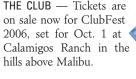


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#### The *Alive!* Interview

## Watching Out For Needs of City Women

■ Are women making progress working for-and living in-the **City? Women Commission's Executive Director Paula** Petrotta charts the changes.

WOMEN'S COMMISSION — How are women doing in the City?

In some ways better, in some ways there's more progress needed.

That's according to Paula Petrotta, the Executive Director of the City's Commission on

 the Status of Women who, after 34 years with the Department, will retire next year. She's seen many changes, some for the better, but sees much yet to be done.

Recently, Club CEO John Hawkins sat down with the Paula for an indepth Alive! Interview.

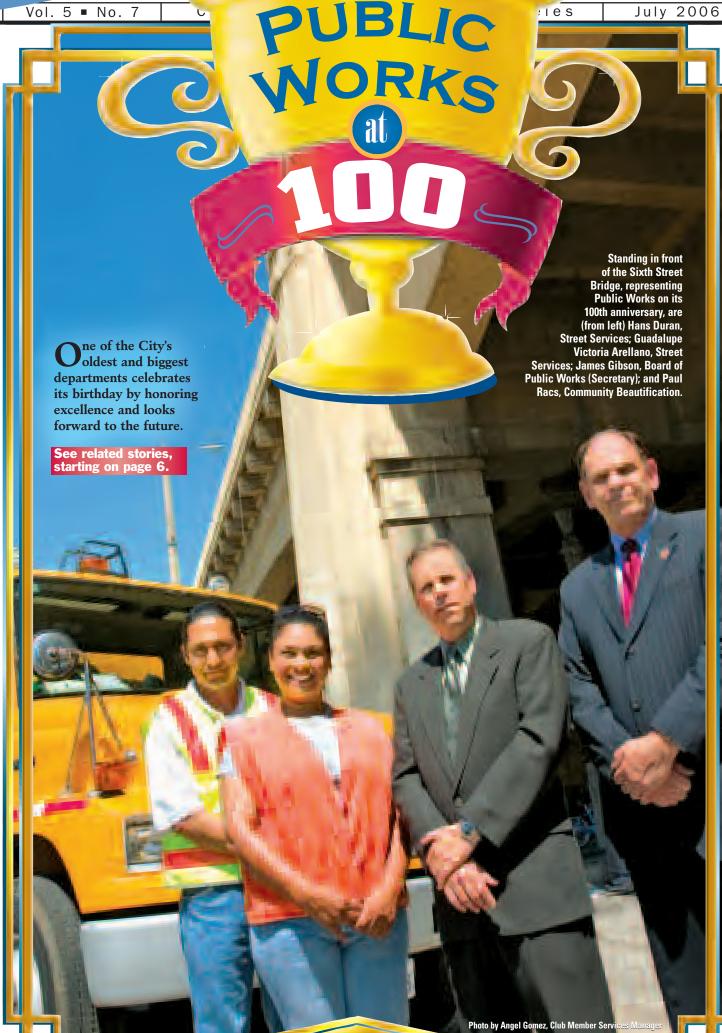
Paula Petrotta. Executive

The interview begins inside, on page 20.



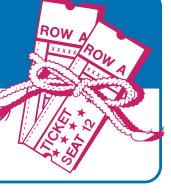
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Some of the directors and commissioners, and a group of City employee recipients take a last moment to be recognized as in the City Hall forecourt after the ceremony.

## PUBLIC WORKS

# Delebrating



From left: Valerie Lynne Shaw, Commissioner, Board of Public Works; Tim Ory, Street Services: and William Robertson, Director, Street Services.

#### ■ For its 100th anniversary, Public Works honors 100 of its own.

Information provided by Lauren Skinner, Public Works; Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Communications and Marketing

PUBLIC WORKS — On June 8 at City Hall's Spring Street Forecourt, the Board of Public Works recognized 100 City employees for excellence. The Board chose the moment to honor 100, in celebration of the Department's centennial year. It also happened to coincide with national Public Works Week.

These employees were selected because they exemplify the 2006 National Public Works Week theme "Public Works: The Heart of Every Community."

Dignitaries on hand at the ceremony were Board of Public Works President Cynthia Ruiz; John Reamer from Contract Administration; Gary Lee Moore from Engineering; Club Board Member Rita Robinson from Sanitation; Ed Ebrahimian from Street Lighting; and William Robertson from Street Services.

Councilman Bill Rosendahl gave the opening remarks. Nancy Sutley, Deputy Mayor, Energy and Environment, also spoke.

The first meeting of what is now Public Works was in March 1906.



From left: Cynthia M. Ruiz, President, Board of Public Works; Stan Asato, Sanitation: and Rita Robinson. Director. Sanitation. and Club Board Member.



From left: Yolanda Fuentes, Commissioner, Board of Public Works; Rolando Gacias, Street Lighting; and Ed Ebrahimian, Director, Street Lighting.



From left: Cynthia M. Ruiz, President, Board of Public Works; Gus Dembegiotes, Sanitation; and Rita Robinson, Director, Sanitation, and Club Board Member.



