

\* A Message From the CEO \*

# Here's Where the Power Comes From

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You flick on a light. You switch on your laptop. You settle into your favorite sofa, ready to watch an interesting program on **Tony Ighani's LA Cityview** 35.

It all just happens, automatically. *Flick* ... and there it is.

Ever wonder where that power comes from? Wonder no more – we've devoted 18 pages of this month's *Alive!* to answer that question. We all might take our power for granted, but the good employees at the DWP take pride in thinking about that every day.

There is nothing simple about power generation and transmission. The truth is, it's a huge network of interconnecting cables, monstrous turbines and ridiculously tall transmission towers. It is really complex.

For this November issue, *Alive!* photographers roamed the Southwest to snap photos of most of the main facilities ... and some of the great people who work at them. They make the power and then bring it to you, and they take those jobs seriously.



DWP Power Chief Enrique Martinez talks about the power system with John Hawkins.

Special thanks go to **Enrique Martinez**, Chief of the Power Side; **MaryAnne Pierson**, who helped us produce this great feature; and all the folks we thank in the feature, which begins on page 10. We hope you enjoy it.

In other news ... a huge high-five goes to **Rita Robinson**, Club Board Member, who has been appointed the new General Manager at Transportation. She's the best, and well deserving.

And let's don't forget about the refund checks. The Club is proud to be able to bring you this benefit. Club Life Insurance is all about being there when you need it. Having said that, though, it's great when we can return money to our policyholders, too. How do you get this refund? Purchase a Club life insurance policy. Read the stories on pages 7 and 60.

November is when eyes and hearts turn to the holidays. It's one of my favorite times of the year, and I know it's special to our Club Members, too — you guys host really fun holiday parties every year. So many, in fact, that we simply can't get to all of them. Let us know when your party is, for sure, and we'll see if we can cover it. But don't be shy about sending us your photos. That way, we know it will get covered. See the instructions on page 35.

And now, one final word about Thanksgiving. Some people like roasting their turkey, some like deep-frying it, some like it sliced on sandwiches, etc. But you know what I've found that makes the turkey taste best? It's when you say thanks first, thanks for all your blessings. It makes the turkey taste so much better!

Okay, that's it from me for this month. See you in December!

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