Here are the details:

- All Club members and children of Club members under the age 21 are eligible to apply. Club members must be in good standing.
- The successful candidate must attend an accredited four-year college or University full time school in the fall semester 2004. Current high school seniors matriculating to a four-year school in fall 2004 are eligible.
- Candidates will be judged for academic excellence, community service and financial need.
- Three (3) scholarships are expected to be awarded, one for \$3,000 and two for \$1,000 (each).
- Deadline for application: 5 p.m. July 1, 2005. All applications must be physically in the Club office at that time to be eligible. Sorry, but the Club is not responsible for delays in delivery.
- Decisions will be made by Club personnel and will be considered final.
- Application packages are available online (www.cityemployeesclub.com/Scholar.asp) or in person at the Club headquarters, 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071.

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