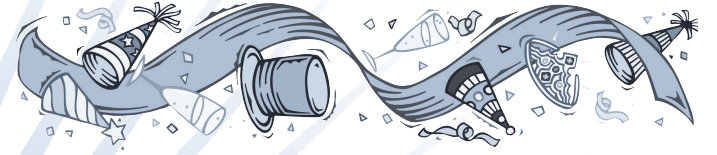




Special Holiday Party Section



All across the City, you celebrated the holidays. And Alive! was there!

Fun in the City! Part 2

Here in February, Alive! continues its coverage of the City Social Season 2007, with stories and photos from Club staff ... and sent in by you, too.

And don't forget to check out all the photos - from January, too - online! Go to: www.cityemployeesclub.com



From left: New Traffic Officers Garcia and Smith enjoyed the food and companionship of their colleagues.



The food was plentiful as traffic officers got in line.



Officer Mendoza took home a City of Los Angeles watch.



Officer Walters (left) and Social Club Vice President La Tisha Vargas had a terrific time at this holiday luncheon.

A Vermont Holiday, Continued

■ Here's part two of Transportation's Vermont location holiday luncheon.

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Marketing and Communications

TRANSPORTATION — The Hollywood branch of Transportation held its year-end celebration Dec. 12 at the home office.

Alive! ran a story about this party last month. Here are some more pictures!



Officer Villa dropped what seemed a heavy gift, but in reality it was as light as a feather.



From left: Social Club President Robin Smith Gregory; Capt. R.C. Smith; and Santa Claus.



Officer Dickey (right) got a plate of delicious food served by Officer Bowers.

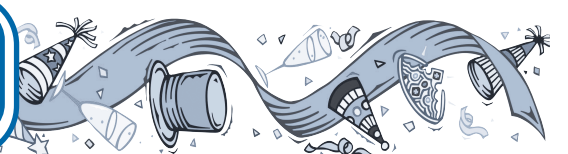


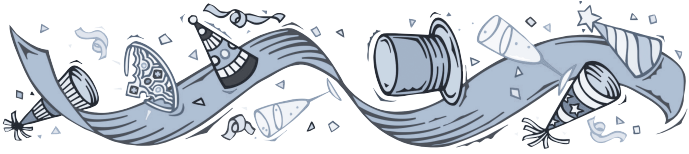
Officer Hatch stood next to the gift exchange table; there were many gifts to exchange.



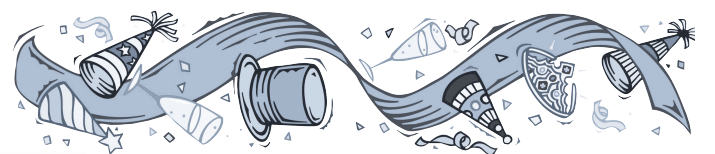
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From left: Monica and Maurice Jacobs, Construction Equipment Service Worker, Club Member; and Willie Brown, Carpenter, with his wife, Helen.



Mr. and Mrs. Banks, Club Member.



From left: Rosa Carretino, guest; Rochelle Guzman, Clerk Typist, DWP, Club Member; Ralph Carretino, Sr. Gardener; and Efrén Quintana, Gardener, Club Member, and his wife, Piper.



From left: Frank Gandara, guest; Angelica Gandara, sister of Tony Alvarado; and Tony Alvarado, Security Officer, Club Member, and Joanna Rios, his girlfriend.



Tony Gioiello, Chief Harbor Engineer, and his wife, Vanessa.



From left: Tricia Queen and her boyfriend, Marco Ceron, Gardener, Club Member.



From left: Gina Svicarovich, Professional Student Worker; Kedren Pilgram, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member; and Maria Couch, Wharfinger, Club Member.



Standing: Maria Garcia, Custodian, Club Member, and her husband, Federico. Seated, from left: MaryAnne Diaz, guest; and Rafael Diaz, Laborer.



Mary and Mark Emami, Civil Engineer.



Keith Wimberly, Laborer, and his wife, Mable.



From left: Mary Frances Sandoval, Community Program Assistant, Club Member; and Holly Carlson, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member.

Harbor Club Holiday

Harbor Employees Club throws a holiday dinner.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

HARBOR — The Harbor Employees Club hosted its annual holiday dinner Dec. 15 at the Ports O'Call Restaurant in San Pedro.

The evening was an intimate affair, with colleagues and guests overlooking the Port of Los Angeles.

The dinner featured lots of great food. More than 200 people were expected to attend.

