

LETTERS To the Editor

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LETTER OF THE MONTH



Blake Gives Us Second Chance To Drool Over the Camaro

That was a hot cover last month! The Chevy Camaro has always been my ride of choice, and it sure looked good in all its glory there on the front page. Nice work!

—Blake Zupitaria, LAPD

You're welcome, Blake. And, uh, thank you! —Ed.

Yep, Convention Center Is A Part of the City ... Really

Dear *Alive!* staff at the City Employees Club: I was intrigued by your latest feature story on the Convention Center's Annual LA Auto Show. To be honest, I had no idea that the Convention Center was actually a City Department.

I've been going to the Auto Show since I was a kid (I remember my dad drooling over the brand new Chevy Citation back in the early '80s) and now have an entirely new feeling about the show.

Thank you for bringing to light yet another area of the City where our fellow City brethren are working. Much appreciated.

—Todd White, Public Works

Value of a Smile Comes In Handy During the Holidays

Dear *Alive!*: Can you please let John Hawkins know that I really enjoyed "The Value of a Smile" that he published in his CEO column last month. It was very inspiring and I found myself using the wonderful suggestions as I hustled from store to store amidst all the holiday shopping chaos. Thank you.

—Susan Fortudo, Rec and Parks

Printing All the Photos Sure Appreciated the Custodians

I was expecting just a couple pictures to be printed for our Custodian Appreciation Day, but instead I found that you printed over 29 pictures of the event! Thank you for taking the time, energy and newspaper space to help us celebrate the work that we do. I'm telling all my friends about *Alive!* and the City Employees Club. You guys are the best!

—Tom Rimble

Alive! really outdid itself this time with the Custodian Appreciation Day article. It was a two-page spread! It was even in color. I couldn't make it that day, but with the help of this article, I felt that I didn't miss the event.

There's no one like the *Alive!* newspaper. This is the best source of City news I've ever seen. Thanks for making me feel important and informed, *Alive!*

— Linda Flores, General Services

City Seal Watches Aren't Pricey, They Just Look It

I liked the front cover, but I liked even more the holiday ad on the back page of the newspaper! It made me want to buy those famous City seal watches. I saw a buddy of mine with one of those watches and lets say that it looks really high-end. What City Employee can afford a watch like that? But then I heard that the Club store was not selling them for hundreds of dollars. Thanks, Club Store for making your stuff affordable.

— Lenny Trevor, DWP

New Contributor Yvonne Already Has a Fan Club

Hey now - I read the article from your writer, Yvonne Liu, and I'm becoming a fan of her work. I remember reading the article she did about Clubfest, and now the one called "Holiday Tips to Keep You Sane" has me hooked for more. I can't wait to read next month's newspaper. It's just another reason why I love the Club.

—Tina Grover, Rec and Parks

You're in luck, Tina. Yvonne has written again in this issue. Check out her latest contribution on page 38.

Hynda's Book on History Is a Historic Achievement

Holy smokes! I had the opportunity to take a look at the two-volume book on L.A. history that Hynda Rudd put together, and it's amazing. What detail. It's almost as if I'm reliving the past. It must have taken years to put together such a book of knowledge. Scholars and history buffs like me will really enjoy it. Thanks, Hynda!

—Gil Johnson, Retired

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 are you looking forward to in 2008?

"To be prosperous in all future endeavors."

— Derrick Jackson, Rec and Parks, 23 years, Club member.



"To see a better working environment for everybody."

— Joseph Bulquerin, Electrician, Harbor, 5 years of service, Club Member.



"Starting my new position in the Wharfinger Division."

— Sher-Lynn Davis, Wharfinger, Harbor, Club member.



"It's the Mediterranean cruise I'm taking in September."

— Lynda Johnson, Sr. Management Analyst II, Harbor, 20 years of service, Club member.



"Spending more time with my kids."

— Amy Arnold, Sr. Management Analyst II, Harbor, 18 years of service.



"Romance!"

— Rene Rodriguez, Carpenter Supervisor, Harbor, 11 years of service, Club Member.



"To stay employed at the Port!"

— Dave Fogle, Pile Driver, Harbor, 10 months of service.



"The vacation I'm taking to Mexico!"

— Omero Guzman, Sr. Gardner, Harbor, 10 years of service.



"Get to a zero balance on my credit card!"

— E.M. Scott, Gardner-Caretaker, Harbor, 2.5 years of service, Club member.



"A prosperous year with the City of Los Angeles as my employer."

— Efren Quintana, Gardner/Caretaker, Harbor, 2.5 years of service, Club member.



"Tapping into my undiscovered self, based on the power of next!"

— Allen Thomas, Gardner/Caretaker, Harbor, 6 months of service.

