

For Retired Club Members



# The Best Years

## RLACEI: New Officers Installed at RLACEI Holiday Party



By Phil Skarin,  
RLACEI Publicity Chair

### President Ed Harding reports:



Ed Harding

"I would like to thank all those who called and made reservations for our Christmas party at the Grace E. Simons Lodge. We had more than 200 attending and at least 90 percent called. It made it easy to order lunches. I wish to thank Americo Garza for putting this party together. Americo missed the party due to recovering from a back operation. I also missed Jack Mathews, who also had an operation that day.

"I want to thank Gary Mattingly, retired GM of the Police and Fire Pension System, for installing our recently elected directors. Dave Wilkins, Helen Salgado, Neil Ricci, Jerry Bardwell, Ken Spiker and Ed Harding were elected in October for two-year terms as Directors beginning Jan. 1.

"The Executive Board in November elected these officers for one-year terms beginning Jan. 1: President – Ed Harding; First Vice President – Bob Wilkinson; and Second Vice President – Ken Spiker. I thank the Executive Board for having the confidence in me to elect me again as President for the 13th year.

"Our next event will be the General Membership Meeting in April at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center. I hope the turnout will be as good as the Christmas Party and that everyone attending will make reservations."

Legislative Update: Ken Spiker reports that Sally Choi, previous Assistant General Manager of LACERS, has resigned her position. Sally has been

appointed Deputy Mayor by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. She will be in charge of Budget and Finance matters.

Ken stated that Sally will be missed and was a great asset while on the LACERS senior staff. However, he hopes that in her new position she will try to convince the mayor and others that retirees should have the right to be heard by the Executive Employee Relations committee.

Currently, since the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) is not a recognized employee group, it cannot present its grievances or benefit improvement matters to the committee. Such matters must be heard and voted upon before mayor and City Council consideration.

The RLACEI has three matters approved by the LACERS Board of Directors sent to City Council for action. Raising the burial allowance from \$2,500 to \$5,000 has been in City Council committees for three years. Two other matters that would improve surviving spouse's benefits are also pending.

Mayor Richard Riordan permitted

Ken to testify years ago when the committee, the mayor and Council approved raising the burial allowance from \$500 to \$2,500. Ken hopes he will have this opportunity.

LACERS reports: The total value of the LACERS fund as of the close of business Dec. 7 was \$10.4 billion. Over short-term periods of time, significant fluctuations in performance are expected. But the portfolio is designed so that over the long-term, objectives will be met.



### City Retiree Associations:

#### DWP Retirees Association



Dolores Foley, *President*  
Phone: (626) 445-7376  
E-mail: vinmar@altrionet.com

#### Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association



Robin J. Welborn, *President*  
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Temple City, CA 91780

#### Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



Ed Harding, *RLACEI President*  
www.rlacei.com  
Contact him: (805) 584-9417  
or via E-mail:  
postmaster@rlacei.com

#### Change of Address?

If you change your address, notify Helen Salgado, Membership Chair, at 323-728-4930, or write to her at 5423 Dewar St., Los Angeles, CA 90022. Also notify LACERS.

#### Have News About Yourself?

Contact Phil Skarin, 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910, or call (818) 784-0130.

#### RLACEI Website

Hal Danowitz asks you to visit the RLACEI Website at [www.rlacei.com](http://www.rlacei.com) to find the latest retirement news. If you find it helpful, or have suggestions for improvement, call Hall at (310) 472-0224.

#### Contact LACERS

The Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System is at 360 E. Second Street, second floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Phone (213) 473-7200 or (800) 779-8328. Contact them to arrange direct deposit of your retirement checks, change your tax withholding or beneficiary, or for questions about your health plans.

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Main Street at night.