Thanks to Holly Carlson for her assistance.



From left: Steve Karsten, Plumber, with his fiancé, Annette Connolly.



From left: Marc Wright, Principal Construction Inspector, Con Ed; and Donna Wright, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member.



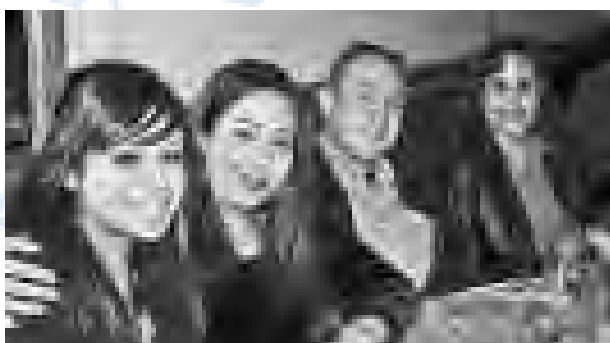
Ramon Asuncion, and his dad, Tom Asuncion, Architectural Associate, Club Member.



From left: Phyllis Morrow, guest; David Cartwright, Gardener, Club Member; and James Williams, Gardener, Club Member, with his wife, Janice.



From left: Lynda Johnson, Sr. MA II, Club Member, and her guest, David Fruth.



From left: Valerie Holguin, guest; Tish Lorenzana, HR Director, Club Member; Richard Lorenzana, Wharfinger; and Viola Holguin, wife of George Holguin.



From left: Dave Chrisman, Carpenter Supervisor, Club Member; Mimi Gutierrez, Civil Engineer Associate II, Club Member; Michael Canlas, Port Police; and Jessica Bautista, MA, Club Member.

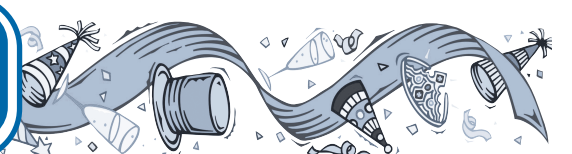


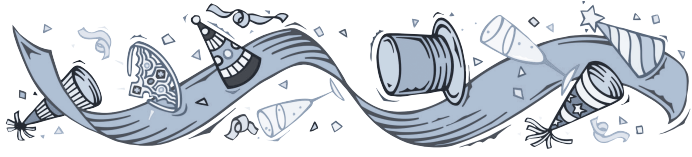
Standing, from left: Kai Makaena, guest; and Jennifer Reyes, Risk Manager. Seated: Chrizelle Quevedo, Student Worker; Daryl Pan, Student Worker; and James Bersales, guest.



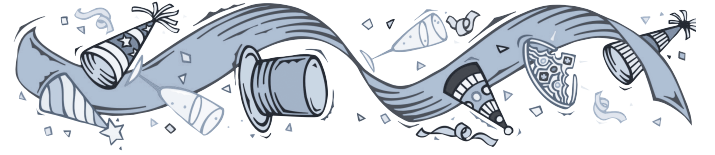
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Fun in the City



The "Village People" dancers from Public Works/Accounting.



Housing Dancers, from left: Lu Ibarreintos, Susana Verdejo and Teresita Roque.



The CDD Holiday Dancers.



From left: Yolly Huang and Yolly Antonio.



Mae Abeleda, Chief Accountant, CDD.

Accounting For the Holidays

Accountants Association throws festive event.

Story and photos by Rhod de Vera, LAMAAA President

HOUSING — The Los Angeles Municipal Accountants and Auditors Association (LAMAAA) held a well-attended Christmas Holiday Luncheon Dec. 6 at the historic Mayfair Hotel. The festive event was attended by approximately 160 officers and members and was highlighted by a record number of performances from different departments.

The opening remarks welcomed the capacity crowd and thanked attendees for their overwhelming support. The program was hosted by Yolly Huang, newly promoted Chief Accountant, Controller's Office; and Bernie Apolonio, Principal Accountant, Transportation.

A number of invited keynote speakers delivered their special messages and holiday greetings to the attendees:

- Craig Bloomquist, Director of Finance, Public Works/Accounting;
- Faith Mok, Director of Finance, Rec and Parks;
- Mary Jane Aquino, Chief Accountant, Convention Center;
- Mae Abeleda, Chief Accountant, CDD; and
- Guido Marucut, Chief Accountant, Transportation.



Josie Quiocho, grand raffle prize winner.

