

* A Message From the CEO *

July Is for Fun; So Is ClubFest

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Anthony Aguinaga, Open Water Lifeguard II, Hansen Dam Aquatic Center (right), explains to Club CEO John Hawkins all the different recreation opportunities available at the facility.

Happy Fourth of July, everyone. I hope you are spending time with your family this summer. You spend lots of time with your City family, that you should take advantage of those times in the year when you spend time with your own family, too.

One of the great and affordable ways to have a great summer with your family is to take advantage of the tons of Rec and Parks programs. They work really hard helping you relax and have fun, so you should take advantage. It's all listed in this month's feature, put together by Club Director of Marketing and Communications, Robert Larios; Member Services Manager, Angel Gomez; and *Alive!* editor John Burnes. Special thanks to Harvey Drut, Rec and Parks, who made this feature happen.

I was blown away when I visited the Hansen Dam Aquatic Center in Lake View Terrace. There, Open Water Lifeguard II Anthony Aguinaga gave me a tour of the place. That's Anthony and I talking in the shade, in the photo on this page. He's a great guy, and he wants to be a City Firefighter. What do you say, LAFD?

Anyway, the Hansen Dam Aquatic Center is a great City facility, with a huge swimming pool (surrounded by sand), and a "lake" for fishing and boating. I suggest you check it out, but know that it gets crowded on weekends.

This is also the time of year when the City honors its own, with the Quality and Productivity Awards. Take a look at these projects, which save City taxpayers more than \$11 million. That's excellent.

Also, Personnel hands out its Career Service Awards. The Police Dept. thanks its employees who have 30 or more years of service; the Fire Dept. honors its civilian employees of the year; and it goes on and on. Maybe you recognize some of your fellow City Employees, and maybe you don't. But check 'em out and let them know you appreciate the good job they're doing.

Buy your ClubFest tickets now. ClubFest 2007 is going to be another great afternoon of fun for Club Members. It's so important to buy your tickets early. We don't keep selling tickets until the fantastic Calamigos Ranch is overcrowded; we stop selling at a point where everyone will be comfortable. So tickets are limited, and you don't want to miss out. Plus, the Club always wants to give you the best value we can. If you buy your tickets by the end of August, we make them even more affordable. **But only if you buy them now.** So don't wait. There's no better time to buy than right now. The early bird gets the discount!



Have an awesome and safe July!

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