

Club Adds Two More Scholarships

■ Applications are now available online for Club Scholarship program.



THE CLUB — For its 2006 College Scholarship Program, the Club has increased its number of scholarships to five (from three). That means, five people will be rewarded for their academic achievement and given stipends.

“We’re really excited to give back even more to our Club Members,” said Club CEO John Hawkins. “It’s a response to receiving so many qualified applications last year. So we wanted to reward more people for their excellence, and encourage them to continue their studies.

“We’re always amazed at the quality of the applicants,” he continued. “We expect this year to be even better.”

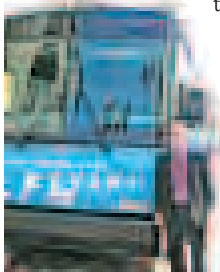
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FlyAway to LAX From Downtown

■ Downtown City workers have a new way to LAX: FlyAway buses from Union Station.

Photos by Paula Haney and Robert Larios, Director of Communications and Marketing

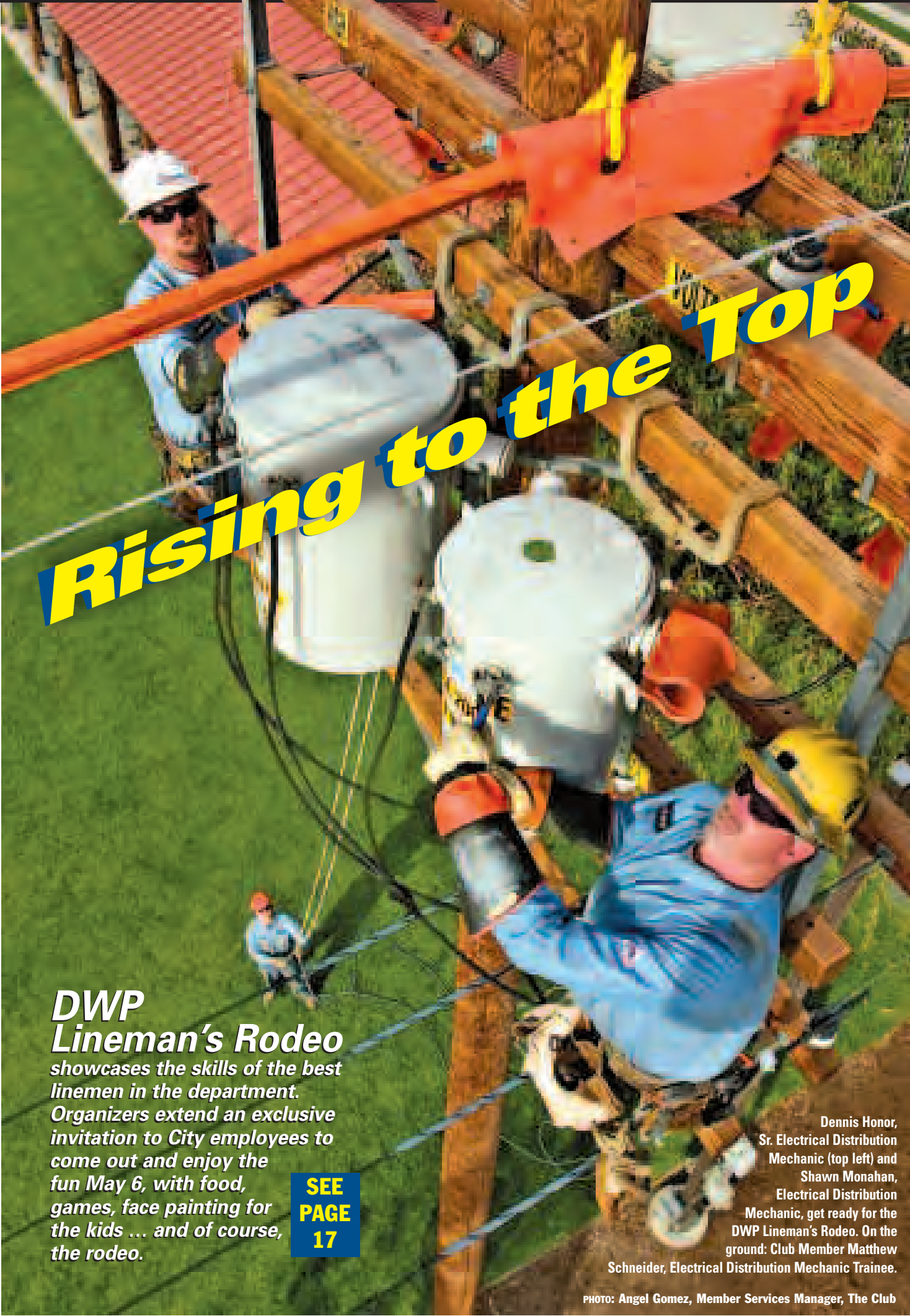
AIRPORTS — March 15 was a big day for downtown City workers who need to get to LAX: World Airports began much-anticipated FlyAway nonstop bus service.



Club Board Member Mike Biagi, Airports, helped set up the new bus line to LAX.

“This is a wonderful new addition to mass transit in Southern California,” said Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa at the kickoff event. “More than 15,000 trips are made

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DWP Lineman’s Rodeo showcases the skills of the best linemen in the department. Organizers extend an exclusive invitation to City employees to come out and enjoy the fun May 6, with food, games, face painting for the kids ... and of course, the rodeo.

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Dennis Honor, Sr. Electrical Distribution Mechanic (top left) and Shawn Monahan, Electrical Distribution Mechanic, get ready for the DWP Lineman’s Rodeo. On the ground: Club Member Matthew Schneider, Electrical Distribution Mechanic Trainee.

PHOTO: Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager, The Club



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The City celebrates St. Patrick’s Day!

