

Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



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INDIA



Here are Dolly B. Sevilla, LAPD, with her sister, Virginia Stocks, General Services, at the Taj Mahal in India. "It's nice to visit but not to stay," Dolly reports. "I've been dreaming of seeing one of the wonders of the world, the Taj Mahal; and here it is."

- Dolly B. Sevilla, LAPD

John's comments: What an amazing structure, and perfect timing for Valentine's Day, considering it was built by an Indian emperor who loved his wife so much he wanted to honor her death with the most magnificent mausoleum of the time.

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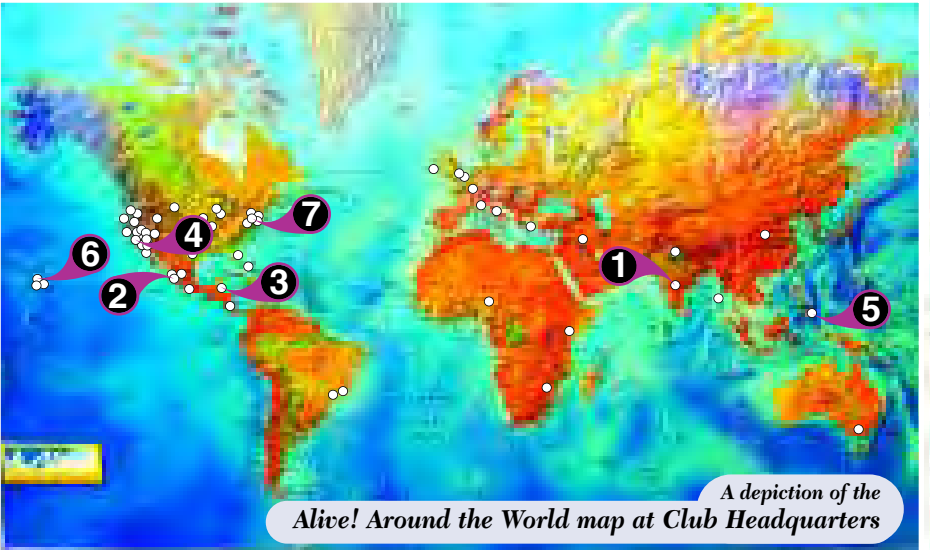
YUCATAN



In December, Diana Medina, Club Rep, brought her *Alive!* with her when she visited Coba, the largest and oldest Mayan Ruins in the Yucatán (Mexico). "This is at the top of the highest pyramid in the Mayan world, nearly 140 feet high," Diana reports.

- Diana Medina, Club Rep

John's comments: I did a little research and found that the Mayans settled in this area around 600 A.D., yet mysteriously abandoned it 300 years later. It wasn't "discovered" until 1891, when an Austrian archeologist found it while searching for a rumored "lost city in the jungle." Fascinating stuff!



A depiction of the *Alive! Around the World* map at Club Headquarters

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MAZATLAN



"Happy New Year! Here's a picture of me and my daughter, Sofia, in Mazatlán on New Year's Eve. The weather was perfect, the food was great and the people were very nice and friendly. Of course I had to take *Alive!* with me!"

- Luis Aguilar, Secretary, Facilities Services Division, Convention Center

John's comments: And we're glad we could join you in Mazatlan, even if it was only in the spirit of *Alive!*

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SAN DIEGO



Robert Larios, Club Director of Communications and Marketing, took his *Alive!* for a little "observation" time:

"Palomar Observatory is a privately owned observatory in San Diego County, 90 miles southeast of Mount Wilson Observatory, on Palomar Mountain. It is owned and operated by the California Institute of Technology (Caltech). One of the current ongoing research programs at Palomar is the Near-Earth Asteroid Tracking program. I hear Dr. Krupp of the Griffith Observatory visits every now and again."

- Robert Larios, Club Director of Communications and Marketing

John's comments: Thanks, Robert; and thanks to your son, Robby, for taking this stellar shot! Also, I'm glad to hear that someone is working on near-earth asteroids. I understand that several large ones have passed Earth at a very close distance lately. Maybe it's time to add asteroid insurance to the Club's portfolio! I'm not worried though; when playing rock, paper scissors, *Alive!* always beats the rock.

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PHILIPPINES



"In the background is the active volcano Mt. Hibok-Hibok on Camiguin Island, in the southern Philippines. The photo was taken from a nearby offshore sandbar called White Island."

- Norman T. Faner, DWP

John's comments: I think the Ticket Guy on the front page is dressed a little too warmly for the Philippines! Thanks for taking him along with you, though.

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MAUI



"I took *Alive!* with us to our one-week vacation to Maui. The picture taken Dec. 1 at Drums of the Pacific Luau - Hyatt Regency Maui on Ka'anapali Beach."

- Maria De Luna, DWP Fleet Services

John's comments: Boy, does this bring back memories! The Hyatt Regency Maui is exactly where Kelley and I spent our honeymoon 12 years ago. And we, too, attended the Drums of the Pacific Luau. Thanks, Maria!

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NEW YORK



Club Member Constance Randle went to New York in October on a "girls road trip" to catch a performance of the hit Broadway musical *The Color Purple*. Here are the "girls," from left: SDO M. Jones; DO Cat Alvarado, Club Member; SDO Sharon Hicks, Club Member; SDO Shirley Westbrooks, Club Member; DO Anita Casey, Club Member; and DO Constance Randle, Club Member.

- Constance Randle, Club Member

Alive's comments: Thanks, girls, for bringing *Alive!* on your road trip to see *The Color Purple*! It looks like you had a fantastic time over in New York.