



**Fun in the City!**  
Part 3  
Alive! wraps up its holiday 2006 coverage with a few last stories.



Sandra Gibbs, PW Street Services, 19 years.



From left: William A. Robertson, Director of Street Services Public Works; JoAnn Richards; and Glenn Reichert (Santa), Street Services Supervisor II.



Sonia Holquin, Clerk Typist, 1 year.

## Street Services' First Holiday Dinner

■ Street Services throws its first holiday dinner.

Photos by Gary Gsell, Superintendent II, Street Services

**PUBLIC WORKS** — The Bureau of Street Services hosted its first holiday dinner Dec. 1 at the Ahmanson Center in Los Angeles.

Employees enjoyed a great evening of food, dancing and raffles. All who attended had a wonderful evening dancing the night away!

The Club congratulates all in Street Services who put together your first holiday dinner. We're predicting it won't be your last! Special thanks to Debra Verin, Training Coordinator, Bureau of Street Services, Personnel Section, 22 years, for her assistance in producing this article.



From left: Joaquin Cano, Maintenance Laborer, 7 years; Melinda Barnette, Maintenance Laborer, and Debra Verin, Management Analyst II, 22 years.



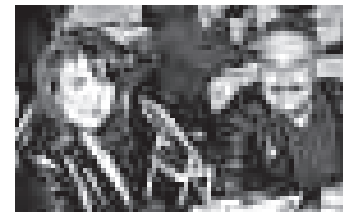
William A. Robertson, Director; Ron Olive, Assistant Director; Nazario Saucedo, Assistant Director; and Santa (Glenn Reichert, Street Services Supervisor II).



Darnell Lucky and guest, PW Street Services, HH Carpenter.



Laura and Jim Brosius, Street Services Supervisor II, 21 years.



Gilbert Pedroza, Street Services Superintendent 1 36 years, and his wife.



Liza Navarro, Street Services, System Analyst II, 23 years, and her husband.



Khond Young and Michael Holmes, Lot Cleaning Superintendent, 26.5 years.

## Ontario's Holiday Heroes

■ LA Ontario Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Safety Officers are holiday heroes to 170 children.

Story and photos by Harold Johnson, LA Ontario Public Affairs

**AIRPORTS** — LA/Ontario International Airport (ONT) hosted more than 170 children from the Ontario Homework Enrichment Reading and Outreach (Hero) Club, and the Upland Partnership for Youth Development at a Dec. 14 holiday party that included a traditional holiday dinner, entertainment, gifts and a visit from Santa Claus, who arrived by helicopter. The Hero Club and the Upland Partnership for Youth Development are non-profit organizations that provide after-school services for children.

LA Ontario's Holiday Heroes program began in 2002 when Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Safety Officers David Duncan and Bill Nugent led the effort to "adopt" children from areas surrounding the airport.

"We gave away more than 500 toys this year," Duncan said. "Each child received at least three presents from Santa Claus at the party held at the airport's fire station."

"RBI Toys in Ontario and Toys R Us in Fontana gave us a huge donation, and Mattel Toys in Pomona gave us a huge discount," Duncan added. "The rest of the toys were donated by airport employees. The airport and surrounding business communities really get involved."

The Sounds of Seasons, a group that sings holiday carols, sang for the children while they ate and waited for Santa.

After Santa arrived, airport staff handed out gifts and took a photo of each child with Santa.

Airport vendor CA One Services (Delaware North Companies) donated food for the event, including hot dogs, macaroni and cheese, drinks, potato chips, cookies and cupcakes.

Other donors included Disney, Draper Mortuary, Mimi's Café, Scandia Amusement Park, the Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific, Rancho Cucamonga Quakes, and Friends of Ontario Airport.



LA/Ontario International Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting officers Bill Nugent and Cliff Duckett greet two children. The child on the left is wearing a doctor-ordered mask after having a successful kidney transplant last year that caused him to miss last year's Holiday Heroes party. He asked his doctor for permission to attend this event and promised to not eat or drink, and to wear the mask. LA Ontario officers visited him after surgery, bringing a bicycle and other gifts, transportation passes and food items to assist in his recovery.



Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting Officer Mike Garzon poses with the children.



LA/Ontario International Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting officers Bill Nugent, left, and David Duncan tell children visiting for the Holiday Heroes Party the rules for the event — "have fun, do whatever you want, eat as much as you want, and when you get inside there are a bunch of tables and you can sit wherever you want."