

Bands Are A Treat for Club Ears

■ ClubFest to feature bands with a City connection.

Essential to the festival atmosphere of ClubFest 2005 is music — almost continuous music by three consecutive live bands, each one featuring at least one City employee in its lineup.

It's something the Club hopes its members can really appreciate.

"It was important that we found bands that have a City connection," said Michelle Moreno, Club Events Guru, who is part of the ClubFest committee. "These guys, like most of you, have other interests outside their normal working day. And they're really good."



Music!
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News Analysis

Challenges Face Mayor Villaraigosa

■ After the hoopla dies down, new mayor faces challenges that relate to City employees.

MAYOR'S OFFICE — Budget Cuts. LAPD. Harbor. Ethics. Transportation.

These are likely to be among the main challenges that will soon face the new mayor, not long after his memorable inauguration event, which took on national prominence.

Antonio Villaraigosa was sworn in on the south steps of City Hall Friday, July 1. Joining him and his family on the platform were national and civic leaders, including former Vice President Al



Antonio Villaraigosa, Mayor

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Music Makes It a... Club Festival!

Music makes ClubFest great fun for both adults and kids. Order your tickets early for best prices! Use the form on page 13.

THE CLUB — Tickets are on sale now for the best ClubFest ever. Don't wait!

ClubFest was already one of the best City events of the year. But now the Club has added an afternoon of almost continuous live music to the mix, provided by great bands with fellow City employees as members. Now everyone — including those who might not be as interested in the games or the activities — have a great reason to come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon in a terrific location.

But tickets are limited, so don't miss out.

ClubFest 2005 is set for Sunday, Oct. 2, at Calamigos Ranch in the hills overlooking Malibu. ClubFest is co-sponsored by AIG and Office Depot.

Tickets for Club Members (before Aug. 30) are just \$10 each; that's a savings of more than \$35 off the actual cost of the ticket.

"ClubFest is going to have a great festival atmosphere," said John Hawkins, Club CEO. "A different feel, really. We've added to what it was, and made it better."

"ClubFest, with plenty of good food, games, booths, raffles, bingo and terrific people, is already a winner. Our members already know that ... it's why ClubFest has sold out the past three years."

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Sunday October 2, 2005
 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 Calamigos Ranch (Above Malibu)

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Music Added for Those Who Enjoy Festival Feel

ClubFest

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"But when we sat down and thought about how to make it even better for all Club members, we realized that there are a lot of members who would love to come, but might not be as interested in the games or the physical activities. We wanted to make ClubFest as exciting for adults as it is for kids.

"So our Club team got together and thought, 'music.' That would create a really fun and festive atmosphere for everybody. We added lots of fun music. We have something for them, too."

Three bands are scheduled to play almost continuously from start to finish, one at a time. Check out the related story for information on the bands.

Tickets are now on sale; prices go up Sept. 1, so don't wait! Get them with the application in this issue of Alive!, at Club headquarters, or through your Club Counselor. ClubFest tickets are limited to nine tickets per each Club member. Tickets are available only to Club members and their families.

In addition to the music, there is another cool new feature: the first Amazing Club Race. You and your team members could win \$200! There is still room for your Amazing Club Race team. See the separate registration form on page 10 for more information about the Amazing Club Race.

"We have something for everyone this year, with the festival feel," Hawkins said. "Bands, food, fun, and the Amazing Club Race. Get your ClubFest tickets now, and see you there!"



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10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Calamigos Ranch (Above Malibu)



ClubFest 2005: Schedule of Bands

10:30 a.m. – noon: The Latin Gents

The Latin Gents play a variety of Latin, swing, oldies but goodies, rock and roll and country. They have something for everybody. They have been playing in the Los Angeles area for about seven years. They originally started out as a trio and over the years added an additional three musicians. All together, there is a pianist, trombonist,



saxophonist, guitarist, bassist and a drummer. They all are able to beautifully sing and harmonize together, making the group very versatile.

Leading the Latin Gents is Ralph Ronda, an elevator mechanic for the DWP, and Carlos Montejano. Ralph plays the drums and Carlos plays bass. The other members are Billy Ahlsweide on keyboards, Rudy Roman on sax, Hirth Martinez on guitar and

Paul Costellanos on trombone.

These men are not just musicians but good friends who enjoy what they do. "Music is a universal language that everybody enjoys, and those who have heard the us always have a great time listening and dancing to tunes they enjoy," Ralph says. Ralph would also like to thank all those at the DWP who have supported them over the years.