A nonstop program of performances was provided by members from different departments who took turns showing off their talents:

- The Christmas Choir from Housing/Accounting set the mood by opening with Christmas carols and also provided more holiday singing to close out the event. It was complemented by a group dance, choreographed by Susana Verdejo;
- An all female "Village People" performance of "YMCA" from Public Works/Accounting, led by Juanita Inton, former LAMAAA President;
- A line dance performance from Rec and Parks, led by Rose Reyes, Chief Accountant;
- "A Christmas Wish," a short play with a dance number performed by accounting staff from CDD, led by Mae Abeleda, also a former LAMAAA President; and
- "Are you smarter than a Treasury Accountant?" from the Treasurer's Office.

After the performances, Larry Campita and his dancing friends from the Controller's Office opened up the dance floor by leading some line dance steps.

The event was made even more memorable with a previously unannounced big-ticket raffle. Among the prizes given away were a Nikon digital camera, a photo printer, a 22-inch flat screen monitor, and two tickets to a Celine Dion concert. The winner of the grand prize, a Toshiba laptop computer, was Josie Quiocho, from the Controller's office.

Organizational support was provided mainly by Transportation/CDD staff headed by Marilu de Vera, who took charge of the check-in, the raffle and the setup. Additional support was provided by Housing for the DJ sound system, photo processing and control of the raffle prizes. Photo and video coverage was provided by Cris Salandanan and Malu de Vera.

The event was deemed successful when attendees were overheard exclaiming the ballroom was too crowded and the time was too short. It's time to plan for a bigger and longer event next year!



Housing Choir, from left: Cesar Cunanan, Rene Posadas, Richard Herdedia, Loralie Roxas, Lilibeth Co and Anabell Luna.



The line dancing was led by Larry Campita from the Controller's Office.



Housing Christmas Choir, from left: Anabell Luna, Wane Jeerapet, Maria Cabilgao; Vangie Baello, Helen Limtao, Teresita Roque and Susana Verdejo.



Rhod de Vera, LAMAAA president, delivers the welcome address.



Craig Bloomquist, Director, Bureau of Accounting.



From left: Esrelita Yong, Perla Veneracion and Lu Ibarreintos.



From left: Mary Jane Aquino and Perla Veneracion.



Marilu de Vera leads a line dance.



Housing Dancers, from left: Teresita Roque, Wane Jeerapet and Perla Veneracion.



From left: Perla Veneracion, Carmela Espiritu, Lu Ibarreintos and Bernie Apolonio.



Dancers from Rec and Parks, led by Rose Reyes.

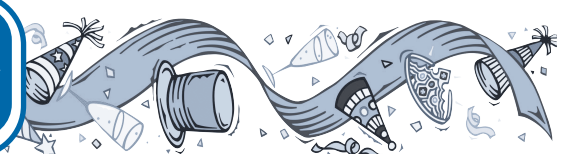


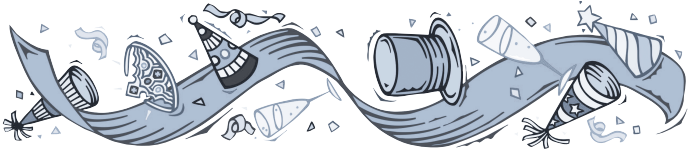
The "Are You Smarter Than a Treasury Accountant?" quiz.



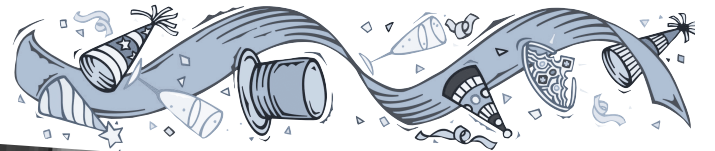
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Committee members, front row from left: Niesa Lewis, Cora Soriano, Mirela Chavez, Grace Benedicto and Michelle Chambers. Back: Zita Davis, Debra Anderson, Sandra Oxford, Pamela Williams and Amelia Marucut.



The 2007 Belle and Beau of the Ball: Kendra Musgrove and Joe Rouzan.

Community Development

■ Community Development hosts holiday fun.

Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor; Photos courtesy CDD staff

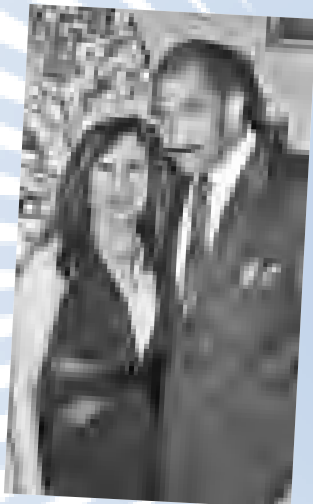
CDD — The Community Development Department hosted its holiday party Dec. 14 at the Mayfair Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. Employees enjoyed an evening of food and dancing. Thanks to CDD staff for sharing the story and the photos.