By Hal Danowitz, Secretary, RLACEI

## Retiree Hotlines

Who to call? Following is a list of contacts for RLACEI and for the DWP:

**City Employees Retirement System:** (213) 473-7200

### RLACEI Retirement Counselors and Retiree Helplines:

- Edward Harding (805) 584-9417
- Phil Skarin (818) 784-0130
- Robert Wilkinson (818) 886-1000
- Jerry Bardwell (818) 782-5568
- Harold Danowitz (310) 472-0224
- Jack Mathews (310) 762-1942
- Helen Salgado (323) 728-4930
- (membership)
- Americo Garza (562) 928-2051
- Neil Ricci (310) 394-1971

**DWP Retirement Plan Office:** (213) 367-1722

## RLACEI:

### Officers for 2006

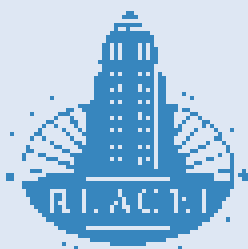
- Edward Harding, President
- Robert Wilkinson, First Vice President
- Kenneth Spiker, Second Vice President
- Hal Danowitz, Secretary
- Jerry Bardwell, Treasurer

### Committee Chairpersons for 2006

- Bob Wilkinson, Audit
- Jerry Bardwell, Budget
- David Wilkins, Bylaws
- Ken Spiker, Legal and Legislative
- Helen Salgado, Membership
- Phil Skarin, Publicity
- Tom Stemnock and Phil Skarin, Golf
- Americo Garza, Picnic
- Americo Garza, Holiday Party and Installation
- Jack Mathews, Senior Citizens
- Neil Ricci, Health
- David Wilkins, Nominating
- Neil Ricci, Special Needs for Retirees
- Hal Danowitz, Parliamentarian

### Directors

- Thomas Stemnock
- Americo Garza
- Helen Salgado
- Phil Skarin
- Dave Wilkins
- Jack Mathews
- Neil Ricci



# Hal Heads to the Happiest Place

## Hal takes the grandkids to Disneyland.

My three grandkids had a day off from school, so my daughter decided it was time for their annual trip to Disneyland. I have not been there in about four years, so I decided to tag along. The date was Nov. 15, a Wednesday, and I figured it wouldn't be too crowded.

This would be a joint adventure with two other mothers with their four children. We had four adults and seven children, ranging in age from 5 to 11. It seemed that we had enough adults to keep the children under control; my wife, Evelyn, told me that you square the number of adults and that is the number of kids you can manage. By that rule we were fine.

I was in charge of getting tickets, and I checked the Disney Website to find out the regular price and to see if they had any specials, which of course they didn't. The regular price for an adult for a one-day ticket is \$63 and \$53 for children under 10. They are a number of combination tickets that include Californian Adventure and multi-day tickets and yearly passes, which can be a good deal if you like Disneyland. If you are a member of the City Employees Club of Los Angeles, you can get tickets for \$49 for an adult and \$44 for children.

November is a good time to go to Disneyland for a number of reasons: It is less crowded than in the summer, the weather is usually good and the park is decorated for



From left: Isabelle, Maddie, Coco and Michelle.

Christmas. All of which we found to be true.

We wanted to be at the park when it opened at 10 a.m. We left Santa Monica at 8:30 a.m. and were at the Disneyland parking lot (\$11 per car) in one hour. California Adventure took most of the old parking lots, and a large parking structure was built. There is direct access to the parking structure from the I-5, and when you exit to go home you can get directly onto the freeway.

We entered the park and waited on Main Street until 10 a.m. when we were allowed to enter the other areas of the park. On this day, the park closed at 8 p.m., and we intended to see it all before then. My daughter had planned out our day with such military precision that, if she had planned the war in Iraq, we would have been finished there a long time ago.

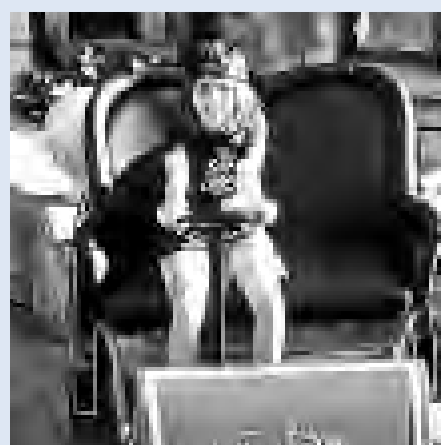
My first visit to Disneyland was 18 days after it opened in 1955 and over the years they had made many improvements to help you navigate through the park. One of the best improvements was Fastpass, which provides a set time for popular rides like Splash Mountain.

Our first stop was Fantasyland and, while we herded the group through Snow White's Castle, someone headed to Space Mountain in Tomorrowland to get a Fastpass. Because of the small (relatively speaking) crowds there, we really didn't need to. In fact the longest we waited for a ride during the day was maybe 15 minutes.