12:30 – 2 p.m.: County Line

County Line is your all-around rock and roll classic kind of band. From the sounds of Steve Miller to Mick Jagger, they play rock and roll the way it should be played, with enthusiasm and attitude. Three of its four members are City employees.



Gary Arso, drums and vocals, and Brad Haynes, guitar and vocals, work for Rec and Parks. Tom Cotter, bass and vocals, works for Public Works. Mark Tomorsky plays guitar and sings.

County Line hails from four different counties in four different states. Mark is from Detroit (Wayne County), Brad is from Los Angeles County, Tom is from Chicago (Cook County), and Gary is from Brooklyn, N.Y. (Kings County).

While growing up in different parts of the country, they each have influences from the local music scenes. They all have one thing in common: driving rock 'n' roll. When you hear them play, you know why collectively they have worked on countless studio gigs, along with live shows at Staples Center, Lincoln Center, CBGBs, the Roxy, the Whisky, Cozy's Blues Club and endless others.

2:30 – 4 p.m.: The Kahunas



The Kahunas play classic surf sounds of Dick Dale, the Ventures and the Beach Boys. The trio also embraces the grunge and alternative rock sounds as well. They have loads of fun on the stage and the crowds love them.

On the bass guitar and vocals is fellow City employee Charlie Bragg. Charlie was born in New York and raised in Southern California and works for the DWP as an

Electric Service Representative. Bragg's musical interest range from '60s surf, '70s glam, punk rock and '80s new wave.

The band was founded by David Dupuis. Davis is on lead guitar on vocals. He plays those classic surf instrumentals and his vocals include the high falsetto that is classic to the Beach Boys and Jan and Dean songs. David was born in Detroit, but quickly took to the beach environment and surfing.

Backing the group on drums is Chris Young. Chris was born in England and has played in groups ranging from country to rock-a-billy. Chris brings the steady beat that all surf bands need, not to mention his backing vocals and "rhythms and roll."

The new features and the new feel of ClubFest 2005 are in addition to the usual great ClubFest features:

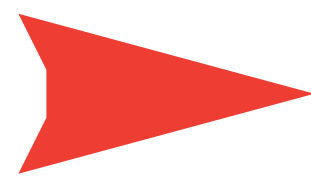
- great food, including shredded beef, beans, corn, salad, potato salad, and all the trimmings
- hot dog carts and unlimited ice cream treats and soft drinks
- fun booths, including a dunk tank, a moon bounce, a water slide, etc.
- raffles
- bingo
- pony rides and hayrides
- face painting

Ticket prices for ClubFest 2005 if you buy them by Aug. 30 are:

- \$10 for members
- \$7 for children
- \$15 for nonmember adults (13 and older)
- Free for those 3 years old and younger

On Sept. 1, prices rise to \$15 for everyone. So save money and get your tickets now! Remember that the actual retail cost of these tickets is \$48 each, so that's huge savings for you, courtesy of the Club!

To get your tickets, use the order form on page 13.



THE ULTIMATE PICNIC PARTY!

Club Fest

2005

Sunday
October 2, 2005

FUN FOOD MUSIC

10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Calamigos Ranch (Above Malibu)

Get away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Join your family and coworkers at the sprawling Calamigos Ranch, in the mountains above Malibu for a day filled with fun and food for the whole family.



All you can eat Lunch!
BBQ Chicken • BBQ Shredded Beef
Vegetarian Chili • Corn
Potato Salad • Garden Salad
Fruit Salad • Refreshments
Popsicles • Ice Cream Bars • Juice Bar

PLENTY TO DO!

- Horseshoes
- Ping Pong
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Water Balloon Launcher
- Bingo
- Paddle Boats
- Face Painting
- Music
- Puppet Show
- Pony Rides

Tickets are limited. Order yours today!

Featured Bands:

The Latin Gents
County Line
The Kahunas



ClubFest 2005
Ticket ORDER FORM
Tickets are limited!

PARKING IS FREE: How many parking permits do you need? (Limit 3)

MEMBER INFORMATION:

Member's name

Home Street Address

City State Zip

Home Phone Work Phone

Club Member Number

NUMBER OF TICKETS:

	NO. OF TICKETS		COST PER TICKET	=	TOTAL COST
Club Member	1	X	\$10 ea.	=	\$10.00
Adult Guests -13 & up		X	\$15 ea.	=	
Children 4-12 years		X	\$7 ea.	=	
Children 3 and under		X	FREE	=	FREE
GRAND TOTAL				=	\$

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All ticket prices go up to \$15 after Sept. 1

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