

# LETTERS

## To the Editor

### This Retiree Member Enjoys Her Check Refund at Holidays

Thank you so much for the refund check that came in time for Christmas. This is the first check since I retired in 1998. See it pays to inquire (in numbers), smile.

— H. Reese, Retired (DWP)

### Club Staff Must Work Hard Covering the Holiday Parties

It's great to see so many holiday parties. It seems to me that City employees are having a great time working together. I'd like to know how the Alive! staff was able to take so many photos. They must have a few dozen reporters and photographers working 24 hours a day.

My thanks to you all for letting me enter the world of the City employee that I adored during my 35 years of service with the DOT. Although I have retired from service-and have been happily retired for 15 years, I feel as though I'm still somehow connected with the City of Los Angeles. It's a wonderful feeling. Thank you.

— Henry Tobbs, Retired (Transportation)

*The holiday section (which concludes this month) was produced by the Club's staff of four Counselors, plus the CEO, the Director of Communications and Marketing, the Member Services Manager, the Events Guru, the Tech Guru, Club Members who sent in their own contributions, and others. But the short answer is, we do it because we love it, even if it calls for extra dedication. (Now we know how much work Santa performs every year ... and he's just one guy!) Thanks for your recognition. — Ed.*

### Channel 35 Column: Good Addition to Alive! Lineup

I've enjoyed the regular columns like "Working Matters" by Jackie David, "History Comes Alive!" by Hynda Rudd, and "Cooking with the Club" by Robert Larios. But now I am so very excited to learn about the new column "Tuned In" by Tony Ighani. What a fabulous partnership between the award-winning Channel 35 and Alive!, the best newspaper in the City. It makes complete sense! Nice going.

— Reginald Curry, General Services

### Club's Office Depot Benefit Is Just One Card Swipe Away

My friend who's a Club member told me about the special Office Depot discount program that is linked to member credit cards, and I have to say that it works! I went with him to Office Depot to see for myself. He picked up a bunch of stuff totaling over \$200, but when he swiped his credit card, it instantly dropped to \$122! We told everyone in our office and even showed the receipt. We are all amazed, and as far as I know, we're all becoming members of the Club so that we can also get the same Office Depot discount.

— Kyle Simmons, Airports

*Welcome to the Club, Kyle, and enjoy your Office Depot discount, truly one of the best benefits offered by your Club Membership. For those Club Members wondering how to take advantage of this offer, see the details on the bottom of page two. — Ed.*

### Adult Coloring Contest Draws Praise From This Club Member

The Alive! Adult Coloring Contest is one of my favorite sections of the newspaper because normally you'd attribute coloring contests to children, but it's a real treat to see the artistic abilities of City employees. I was looking at the colors used by the winner of the January contest, Michael Zepeda, and he did a magnificent job. I'm really amazed. I can't get over it.

Please let Mr. Zepeda and the other contestants know that they have outstanding skills.

—Myra Garanda, Club Member

### Club Insurance Would Have Helped Him in His Recovery

Sometimes I think we all forget that the City Employees Club is not just the City organization that has the best newspaper for City employees, but the place to go for insurance protection. I know I certainly did because I got hurt and couldn't go to work and was left with very little income to pay the bills. I have some disability insurance, but it only covers for three months and they make me do the claims paperwork on my own. In the state of mind that I am in now, I am not in any condition to fill out dozens of claims forms. Life is tough right now, and all I can think about is why I did not get Long Term Disability insurance from the Club. My colleagues all tell me that the Club runs an operation that is straightforward, and they can be trusted to do what's best for their members. The Club's Claims Department even completes the claims forms for you.

When I get better, I'll be talking to the Club for my insurance need.

— Rick Jamison, Rec and Parks

### Retirement Holiday Party Article Almost as Good as Being There

The Retirees Celebrate article by Robert Larios on page 21 of the January issue reeled my husband and I to read it several times. We were unable to attend the RLACEI Christmas Party, but luckily this article about the event brought out the mood of the party, and it seemed as though we didn't miss it, as though we were there in spirit. It was great to see some faces from the days when my husband and I were in the City.

Alive! does a fabulous job of covering our retiree events, and we thank you for not forgetting about us and writing such fun articles for us to read.

— Roy and Carla Hammond, Retired

### Club Discount Tickets Are Even Better Through Club Website

Wow, I didn't realize how easy it was to buy discount tickets through your Website. I'm also amazed at how fast they were mailed to me. I ordered them on a Wednesday and got them by Friday, just in the nick of time for a pleasant evening with my wife.

Thanks, Club.

— Michael Homes, DTO

### Short Takes

So I hear all of you are having gorgeous weather there in LA! Enjoy it. I'm freezing here in my retiree wonderland.

— Todd Bustamante, Retired (Flagstaff, Ariz.)

I was cleaning out my garage and ended up with a bunch of stuff that I have little need for. Is it okay to send you the descriptions? Can you put them in your classified section, or do I need to pay? Not trying to make much money, but I hate to throw good stuff out. Thanks!

— Michelle Montgomery, Club Member

*Sure, Michelle. Send us descriptions and pictures of your items to [classifieds@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:classifieds@cityemployeesclub.com) — Ed.*

### WRITE TO US TODAY!

Send your letters by email to [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com) or conventionally:

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### Correction:

In Hynda Rudd's History Comes Alive! column on page 8 of the January issue, the photograph of Herman Silver should have been credited to the Security Pacific Collection of the Los Angeles Public Library.

Alive! regrets the omission and thanks the staff of Carolyn Cole for their continuing assistance.

## QUESTION

## of the Month

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!

### ASK A QUESTION:

## What is your favorite love song?"



"All of Me" by Louis Armstrong.  
— Joe Terrence, Heavy Equipment Mechanic, General Services



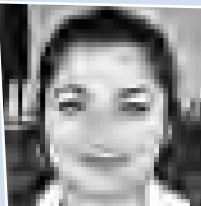
"And I Love Her" by the Beatles.  
— Tim Korcher, Senior Management Analyst, DWP



"Because You Loved Me" by Celine Dion.  
— Georgina Grace, Senior Clerk Typist, Fire Department



"Endless Love" by Lionel Richie  
— Shanna Lee, Forensic Print Specialist, Police Dept.



"Let's Get It On" by the Isley Brothers.  
— Sylvia Martin, PSR II, Police Dept.



"She Bangs" by William Hung.  
— Dan Basilgo, PSR III, Police Dept.



"I'll Do Anything for Love" by Meatloaf.  
— Johanna Ramirez, PSR III, and Dan Basilgo, PSR III, Police Dept.



"More Than Words" by Big Mountain.  
— Shiara M. Davila, Public Relations Specialist, Police Dept.  
"The Way You Look Tonight" by Frank Sinatra.  
— Maria Silva, Sr. Clerk Typist, Police Dept.



Various love songs.  
— Delores Youngblood, Forensic Print Specialist, Police Dept.



"Sweet Love" by Anita Baker.  
— Margaret Peters, Sr. PSR, Police Dept.



"How Will I Live With You" by LeAnn Rimes.  
— Maribel Madariaga, PSR III, Police Dept.



"Besame Mucho" by Lucho Gatica.  
"Dedicated to Red."  
— Lupe Medina, Administrative Services Rep., The Club