Peter Pan's Flight seems to be the most popular ride in Fantasyland, and the line was long. So we did Mr. Toad's Wild Ride,



From left: Isabelle and Coco in a Toady car.



Maddie in a Toady car.

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Pinocchio's Daring Journey, and Snow White's Scary Adventures without waiting in line. I took the four older kids to the Mad Tea Party, one of my favorite rides. At first the kids didn't want to let me ride with them, but they let me after I told them that I could make it go fast. The younger kids rode Dumbo the Flying Elephant.

We had the Fastpass for Space Mountain, and we headed over to Tomorrowland. Space Mountain is one of the rides that is closest to a roller coaster, but is not as scary. All of us but Coco, my youngest granddaughter, rode the ride. Buzz Lightyear Astro Blasters is a new ride that had been added since my last visit. You ride two people to a car and shoot at targets with a light gun. After the ride you can see your score and at the end they take your picture, which you can e-mail to anyone.

We walked back to Fantasyland to ride the Storybook Land Canal Boats and then decided to get lunch. They are many fast-food and sit-down restaurants in the park. Prices are high, and for a family of four you can easily spend \$75 for lunch. Drinks are expensive; a bottle of water is \$2.75. You can bring food into the park, and that maybe a good way to go to save money. We ate at the Tomorrowland Terrace, which had sandwiches and burgers. While we were eating the Star Wars characters put on a show for the kids. The performers brought a number of kids on stage and proceeded to teach them how to use a light saber, and then Darth Vader showed up and each kid got to fight him. At the end, they each received a certificate of



participation. It was great lunchtime entertainment.

It was about 1:30 p.m. and we still had a lot of the park to cover. We did Autopia, which, in my opinion, is a waste of time. The cars don't go very fast, and it was very hard for the younger kids to hold the accelerator pedal down.

You can't go to Disneyland without taking the "It's a Small World," ride and that was our next stop. It was decorated for the holidays and we came out singing the song.

From Fantasyland we walked into Frontierland and passed Big Thunder Ranch to ride Big Thunder Mountain Railroad, another fast, fun and bumpy ride.

Leaving there we walked through New Orleans Square to Pirates of the Caribbean, which has been updated since the movie of the same name was released. If you look closely you can spot Capt. Jack Sprat in a number of the scenes. Our next stop was the Haunted Mansion, which was also decorated for the holidays. The sun was setting as we came out of the Mansion, and Disneyland was aglow with a wonderful display of lights.

The older kids wanted to ride Splash Mountain, so while they did we took the younger group to the Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh.

We had dinner at the Rancho del Zocalo Restaurant. The food was good and not too expensive.

It was getting late, and we still had a number of rides to do before the fireworks display at 7:45 p.m. We climbed up Tarzan's Treehouse and then did the Jungle Cruise, which is best done at night, and then the Indiana Jones Adventure.

My oldest granddaughter, Maddie, wanted to shoot the guns at the Frontierland Shootin' Exposition, so we stopped there while the rest of the gang headed to Mickey's Toontown.

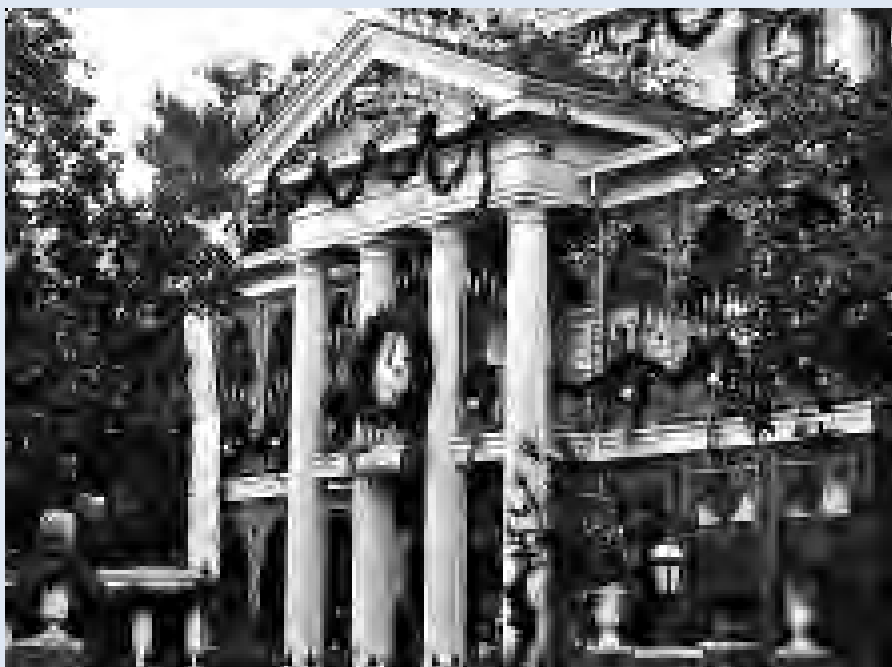
Our last two rides before the fireworks were "Honey, I Shrunk the Audience," where I really enjoyed the special effects, and Star Tours, always a fun ride.