From left: Jordan P. Siplon, Sanitation; Cynthia M. Ruiz, Board of Public Works President; and Rita Robinson, Director, Sanitation, and Club Board Member.



From left: Valerie Lynne Shaw, Commissioner, Board of Public Works; Sherman Torres, Street Services; and William Robertson, Director, Street Services.



From left: Cynthia M. Ruiz, President, Board of Public Works; Debbie Pham, Sanitation; and Rita Robinson, Director, Sanitation, and Club Board Member.



From left: Yolanda Fuentes, Commissioner, Board of Public Works; Arthur Newborn, Street Lighting; and Ed Ebrahimian, Director, Street Lighting.





Truman Brown, Public Works.



Mario Interiano, Contract Administration.



Michael Espinosa, Board of Public Works.



Robert Bartle, Contract Administration.





From left: Valerie Lynne Shaw, Commissioner, Board of Public Works; Sheila Shannon, Street Services; and William Robertson, Director, Street Services.



From left: Cynthia M. Ruiz, President, Board of Public Works; Mahesh P. Pujari, Sanitation; and Rita Robinson, Director, Sanitation, and Club Board Member.



From left: Yolanda Fuentes, Commissioner, Board of Public Works; Kurt Sato, Street Lighting; and Ed Ebrahimian,



From left: Cynthia M. Ruiz, President, Board of Public Works; Cornelius Reffegee, Sanitation; and Rita Robinson, Director, Sanitation, and Club Board Member.

## Iwardees: 100 at 100

PUBLIC WORKS — To help commemorate its centennial anniversary, Public Works honored 100 current employees for exemplary service. The awardees were nominated by their respective bureaus.

#### Congratulations to the awardees!

#### Board of Public Works:

Michael Espinosa Truman Brown James Gibson

#### Contract Administration:

Maricel Sabillo Mario Interiano Nguyen Nguyen Robert Bartle Marianne Gomez Caryn Deprez

#### Engineering:

Jeong Park Nick Demos Sandra Humphries Akio Takasue Alice Gong Paul Tseng James Doty Fred Burnett Rufino Fajardo Dale Williams Debra Engle Arvin Lopez Angelia Brown

Jonathan Cuevas

Charles Ngo

### Street Lighting:

Francisco Rangel

Alisa Blake

Dung Tran

Arthur Newborn Vasile Boboaca

Rolando Gacias Kurt Sato

#### Street Services:

Robert Smith

Sherman Torres

Alfredo Garcia

Jerry Weir

Jean Low Richard Giron Willard Wong Ron Combs Louis Boney Bruce Howell Mark Simon Richard Croymans Michael Holmes Robert Garcia Tom Dunham Jeffrey Costa Charles Calleros Lou Gysin Tim Ory Bill Fregoso Joe Walker Sunny Ton Richard Tuan Leroy Castellano Shelia Shannon Cheryl Doyen

#### Sanitation:

Randall Scott

Richard Inez

Wayne Gaudet Michael Gutierrez Arman M. Martirossian Paul Serrano

Leo N. Martinez Jeffery O. Sawyer Lisa Mowery David F. Cheung Miguel A. Zermeno Kim Tran Oscar J. Amaro Howard Y. Wong Stan Asato Mahesh P. Pujari David L. Gumaer Lance Vincent George H. Hontiveros Jordan P. Siplon Gus Dembegiotes Diane Gilbert Jones Kurt E. Reschke Javier L. Polanco Debbie Pham

Kimberly Ohara Mark Shin Marcel Zuniga Ruth S. Graham Laurel L. Broyles Cornelius Reffegee Javier Rocha Bhupendra Patel Johnny L. Morris Frankie C. Wong Kenneth W. Kinsey William L. Ketel Douglas Galbreath Stephen S. Sanchez Cristine C. Villorante Cynthia T. Perez Tina Navarro George A. Raymond

## PUBLIC MORKS: 100 Years of Highlights

Here are a few milestones in Public Works' first 100 years.

#### MARCH 1, 1906

First meeting of the Board of Public Works

#### 1905

The City's first incandescent ornamental electrical lighting system appeared on Broadway, south of First Street.

#### 1910

The Bureau of Los Angeles Aqueduct Power was created within Public Works. It was the forerunner to the DWP and the entity in charge of the design and construction of the Los Angeles Aqueduct. In 1913, the aqueduct began delivering water from the Owens Valley to the San Fernando Valley.

#### 1917

The Bureau of Street Services begins paving streets with concrete. Laurel Canyon was the first major thoroughfare, at 20 feet wide, to be paved with concrete. It was then covered and widened with asphalt.

#### 1918

The Bureau of Street Services widened the Cahuenga Pass to allow for automobile travel.

As demand for streetlights increases, the Bureau of Street Lighting is

Its first director is W.T. Lauer. street lighting engineer.

#### **JUNE 1921**

A bond is passed to create a new Central Library. The library opens in summer of 1926.