The 2006 Belle and Beau of the Ball: Lisa Salazar and Greg Burks.



From left: Olga Zavala-Edwards, PDO, 77th Jail; George Coe, Sr. DO, MJS; and Suzanne Meuser, Sr. CT, Club Member.



Stella Garcia, SDO, Van Nuys, and Michael Ellington, PDO, Training.



From left: Lt. Rick DeMartino, LAPD Communications, and his wife, Valerie; and Sandy Wallace, Sr. MA II, and her husband, Jeff.



Standing: Christine and Cheung Ben, DO, Van Nuys. Seated: Orlando Yap, PDO, Van Nuys, Club Member, and his wife, Jovi.



Amber Nevarez, guest, with Juan Sanchez, Sr. DO, 77th, Club Member.



From left: Esteban Orozco, DO, Hollywood, Club Member; and John Grogan, SDO, MJS, Club Member.



LaDonna Moore, Accounting Clerk, Club Member, and Michael Carter, DWP.



From left: John Basilio, SDO, Wilshire; and Michael Ellington, PDO, Training.



Standing: Michael Potter, DO, MJS, and his wife, Monica. Seated, from left: guests Danette Chale and Juan Cedeno.



From left: Monica Orozco, guest; Consuelo Barnette, guest; Mario Solis, DO, Parker Center; and Sylvia Solis, Sr. Clerk Typist, Personnel.



From left: Judy Martin, PDO, Van Nuys, Club Member, and her husband, John.

Jail Division Celebrates

■ LAPD's Jail Division hosts holiday party.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; Photos by Daniel Wang, Club Photographer

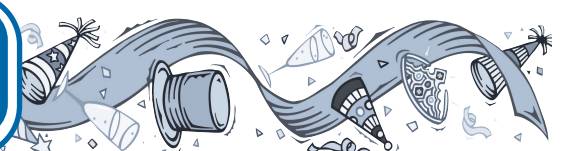
POLICE DEPT. — The LAPD Jail Division hosted its annual holiday party Dec. 15 at the Ports O'Call Restaurant in San Pedro.

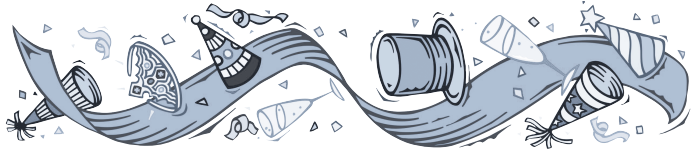
The celebration featured good food, good music and good company.

The Club thanks Catalina Alvarado and Michael Ellington for their assistance.

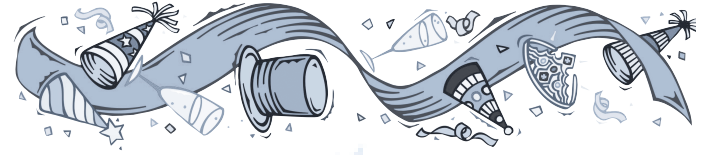
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Richard Benbow, CDD General Manager, and Amelia Medina, Sr. Project Coordinator.



Cora Soriano, Event Host, Management Analyst II.



Cynthia Abellanos, Management Analyst II, and Jose Daco, Auditor II.



Angel Ancajas, Principal Accountant I, and Theresa Clemente, Community Program Director.

A Filipina Holiday

■ CDD's Filipino contingent throws a holiday party.

Story and photos by Alive! staff

CDD — The Filipino group with Community Development threw a culturally correct Christmas party Dec. 12.

The luncheon took place in the Garland Building.

Thanks to Cora Soriano, Management Analyst II, for assisting us.



Nilda Pascual, Management Analyst II, and Arturo Gaerlan.



From left: Richard Benbow, CDD General Manager; Manet Milner, Retired Sr. Management Analyst II; and Greg Dimmitt, Sr. Management Analyst II.

Accounting for The Holidays

■ Office of Accounting celebrates the holidays.

PUBLIC WORKS — The Office of Accounting held its holiday celebration Dec. 19.

The event was held at the Reef restaurant in Long Beach. During the program, four employees were presented 30-year City service pins, commendations and watches. They are Christi Guymon, Ninfa Malabayoc, Kyong Choi and Thelma Gunasekara.