The fireworks started at 7:45 p.m. and lasted until the park closed at 8 p.m. I promised my grandkids that I would buy them each a souvenir, so we headed to the stores on Main Street, where they spent the next 45 minutes shopping.

We left the park around 9 p.m. and, with little traffic, we were home in about 30 minutes. I really had a good time and the kids were great (no whining or tantrums). Everyone had a good time at the Magic Kingdom. Next time you visit, take a child; it's more fun.



The "General" (Hal's daughter) reviews her plan.



The Haunted Mansion.

## RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

**Dan Watson** writes: "The officers of RLACEI are doing a great job. I worked in the Conservation Div., Bldg and Safety from 1955 to '80. I would like to hear from the other inspectors. I am at 43880 Citrus View Dr., Hemet, CA 92544. Phone (951) 927-2132."

**Samuel Sperling** writes, "I've been reading and enjoying your poetry. I've spent a lot of time in Chengdu, China, recently. That's where my wife's family is from. I'd like to hear from my friends and fellow workers. I'm at 612 North Chandler Ave., Apt. E, Monterey Park, CA 91754. Phone (626) 576-0956." Sam is nursing some cracks and bruises from an encounter with a car making a turn while he was in a crosswalk.

**Frances A. Cota**, a regular contributor to our annual poetry contest, has had a collection of her poetry published in a book, Indigo. She sent me a copy. I love it! You too could enjoy a copy by sending \$10 to her at 62 Checker Way, Bodfish, CA 93205.

**Helen Salgado**, Membership Chair, has moved to 8372 Arnett Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92647. A new phone number is pending.

**Hal Danowitz** asks you to visit our Website at [www.rlacei.com](http://www.rlacei.com) to find the latest retirement news.

**If you have any news about a retiree that you would like to share, or constructive comments about this column, send them to:**

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Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910  
or phone (818) 784-0130.

**If you move, notify Helen Salgado, Membership Chair, at**  
5423 Dewar St.,  
Los Angeles, CA 90012.  
Also notify LACERS and Alive!.



## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

### Meaningful Resolutions

*At this time of year, we often make a lot of resolutions. They usually involve something personal, like a habit we want to break, financial goals, or achieving positions that will enhance our reputations. But there can be goals that focus more on the needs of other things besides ourselves. Try to incorporate some of these thoughts in your New Year's resolutions:*

- Find someone who is sad or ill and listen to their story.*
- Volunteer at a shelter, hospital or senior center.*
- Say something positive to everyone you meet.*
- Unclutter your mind and open your ears and eyes so you can be more aware of the needs of those around you.*

— Phil Skarin

### Reverse Mortgages For Senior Homeowners

You've worked hard to own your own home, now let it work for you!

- Receive monthly payments instead of making them.
- Need no repayment if your loan is long as you live there.
- Use the money for home repairs, health care, buying a car, retirement, etc.

Please call for a Reverse Mortgage Guide.



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# Poetry Contest Winners

THE BEST YEARS

■ Everyone who contributes wins in RLACEI's 11th annual contest. Here are the top submissions.

RLACEI — Phil Skarin, the chairman of RLACEI's poetry contest, has announced the top entries to the RLACEI's poetry contest.

## Members:

FIRST: Antonia A. Mendez, "Grandma's Hands"

SECOND: Grady Mullen, "My Angel the Lord Was Generous"

THIRD: Charles Hanson Towne, "Tomorrow"

FOURTH: C.H. Ralston, "The Cub Scout"

FIFTH: Jim McCloskey, "A Lifetime Passing"

SIXTH: Helen L. Wright, "Old"

## HONORABLE MENTION:

Frances Cota, Ivan Forbes, Hank Osuna, Marcella Butler, Raul Saldana, John Morea, Libbie Young, Loretta Savage.

