

Adieu to Debra

■ **Debra Mercer-Watson, Club Member, retires from the LAPD after 25 years of service.**

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

POLICE DEPT. — More than 90 friends, family members and colleagues came out to celebrate the retirement of Debra Mercer-Watson June 24 at Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel in Buena Park.

"At work, Debra was the kind supervisor that most wanted to work for," according to the retirement program. "She required you to do your job assignment accurately and in a timely manner. If you were out of compliance, she would not hesitate to pull you aside and counsel you. Yet, Debra was also the type of supervisor to whom it was not beneath her to know how to do a subordinate's job. She would also not hesitate to do that job if it needed to be done.

"More importantly, however, Debra was fair and understanding. When any of us had a problem, Debra sought out ways to help us work through it.

"Debra was a counselor to her family, friends and co-workers. No, she did not have a degree in this field, but many came to her desk to talk about their personal lives and situations. I believe she helped many because they always come back to her for more advice. So many that some of us teased her about her extra job assignment.

"Debra loved people and didn't mind taking time to hear the various details of their lives if that would help them. So it is with great pleasure that we honor Debra Mercer-Watson."

The Club wishes Debra a great retirement and thanks Karla Sanders and Royna Williams for their assistance.

Congratulations



Debra Mercer-Watson, Retiree, Club Member.



The family of Debra Mercer-Watson, standing, from left: James Watson, husband; and Anthony Sherman, brother. Seated: Debra Mercer-Watson, Retiree, Club Member; and Luebertha Harrison, mother.



Cake!



Detra Kelley, PCPIII, WLA holds up the resolution she presented to Debra Mercer-Watson.



Royna Williams, Management Aid, Harbor Dept., Club Member, served as Master of Ceremonies.



From left: Nina Valenzuela, Sr. Clerk Typist, LAPD Hollywood, and her daughter, Raisa.



The family of Debra Mercer-Watson, standing, from left: Tramiela Thomas, goddaughter; Carl Watson, son; Akeia Harris, daughter, Clerk Typist, WLA LAPD Records, Club Member; and Keondra Sherman, niece. Seated: James Watson, husband; Debra Mercer-Watson, Retiree, Club Member; Derrion Harris, grandson; and Luebertha Harrison, Debra's mother.



From left: Jene Williams, Sr. Clerk Typist, LAPD R & I; and Florence Scott, Retired LAPD.



From left: Tammy Watson, Personnel Analyst, Public Works, Club Member; and Deborah Humphrey, Sr. Detention Officer.



From left: Carol Harris, Clerk Typist, LAPD Wilshire; and Kyla Evans Sr. Clerk Typist, LAPD WLA.



Standing, from left: Karla Sanders, Sr. Clerk Typist, LAPD Internal Affairs; and Detra Kelley, PCP III, WLA. Seated: James Watson, husband; Debra Mercer-Watson, Retiree, Club Member; and Luebertha Harrison, mother.

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From left: Royna Williams, Management Aid, Harbor Dept., Club Member; Tammy Watson, Personnel Analyst, Public Works, Club Member; and Tammi Gray, cousin of Debra Mercer-Watson.