

# LETTERS To the Editor

## Club Member Sings Praises Of Counselor Howard Pompel

I would like to thank [Member Services Counselor] Howard Pompel so much for my duplicate card. Just as he promised, that I would get it in the mail today ... and I did. He is amazing! Again, I thank him and I really appreciate his hard work.

It's my pleasure telling you what a great Club you have. I love reading *Alive!* and seeing all the old-timers and reading the latest news. I don't know Howard personally, but he is a pillar of your organization. He was most helpful when I first joined the Club, and still is. Be proud to have employees like him in your organization. You guys are the greatest!

– Susan Mason, Club Member

*Susan, thank you for taking the time to send us an e-mail complimenting Howard on his great customer service. Howard is truly a gem for the Club and deeply cares for each and every member he comes in contact with. We try very hard to please every member, and getting feedback like this makes all the hard work worth it. Again, thank you Susan; you made us all happy over here at the Club (especially Howard!) – John Hawkins, Club CEO*

## Alive's January Issue Proves Why It's the Best in the City

Hello Club. I think *Alive!* is the best paper for City Employees! Heck – it's the best paper in Los Angeles! Thanks for the great holiday stories and the wonderful section on the year in review for 2006.

–Henry Artwald, Rec and Parks

## Avocados Are Anything but Pits for Midwestern Member

I want to thank Chef Larios for the informative article about avocados in his recipe last month. Since I'm originally from Rapid City, S.D., it's not often that we were privileged with avocados. When I read the article, I had to get down to the store and pick up the ingredients. I seemed to have bought more avocados than I knew what to do with them, so I wonder if the Chef could do some more recipes on avocados in future. I can't get enough!

– Laura Mays, General Services

*You're in luck, Laura ... Chef Larios has revisited his avocado fondness for February. Enjoy! — Ed.*

## Classified Isn't Top Secret: *Alive!* Is Truly a Newspaper

I like the new way you set up the classifieds. It's so much easier to read now that you have the new classifieds of the month in a separate section on the page. I was telling my colleague here at the office that it was interesting to see the subtle changes in the newspaper. Also, I want to mention that I got into a debate with the same colleague that *Alive!* is really a newspaper and not a newsletter or magazine or anything else. It's a newspaper, right?

– Jim, Club Member

## Holiday Stories Show That Employees Like to Have Fun

I've enjoyed the holiday party stories in the newspaper and those posted on the Website. The City really knows how to get down! It's so good to see employees having fun and enjoying life while employed with the City of Los Angeles. It's just like the old days.

– Gerald McIntyre, Retired

## Club Counselor Bev Haro Bid A Fond Adieu by Dept. Contact

All of us who knew Bev Haro and worked with the Club wish her the very best now that she's moved to seek a new career. We're going to miss her, but we're also happy for her. Good luck and Godspeed, Bev!

– Mike Johnson, Fire Dept.

## All Mayor Had to Do Was Fix Street to Get Big Props

I love you, Mr. Mayor! You are the first mayor in many, many years who has made the effort to repair our deteriorating streets. It seems like everywhere I go in the City there's a street being repaved. I noticed it in East L.A., the Valley and even downtown Los Angeles. I am truly impressed Mr. Mayor; you are a man of action, and I want you to know that you're the talk of the town and around the water cooler. All you need to do now is to fill those beautiful streets with more cops. Keep up the good work.

– Jose Simone, proud City Employee

## Harold Johnson Flew Away From LAX, But Not Forgotten

We're really missing Harold Johnson over here at LAX. He is a great man, friend and employee advocate. I hope all of you over at Ontario get to enjoy him as much as we did. God bless.

– Shy at LAX

## Poetry Contest Proves Pen Is Mightier Than the Sword

I'm retired and just want to say that I really liked the poetry contest in your January issue of *Alive!* I especially liked Live This Life by Adam Z. Aguirre. It's so nice to see fellow retirees getting active and putting their pens to paper. As a famous warrior once said, the pen is mightier than the sword! Also, many thanks to Phil Skarin, who organizes and promotes the poetry contest. We retirees are very lucky to have him on our team. Keep up the good work!

– Mitchell Brown, Retired, Bureau of Engineering, Public Works

## Design for New DWP Shirts Came In Like Lightning Bolt

Thanks for coming up with some radical new designs for the DWP shirts. They are hot! Keep 'em coming!

– Todd R.

## Master's Hand in Jan. Issue Reminds That All Are Precious

Dear *Alive!* staff, thank you so much for printing The Touch of the Master's Hand in the January *Alive!* (CEO's Column). It really made me think twice about those who are struggling or downtrodden. It's so true that all of us have wonderful qualities, whether we're rich or poor, brilliant or intellectually challenged.

Again, thank you. It has made me re-think the feelings I have of all those I come in daily contact with.

All the best.

– Brett Chandler

## QUESTION

## of the Month

Our Club Counselors are all over the City, every day, serving our Club Members. While we're out, we'll be asking City employees a fun question. Keep your eyes open... you never know when we'll be asking you what you think!

## What would be your favorite Valentine's Day gift?



"Jewelry."

– Caressa Andreas, PSR II, Club Member



"A gift certificate for Burke Williams Day Spa."

– Dana Bowden, PSR III, Club Member



"A diamond-shaped pendant, but a weekend getaway to the Central Coast would be better."

– Lorena G. Sanchez, PSR III, Club Member



"Red roses."

– Teresa Jacobs, PSR III, Club Member



"Movie tickets and dinner."

– Rachel M. Valdez Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member



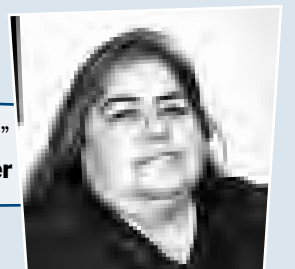
"Money."

– Elena Minguillan, MA II



"Peace and quiet with my wife."

– Rick Dominguez P2, New Club Member



"A hug from my grandkids."

– Lucy Rios, Clerk Typist, Club Member