## Spouses:

FIRST: Jane Huelster Hanson, "The Victor"

SECOND: Marina Easley Harrington, "A Personal Ad"

THIRD: Adam Z. Aguirre, "Live This Life"

Everyone who entered is a winner and will receive a prize.

### Grandma's Hands Antonia A. Mendez

Sad little lady sitting on a plastic chair  
Your hands folded in your lap;  
With hands so brown, hardly any skin at all  
Each vein traverses to meet the other.

The vein is crossed by a ruptured bruise,  
Or a tiny arthritic bone so jagged.  
I remember when you told me how hard  
Those young hands worked.

Toiling in the dirt field of Moorpark  
And in the sparkling kitchens and larders  
Of fine Orthodox ladies dressed in white.  
Those hands loved and fed your babies

My sad little lady, your hands folded in your lap.  
The door flutters open, your hands unwrap;  
You reach out, but no one is there.  
Frail you wait, hands churning in a knot.

You long to glimpse your girls once more.

### My Angel the Lord Was Generous Grady Mullen

The Lord created all the angels  
And sent me one to hold and love  
That one was you my special angel  
Who came from the Lord above

Your heart was loving and sweet  
I loved you the moment I saw you  
Although I never hoped to meet  
An angel so precious and true

Generous was the Lord indeed  
To leave us together for fifty years  
For more time I wanted to plead  
So we could have more joy or tears

The lord called you home  
At his own time  
You had to go when he said "come"  
To make the choice was not mine

Now you're back with his angels again  
It was time for you to rest  
You have joy and peace and no more pain  
To have held you and loved you I was blessed.

### Tomorrow Charles Hanson Towne

Around the corner I have a friend,  
In this great city that has no end;  
Yet days go by and weeks rush on,  
And before you know it a year is gone  
And I never see my old friend's face,  
For life is a swift and terrible race;  
He knows I like him just as well  
As in the day I rang his bell  
And he rang mine. We were younger then;  
And now we are busy, tired men...  
Tired with playing a foolish game,  
Tired of trying to make a name,  
"Tomorrow," I say, "I will call on him  
Just to show that I'm thinking of him."  
But tomorrow comes...and tomorrow goes,  
And the distance between us grows and grows.  
Around the corner, yet miles away.  
"Here's a telegram, sir"; Jim died today!  
And that's what we get — and deserve — in the end,  
Around the corner...a vanished friend.

### The Cub Scout C.H. Ralston

Old Freckle-face, in rumped blue,  
Might seem a little boy to you,  
However, in his own belief  
He's pilot, pirate, diver, chief!  
He makes world that fits his size;  
It looks like this through those bright eyes.

Fifty thousand braves  
Came in screaming waves,  
Down the hill they swooped,  
Down the hill they whooped!  
Who ran up the slope,  
And tied them with a rope?  
A Cub Scout Brave and True  
In a uniform of blue.

Tigers fifty two  
Broke out of the zoo, then a dozen more  
Battered down the door!  
Now they're all in jail.  
Who dragged them by the tail?  
A cub Scout Brave and True  
In a uniform blue!

Once the FBI,  
Captured by a spy,  
Smuggled out a note,  
This is what they wrote:  
"Tied up by some runts!  
Please notify ant once  
A Cub Scout Brave and True  
In a uniform of blue!"

Seems the President  
Couldn't pay his rent.  
Not a dime had he  
In the treasury.  
Whom do you think he got  
To get him off the spot?  
A Cub Scout Brave and True  
In a uniform of blue!

The good that any man has done,  
The honors that he might have won,  
Can never match the deed he did  
When he was just an unwashed kid.  
I find it dull, this world of men,  
I want to be a boy again.

### A Lifetime Passing Jim McCloskey

The Cycle Begins With Our Very First Breath  
and Is Exclusive To None,  
School and Homework, Making The Grade,  
Passing Becomes Priority One...

Time Takes Us From Childhood to Adolescence,  
From Tweens to Teens,  
Education, Graduation, Celebration and All  
Life's Challenges In Between...

Higher Learning, Career, Family and Friends  
Are The Choices We Make,  
Success In Today's High-Tech Computer  
Driven Society Is What's at Stake...