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DWP Lineman's Rodeo

■ **City employees are given exclusive invitation to be spectators at the fun event, which also includes food and activities for the kids.**

DWP — City employees work hard every day in all sorts of locations. But it's not often when City workers get to watch their fellow employees do their thing in one setting — and for trophies!

That's the opportunity May 6, as City employees and their families are invited to catch all the action at the 2006 Lineman's Rodeo. The general public is not invited, only City employees and their families. There will be much to enjoy at the event, including fun, food, games and kids' activities.

The competition — featuring up to 65 (35 journeymen, 30 apprentice) three-person teams

of highly skilled employees who climb utility poles or assist those who do — is a local version of a national competition. Participants at the Southern California Lineman's Rodeo come from the DWP and other municipal utilities throughout the region.

The challenges, which are timed and judged according to efficiency and safety, include:

Journeyman challenges:

- Pole Climb
- Hurtman Rescue
- Switch Changeout
- Cross Arm Changeout
- Suspension Insulator Changeout

Apprentice challenges:

- Pole Climb
- Hurtman Rescue
- Apprentice Test
- Shorts and Grounds
- Sidewalk Guy Installation

The Lineman's Rodeo Committee is also looking for vendors and sponsors. If you're interested, inquire at the Website listed in the box.

2006 Lineman's Rodeo

- 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Saturday, May 6
- DWP Power Distribution Training Center
11760 Truesdale St., Sun Valley

Schedule:

7 – 8 a.m.:	Team registration
8 – 8:30 a.m.:	Apprentice quiz
8:30 a.m.:	National Anthem/start of competition
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.:	Balloons and face painting (for the kids)
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.:	Food served
2 p.m.:	Competition ends
2:30 p.m.:	Awards presentation

Needed:

The LA Lineman's Rodeo Committee is looking for vendors, sponsors and competitors. If you're interested, inquire at the Website listed below.

Information:

For more information, here is a Website set up by the Lineman's Rodeo Committee:
www.lalinenanrodeo.com

Support your fellow City employees and enjoy a fun day!

The Club's 'Unleashed Imagination'



Club Chairman of the Board Michael Biagi (right) presents the 2006 Chairman's Award to Board Member David Muraoka.



Club CEO John Hawkins (left) presents the 2006 President's Award to Summy Lam, Club IT Business Analyst.



Brian Trent, the Club's Chief Financial Officer, swears in the the Club's Board for 2006, from left: Michael Leighton, David Muraoka, Mike Biagi, Regner Globus, Robyn Barnes and Maria Romasanta.

■ **Achievement was celebrated at the Club's annual association meeting.**

Photos by Summy Lam, Club Tech Guru, and Robert Larios, Director of Communications and Marketing

THE CLUB — "Nothing limits achievement like small thinking; nothing expands possibilities like unleashed imagination."

Those words, written by William Arthur Ward (1921-94), were recalled by Club CEO John Hawkins as inspiration for the Club's year ahead.

John said them as part of his address at the Club's annual association meeting, held Feb. 28 in the Tom Bradley Room high atop City Hall.

The meeting had several purposes: to nominate and elect Board Members for the coming year; to provide a vision for the Club's growth in 2006; to recognize excellence in service to Club Members; and to celebrate those who make the Club a success.

"That's what we are doing here today, unleashing imagination so that we can continue to achieve things that celebrate the lives and work of

City employees ... to achieve things that no one even imagined were doable," John continued.

"The association's staff continues to offer the City employees of Los Angeles the ultimate in customer service, while at the same time celebrating the lives and work of City employees," said Club Chairman of the Board Michael Biagi, Airports, in his address. "It's what the Club is all about."

Biagi then led the nomination and election of officers. The slate of officers elected for 2006 is:

- Michael Leighton, Director of Publishing Services, General Services
- David Muraoka, Principal Detention Officer, Van Nuys Jail, LAPD
- Mike Biagi, Chief, Landside Operations, Airports
- Regner Globus, Property Manager, Airports
- Robyn Barnes, Senior Management Analyst, Fire and Police Pension System
- Maria Romasanta, Executive Assistant, DWP

Awards

The Club's 2006 President's Award, given to Club staff member who has gone above and beyond the scope of their job, was given to

Summy Lam, the Club's IT Business Analyst (the Club's Tech Guru). "Summy Lam is constantly motivated," John Hawkins said. "He continues to work with vigor and dedication. He single-handedly championed the new Website, and led the rest of the team in its development. He spends much of his time working on financial analysis and photography for Alive!, but still finds time to get all of his IT assignments done."

"He has created volumes of documentation pertaining to every aspect of the Club's business procedures. If we ever encounter a disaster that interrupts our normal business functions, our ability to recover from that disaster will be greatly enhanced by the effort he has put forth. He is hard working, dedicated and thorough. If I ask him to do a task, I can rest easy, knowing that it will be done quickly, with attention to detail and thoroughness."

The Club's Chairman's Award, given to a Board Member who has had a proven track record of enthusiastically promoting and publi-

cizing the Club throughout the City of Los Angeles on and off the job, was given to David Muraoka. "Since 1987, David has participated in the Life, Spouse Life, and AD&D programs offered by the Association," Mike Biagi said. "By 2000 he became active in the Association's affairs by serving on the Member Services Committee. As a newly elected Board Member in 2003, he volunteered to chair the ClubFest Committee and has been doing so ever since. When called upon to help with our causes, he is the first one to help, always doing so much more than was expected."

"His constant activity in the field, promotion of the Club, opening access to sites for counselors, and the success of the last three ClubFests under his direction merit special recognition by his Board peers and fellow Members."

Special thanks go to Club Events Guru Michelle Moreno and Club Administrative Services Rep Lupe Medina, who produced the excellent afternoon event.