#### 1925

The first wastewater "treatment" at the Hyperion site was simple screening of sewage piped from downtown Los Angeles. The screened wastewater was released into the surf. Today, serving 2.7 million people, Hyperion processes an average of 360 million gallons per day (mgd) during dry weather. Peak wet weather flows up to 1,000 mgd can be handled for short peri-

#### **APRIL 1928**

The new City Hall is dedicated. The Bureau of Engineering oversaw the design and construction. The concrete for the tower was made from sand taken from each of California's 58 counties and water from each of its 21 missions. City Hall would remain the tallest building in Los Angeles until

#### 1936

The federal government adopted the Flood Control Act. It was agreed that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would channelize 400 miles of the Los Angeles River to control flooding in the growing city.

#### 1942

The Inspector of Public Works became the head of the Bureau of Inspection. In 1952, the name was changed to Bureau of Contract Administration. In 1971, the Bureau created the Office of Contract Compliance to ensure that all contractors doing business with the City comply with City, state and federal requirements relating to affirmative action, living wage, equal benefits, service contractor worker retention, slavery disclosure, prevailing wage, subcontractor outreach and the certification for minority, women and disadvantaged business enterprise.

#### 1950s

Trees become part of the City's infrastructure as Los Angeles' boundaries expand, developers plant fast-growing ficus along parkways. The Bureau of Street Services begins the nation's largest urban forest maintenance program. Today, the bureau is responsible for 680,000 trees.

#### 1967

Streetlights become a safety issue for neighborhoods. The Bureau of Street Lighting changes from incandescent bulbs to photocells. The photocells are safer and more effective. Each streetlight is sensitive to darkness and light. This allows the streetlights to turn on and off individually depending on the time of day.

#### 1969

City Engineer Donald Tillman convinces President Richard M. Nixon to instruct the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to allow the City of Los Angeles to build the City's first water reclamation plant in the Sepulveda Basin. Tillman is one of 34 men who have served as City Engineer. The first City Engineer was Edward Otho Cresap Ord, who served from 1849 to 1853.

#### 1980 - 2004

The Bureau of Sanitation reduced total heavy metals loading at the Hyperion Treatment Plant by more than 83 percent and regulated industrial discharges to ensure that biosolids heavy metal concentrations are within limits.

#### SEPTEMBER 1990

The City's curbside recycling program is implemented in northeast Los Angeles. By 1995, all 720,000 households would be included in the curbside recycling program. By 2005, the Bureau of Sanitation has reduced the amount of household trash by 60 percent. The recycling program is one of the largest and most popular in the nation. Chevy Chase and Bette Midler were two of the program's celebrity spokespersons.

#### 1990

Since its inception, the Bureau of Sanitation's Stormwater Program has complied with all its Municipal Stormwater NPDES Permit regulations. This broad-based program

encompasses public education and outreach, commercial/industrial facilities inspection, private development plan review, construction development activities inspection, illicit discharger and dumping site investigations, and monitoring of the City's receiving water bodies.

#### **NOVEMBER 1998**

73 percent of the voters in Los Angeles passed a Library Bond Issue for \$178.3 million. The amount was to provide for 33 libraries. The Bureau of Engineering did such an outstanding job in program management that it was able to deliver 36 libraries within the original bond

#### 1999

Navigate LA!, the Bureau of Engineering's online geographical information system, is first introduced to help residents, contractors and business owners obtain valuable property information with the click of a mouse. Since its inception, the Navigate LA! Website has hosted 18 million visitors.

#### 2000

American Public Works Association names Hyperion Treatment Plant as one of the Top 10 Projects of the 20th century. The recognition is Public Works' crowning achievement during its centennial history. It highlights the effort by the Bureaus of Engineering, Sanitation and Contract Administration.

# So Long, Arlette

#### ■ Arlette Davis retires from Accounting after 35 years of City service.

Story and photos by Liz Montes, Club Counselor

PUBLIC WORKS — Arlette Davis, Sr. Accountant II, retired from the Office of Accounting May 24 after 35 years of service. Friends and family gathered at the New Otani Hotel for a farewell lunch.

Arlette was presented with several awards for her accomplishments with the City and farewell gifts. Her associates Yolly Antonio, Angie De Vera and Billie Domingo performed a special farewell dance. Congratulations, Arlette!



Craig Bloomquist, Director of Accounting, and Retiree

Arlette Davis



Arlette Davis with her brother, Glenn Davis.



Back row, from left: Amy Chang; Uma Davda; Maureen Wan; and Isaacs Ching, Club Member. Front: Sandrina Hu, Club Member; Franny Huang, Club Member;





From left: Rio Broussard Club Member; Crystal Hernandez, Arlette 's goddaughter; and Arlette Davis.



Back row, from left: Angie De Vera; Mary Ann Miu; Nick Rosas; Billie Domingo, Club Member; and Wilma Nabong. Front: Vince Diego; Dina Colorado; and Linda De Castro Santos.



Commissioner Yolanda Fuentes and Retiree Arlette Davis



From left: Yolly Antonio, Angie De Vera and Billie Domingo.



Back row, from left: Arsenia Abad; Ronn Encarnacion, Club Member; and Susan Juatco. Front: Carmela Espiritu, Club Member; Evaseline Carlos; Jun Lava;