Thanks to Craig Bloomquist, Director of the Office of Accounting, Public Works, for his assistance in producing this article.



Holiday entertainers.



Members of the General Accounting Division, Public Works.



Members of the Sewer Construction and Maintenance Fund Financial Accounting Division.



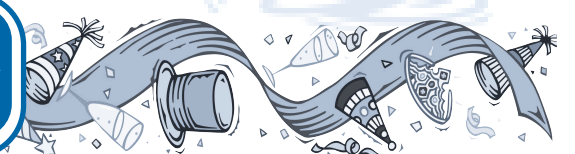
Service pin recipients, from left: Assistant Director Jean Su; Retired Assistant Director Eli Tumbucon; Recipient Christi Guymon; Recipient Ninfa Malabayoc; Recipient Kyong Choi; Director Craig Bloomquist; and Recipient Thelma Gunasekara.

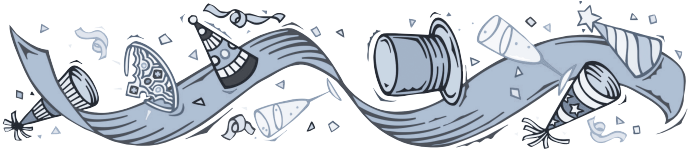


The dancers perform.

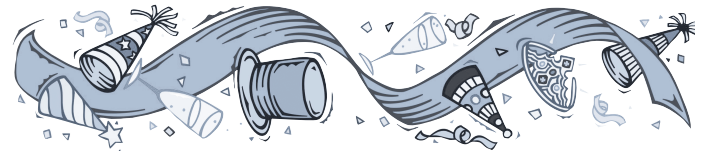
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From left: Chrystal Gilliam, Legal Secretary, 28 years of City service; Leo Cabrera, Equipment Operator, 32 years of service; Joy Rendon, Legal Secretary, 20 years of service; Frank Rendon, Equipment Operator, 18 years of service; and George Koury, Real Estate Officer, 8 years of service.



Mark Weisenberg, Storekeeper, 18 years of City service.



From left: Mike Sharp, Machinist, 14 years of City service; and Dan Hargrove, Plumber, 24 years of service.



Albert Baca, Mechanical Helper, 22 years of City service.



Danny Ponce, Heavy Duty Truck Operator, 5 years of City service.

Harbor Breakfast

Harbor hosts holiday breakfast.

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Marketing and Communications

HARBOR — Harbor employees hosted their annual holiday breakfast Dec. 19.

The event was held at the Construction and Maintenance Yard.

Thanks to Masha Hematabadi for inviting the Club and assisting with this article.



Kenneth Henderson, Street Maintenance Worker I, 22 years of City service.



Larry Wilson, Motor Sweeper Operator, 5.5 years of City service.



Eric Rubio, Gardner Caretaker, 7 months of City service.



John Gloster, Heavy Equipment Operator, 35 years of City service.



Jane "Extraordinaire" Heitkemper, Gardner Caretaker, 8 months of City service.



Yolanda Adams, Procurement Aide, 10 years of City service.

Arturo Garcia, Gardner Caretaker, 4.5 years of City service.



From right: Jessica Rivie, "jack of all trades, master of none," 29 years of City service; John Humphrey, Equipment Operator, 18.5 years of service; and Ken Stanberry, Real Estate Associate, 5 months of service.

A Contract Admin Holiday

Contract Administration hosts their holiday party.

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Marketing and Communications

PUBLIC WORKS — Contract Administration held its holiday party Dec. 20.

The event was held in their office building downtown.

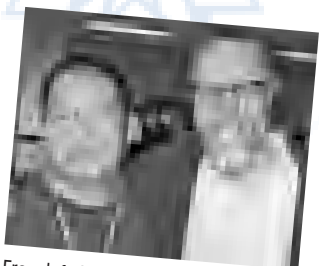
Thanks to Sharon Reddit, Executive Assistant and Club Rep, for her assistance in producing this article.



From left: Arturo Aranda, son; Melina Aranda, daughter; and Irma Aranda, Executive Administrative Assistant II, 34 years of service.



From left: Divina Bautista, Management Analyst II, 1 year of service; Paola Valencia, Management Assistant, 8 years of service; Brenda Arroyo, Management Analyst II, 2 years of service; and Mario Noriega, Inspector, 14 years of service.



From left: David Tang, Principal Construction Inspector, 20 years of City service; and Jim Garrison, Sr. Building Inspector, Building & Safety, 21 years of service.