Personal Life Can Also Be Challenging As Our  
Family Grows,  
Maturity and Responsibility Help Us Deal With  
Life's Highs and Lows...

The Cycle Comes Full Circle With Both  
Frustration and Contentment,  
Yet We Survive It All In Spite Of Ourselves As  
We Reach Retirement...

A Time For Travel and Hobbies, Reading and  
Catching Some ZZZs  
Volunteer Programs That Help The Less  
Fortunate Put Our Mind At Ease...

And As We Gradually Approach The Inevitable  
Passing Of Our Lifetime,  
We Fondly Reflect On Our Accomplishments  
When We Were In Our Prime.

### Old Helen L. Wright

Finding fault, always complaining  
Forgot what a true smile can be  
This will not be me

Pains magnified  
Signs of age I cannot hide  
The grey won't go away  
I've accepted it's here to stay

Friday nights  
For me means rest  
Or babysitting  
Those I love best

When I see my family  
In each one I see me  
Memories gone, some forgotten  
But never again to be

Lord you allowed me to live  
I made mistakes then you took hold  
Father I don't mind aging  
I just don't want to be old

Aging the progress of life  
We've been and told  
Father I look forward to aging  
And never being old.

### The Victor Jane Huelster Janson

Flowers  
Will Always  
Win out  
Against fences,  
The glorious  
Above the grass,  
The God-ordained  
Over the self-maintained.

Ages assault  
But cannot unseat  
Truth,  
Serene upon  
Her sceptered throne.

Written while reflecting upon  
A picture of lovely flowers  
Growing right through a wire fence.

These insights unfolded their inspiration  
May these lines uplift others.

### A Personal Ad Marina Easley Harrington

I am new in town  
Far away from home, all alone...  
Without my beloved ones,  
Just memories, no friends

I like the city, the new faces...  
I don't feel unwelcome or rejected  
It is just that I am far away from home,  
With no one to share with, all alone...

People go back and forth  
Getting ready for the Holidays...  
And I want to be happy like any body else  
Sharing and enjoying the Holidays...

If you are the forgotten soul,  
That every city has as a part of its folklore,  
I am the lonely new person in town,  
Asking you to share with me the Holidays...

Your duty will be to second my prayer  
At the table on Thanksgiving Day,  
to open my presents on Christmas morning,  
And return to me a tight hug on New Years Eve...

No sentimental reason involved,  
No compromises in between,  
With no promises for the future,  
only your company for the Holidays.

There are some questions I wanted to ask you.  
I was just wondering if you knew  
why we do the things we do,  
and of good people, why are there so few?  
Why is this world so full of hate,  
and why doesn't anyone like to wait?  
We used to be able to walk down the street  
without any fear of getting beat.

People know more about Hollywood than they do  
of history.  
That puzzles and stumps me, and seems a mystery.  
For why would they care about the actors' lives,  
and why would they care about all their wives?  
The paparazzi make fun of them and make other  
people glad,  
and though they don't show it, the stars are truly  
sad.

And why doesn't anyone seem to know how to  
smile?  
And I haven't heard anyone laugh in quite a while.  
Some people divorce just as soon as they're  
married,  
and nobody shows respect when someone is  
buried.

Why is this world so upside-down?  
Why does everyone wear a frown?  
The words respect and kind are not known,  
and when a man is in need, he is alone.

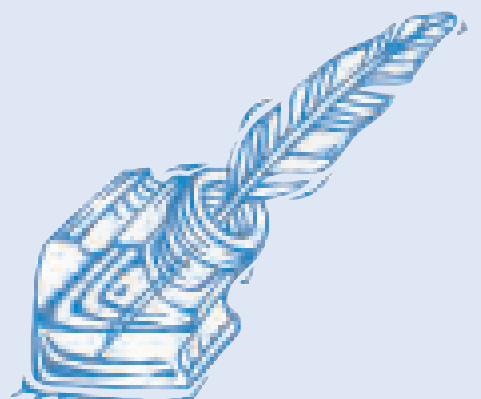
We need more people to help each other,  
and we need to show more love to our brother.  
We need more people to use their head,  
and we need to show respect for the dead.  
We need more people to be courteous and kind,  
these of all people are the hardest to find

We need more gentlemen to open doors,  
and pick up things that fall on floors.  
We need to give compliments, read, and exercise,  
and it would be nice if there were no flies.  
Always avoid drugs and think positive,  
and give up smoking if you want to live.

