

\* A Message From the CEO \*

# Dr. Krupp Shines Bright in City Sky

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It's hard to describe in words how proud I am of Dr. Ed Krupp, the Director of Griffith Observatory who also happens to be your fellow City Employee and Club Member. You see, Dr. Krupp is responsible for the absolutely amazing transformation of the Griffith Observatory. Due to his innate humbleness, he'll never take the credit for it, but it's true. His ambition, vision and relentless pursuit of perfection led us to this place in time where our Griffith Observatory is once again the brightest shining star among our Los Angeles icons. And best of all, it's owned by the City and run by fellow City Employees.

As you know, the *Alive!* team has been reporting on the renovation since November of last year. We've talked to many of those involved in the renovation, and time and time again they kept repeating the mandate of Dr. Krupp, and it goes something like this: "If we're going to do it, we're going to do it right; and if we're not going to do it right, we're not going to do it at all!" That's music to my ears. So often corners are cut on projects and end up straying from the energy and perfection that gave the project the impetus in the first place. I can say from first-hand experience that the observatory is absolutely beautiful. Everywhere you look, every little detail, nothing has been missed.



Dr. Krupp has raised the bar by creating a new and vigorous benchmark for all City Employees to work toward. In the U.S. Navy's Submarine Service, we had a motto: "Pride Runs Deep." And I can tell you,

pride amongst City Employees is running really deep in the City right now, thanks to the great efforts of Dr. Krupp and the like.

Have a "stellar" November!

All the best,

**JOHN**

(And remember, success is a journey, not a destination....)

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p.s. And just in case you didn't know, you can be a living, breathing, supporting part of this historic piece of Los Angeles; join Friends of the Observatory. Go to [www.friendsoftheobservatory.com](http://www.friendsoftheobservatory.com). Memberships start at just \$45 a year.



## Coming in the December issue:

- Cooking With the Club: Holiday Spinach Rolls ... without the spinach.
- The first year anniversary of the LAPD Wives Association.
- Central City Police Boosters' ninth annual golf tournament.
- Harry Hunold, Port Police, receives a Purple Heart Medal of Honor 38 years later.
- A big holiday roundup as the City enters the festive season.
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