

LETTERS To the Editor



Bob Likes the Golf Coverage in Alive!

I enjoy reading *Alive!*, especially the July issue. That was a great spread on the RLACEI golf tournament. Thanks for letting me join your Club.

— Bob Okuda, Club Member

He Takes Family to Zoo to Visit City 'Brothers, Sisters'

I know this sounds real dumb, but I didn't know that the zoo was a Department until I read your article on the new Sea Lion Exhibit. Upon seeing that it was, I spirited my family away to the zoo and we had the time of our life. Seeing the exhibit and seeing how the zoo has improved over the last couple of years made me proud in front of my family knowing that the employees there were city brothers and sisters. Thanks for doing the story and keep up the good work.

— Thomas W. Spencer, Gen. Services

Hynda's History Column Gives Him Good Information

Please let Hynda Rudd know that I really enjoy reading her column. You rarely find such detailed information on City-related history. Thank you.

— Roger Emmets, Retired, Public Works, Bureau of Engineering

Her Club Discount Is Just The Ticket for Disney Fun

Thank you for the tickets! I'm retired now and want to spend more time with my adorable grandkids, so I bought tickets through you to Disneyland. I saved more money than I would have anywhere else! I then was able to spend the savings on food and keepsakes. Where were you when I was an active employee! Thanks again, Club.

— Marjorie Aquinos, Retired, LAPD

Music, Race Have This ClubFest Veteran Excited

I have been going to each ClubFest party since the wild one at the Zoo. I can't wait to see the new things you have going like the bands and the special race.

I still can't believe the food that you guys have for us. I think I had a dozen hot dogs and that was only the first hour I was there with my kids. I know my family is getting really excited about this year's ClubFest.

— Tim Jones, Rec and Parks

Look Out, Mediterranean, Here She Comes With Alive!

I am really impressed to see Club Members traveling with their *Alive!* newspaper everywhere from Beaumont, Calif.; Wild Kingdom Animal Park in Florida; to the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.. I really like reading *Alive! Around the World*. Maybe when I go on my trip to the Mediterranean, I will send you a picture of me and my *Alive!*

— Tina Trammel, LAFD

Things Get Simmering When Cooking With Club

I love cooking, and it has been fun cooking up the recipes the Club's Chef Larios has been printing in *Alive!* I especially liked the August Roast Marinade and Maria's Chicken Thighs.

My colleagues at work and I really enjoy these recipes because they are very easy to make, and Chef Larios seems to make sure that the recipes have ingredients that we all should already have in the kitchen.

Has anyone noticed how Chef Larios likes to use sea salt instead of regular table salt? I tried sea salt for the first time a few months ago, and I won't buy anything else.

My kids got a kick of the latest Cooking with the Club because there was a cartoon graphic of Chef Larios grilling away. Keep up the good cooking, Chef!

— Margaret Floyd, Gen. Services

He Loves the Before/After Photos in Book Sold by Club

I don't know how you people do it. I bought the book about Los Angeles that you are selling [*Los Angeles, Views of the Past and Present*; see the Club Store at the back of this issue], and I must say it's fantastic! Never before have I seen such accurately portrayed before-and-after photos. I have even traveled to some of the sites to see the changes myself. Thanks for the deal and for making this book available.

— Samuel Lechlinski, Club Member

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You probably won't get to meet Club Claims Administrator Cecilia Talbot very often ... until you really need her. That's when her service shines. So, to assure you that you are in good hands, from time to time *Alive!* will reprint letters commending the service given by Cecilia and her excellent staff. —Ed.

Your service was "extremely good, professional, caring, courteous and overall considerate. The efficiency with which you helped meet my needs was overwhelming. I don't have the words to express my gratitude fully. Thank you."

— Peter J. Turner, July 2005

The Club service was "excellent. Anything that was needed was handled promptly and professionally. It's certainly wonderful to know that people are still out there that take pride in what they do. [That's]

QUESTION ? of the Month

Introducing a new feature in *Alive!*

Our Club Counselors are all over the City, every day, serving our Club Members. While we're out, we'll be asking City employees a fun question. Keep your eyes open... you never know when we'll be asking you what you think!

Question: What do you miss most about school?



My friends.

— Leyla Siordia, City Attorney, 8 years.



School dances and having a pretty girl's locker next to me. Also, the carefree times with friends, where all I worried about was school.

— Joseph Camello, Student Worker, Harbor, 6 years.



The organized school activities such as football games and dances...sports night and friends.

— Tracy Page, Sr. PSR, LAPD Communications, 15 years, Club Member.



Nothing!

— Inbar Cohen, City Attorney, 10 years, Club Member.



The free time I used to have, the three-month summer vacations and my class mates. It was also before I acquired bills.

— Constance Moore, Accounting Clerk, Airports, 21 years.

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Cecilia Talbot,
Club Claims Administrator

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