You must always try to do your best,  
And always try to help the rest.  
For "What is a man, what has he got?  
If not himself, then he has naught.  
Say the things you truly feel,  
And not the words of one who kneels"  
These are the words of a wise man,  
And he had many a fan.

It doesn't matter if one is black or white,  
They both are humans and have their right.  
Give, asking nothing in return,  
This is something we must learn.  
Wrong is wrong, even if everyone is doing it.  
Right is right, even if no one is doing it.  
For what lies behind us and what lies before us,  
Are tiny matters compared to what lies with us.

And this advice I give to thee  
And I hope that you will see,  
That though this life is full of strife,  
You must try to live this life.



# The Best Years



From left: Curtis Hobson, Street Maintenance; Altrechia Hobson, guest; and Elvie Walker, Street Maintenance.



Shig Arima, Retired from Planning in 1985.



From left: Mrs. Harold Cole, Street Maintenance; Christie Palmer, guest; and Vivian Jackson, guest.



Manuel Lopez, Wastewater Engineer, retired in 1996.



Phyllis and Chester Lyons, Sanitation.



Jess and Marie Baley. Jess retired in 1986.

## Big Showing for RLACEI Party

### ■ More than 200 attend the retirement group's annual Christmas party. Officers are installed

Story and photos by Michelle Moreno, Club Events Guru

RLACEI — More than 200 people attended the annual RLACEI party, held as usual at the Grace E. Simons Lodge near Dodger Stadium. The party was held Dec. 7.

The party was coordinated by Americo Garza, who could not attend.

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Officers installed at December's gathering were:

- Dave Wilkins
- Helen Salgado
- Neil Ricci
- Jerry Bardwell
- Ken Spiker, and
- Ed Harding.

President is Ed Harding. First Vice President is Bob Wilkinson. Second Vice President is Ken Spiker. These top officers were elected for one-year terms beginning Jan. 1.



Jinny Peebles, Retired, Library.



John Peebles, Retired, Rec and Parks.



Ray Bureika, Retired from Estimating Division in 1998.



Rosario Bureika, wife of Ray Bureika.



From left: Carol Takafuji, ITA; Frances Owaki, ITA; and Susie Arita, ITA.



Jim Iwaki, Retired from Community Development in 2005.



Kazi Hamid, Retired from Community Development in 2003.



From left: Jimmy Tom, Controller's Office; John Gomez, Rec and Parks; and Carmen Gomez, guest.



John Salles, Retired from Building and Safety in 1989.



Agnes Salles, wife of John Salles.



Reginald Foster, Retired from Planning in 1993.



Wilma Rebbe, Retired, LAPD.



Bill and Laura Ramirez, LAFD.



The one and only Tony Alvarez.



Donna Zahner, Retired from Sanitation, Public Works, in 1994.



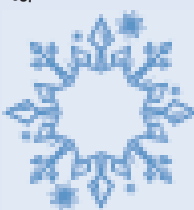
Alvin Williams, Retired from LAFD in 1987 (civilian).



Virginia Williams, Retired from CAO in 1987.



Alicia and Armando Tapia, Street Services.



# Retiree Question of the Month

Alive! asked retirees...  
What was the  
greatest invention  
of your time?

The Best Years



"Clothes for tall people."  
-Virginia Williams



"The VCR and polio  
vaccinations."  
-Shig Arima



"The car."  
-John Peebles



"Television."  
-Alvin Williams



"TV."  
-Curtis Hobson,  
Street Maintenance



"The television."  
-Jinny Peebles



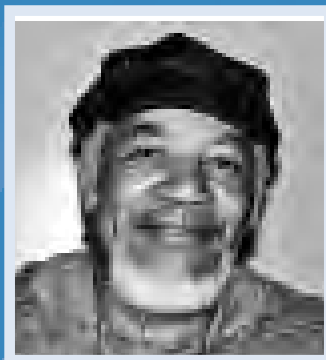
"The automobile."  
-Armando Tapia,  
Street Services



"My motorcycle."  
-John Peterson, Rec and Parks



"The washing machine."  
-Esther Cole, a.k.a. Mrs. Harold  
Cole, Street Maintenance



"Money."  
-Chester Lyons, Sanitation



"The car."  
-Reginald Foster

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