



The Club is grateful for the toys Members donated to the Club Toy Drive. Posing with just some of the collected toys were Club staffers (from left) Angel Gomez, Howard Pompel, Sara Fama, Brian Trent, Jessica Segura and Ticket Guy (Navin Cotton).

Lots of Toys for Girls and Boys

■ Club toy drive is big success.

THE CLUB — One hundred and fifty-six toys!

That's the grand total – and we do mean grand – that Club Members generously contributed to the Club's annual toy drive, which concluded Dec. 16.

Last year, the Club collected 60 toys, an excellent total. This year's goal was 80 toys. The actual collection was almost double the goal.

The Club thanks everyone who took part.

The drive benefited the LAPD Central City Police Boosters. Some of the toys were to be distributed to City Employees in hardship, too.



Some of the toys were purchased using funds collected through a special raffle at ClubFest in October. The special raffle raised more than \$400.

This was the third year that the Club participated in the holiday toy drive. We'll let you know in plenty of time about next year's toy drive.

Golden Age of Travel

■ Central Library features exhibit of classic travel posters.

LIBRARY — Bombay, Oaxaca and Bermuda are among the many exotic locations featured in *Far and Wide: The Golden Age of Travel Posters*, an exhibition of vintage travel posters from the collection of the Los Angeles Public Library on view through May 7 at the Central Library's Getty Gallery, 630 W. Fifth St., downtown.

The exhibit features more than 60 travel posters from the library's collection, which has never before been exhibited and includes material from the 1920s through the 1940s. These exquisite posters celebrate travel by steamship, airline and railroad to exotic destinations around the world. Highlights include posters for the 1936 Munich Olympics, a depiction by Hubert Herkmer of the legendary French oceanliner *Normandie*, two examples of Italian Futurist design by Marcello Nizzoli and Alberto Trancisi, posters promoting travel throughout the Far East, and more.



places, in a way no other form can. Although travel posters are enjoyed for their evocative beauty today, they were originally produced for commercial purposes. Steamship lines, airlines and railways commissioned the posters to encourage visitors to experience the advertised destinations by using their services. Due to the posters' commercial nature, they were printed on the least expensive paper and were

expected to have a life of only eight weeks. Because there was no general agreement that these works had artistic merit, they were often handled carelessly.

These conditions, as well as a 1986 fire at the Central Library, where this collection was stored, make the survival of these posters miraculous, says exhibition curator and travel poster expert Louis Bixenman. "We

are fortunate to have them today as an exhilarating visual memory of the Jazz Age. They offer tantalizing hints of what

it must have been like during an unprecedented era of travel to exotic and romantic destinations."

The exhibition is free and open during library hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

Far and Wide: the Golden Age of Travel Posters is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Los Angeles, with support from Lillian and Jon Lovelace.

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