From left: Alfred Garcia, Construction Inspector, 3 months of service; and Scott McKeen, Construction Inspector, 8 years of service.



Paul O'Carroll, Sr. Electrical Inspector, 19 years of service; and Julie Gutman, Public Works Commissioner.



From left: Joy Reynosa, DWP, 8 years of service; and Alem Kahsay, Management Analyst II, 20 years of service.



From left: Carl Baker, Assistant Inspector, 8 years of service; Jason Stoerber, Assistant Inspector, 2 years of service; and Everett Bennett, Assistant Inspector, 1.5 years of service.



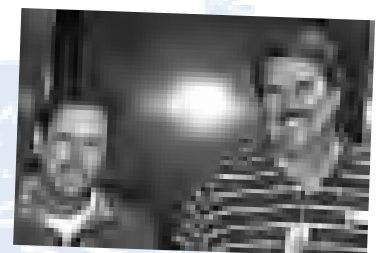
From left: Dennis Kiley, Construction Inspector, 6 years of service; Mario Noriega, Inspector, 14 years of service; Victor Suriel, Construction Inspector, 6 years of service; Mike Chung, Sr. Construction Inspector, 19 years of service; and Marianne Gomez, Payroll Supervisor, 28 years of service.



From left: Usha Papa, Management Assistant, 2 years of service; and Ripsime Ter-Galstyan, Management Assistant, 9 months of service.



Sharon Reddit, Executive Assistant and Club Rep.

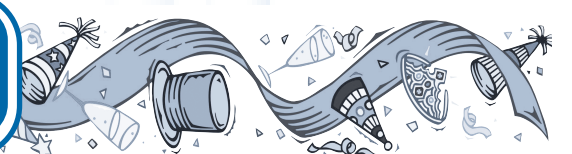


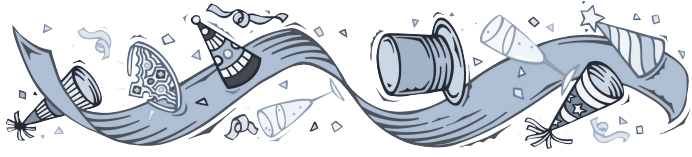
From left: Barry Jones, Airports, Construction Inspector, 4 years of service; and Todd Eller, Construction Inspector, 1 month of service.



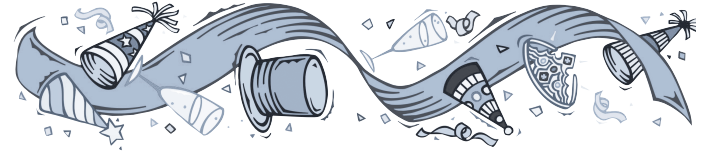
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From left: Susan Burns, A.K.A. the Grumpy elf; Judy Ruiz, Santa's Helper, Club Member; Mrs. Claus, Club Member; and Sgt. Romo.



Organizer Amy Case, PSR, Club Member, with nieces, Presley, Jason, 1; Shelby, 3; and Emily, 9.



Mickey Gomez with Santa.



Organizer Stephanie Burkhart, PSR III, Club Member, with her sons Andrew, 5; and Joseph, 15 months.



Andrew, son of Stephanie Burkhart, with Santa.



Santa and Mrs. Claus.



Spyder, 4, with his mom, Vicky Arujo, Custodian of Records, Club Member.



Back, from left: Alma Flores, PSR, Club Member, with her sister Yadira Flores, and nephews Julian, 7; Anthony, 9; and Jason, 5.



Jennifer Lindstrom, PSR III, Club Member, and her husband, Bentley, with Breanna, 22 months; Katelyn, 4.



Julian, in Dodger blue, with Santa.



Dimitri, who's on the good list, accepts his gift from Santa.

Christmas for Kids

■ LAPD Valley Communications hosts Christmas party for children of employees.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Member

POLICE DEPT. — LAPD's Valley Communications Division hosted a party for children of employees Dec. 8 at the Valley Communications Building.

There was lots of food and activities, and Santa paid a visit on a 1928 Roadster, thanks to LA Exotics. Approximately 40 to 45 kids were on hand.

The event was organized by PSRs and Club Members Amy Case and Stephanie Burkhart. Thanks to Jean Sarfaty and Lt. Stan Ludwig for their assistance.



Justin with Santa.



Vincent with Santa.



From left: Satya, 3; Angel, 2; Bella, 5, daughter of Club Member Robert Lopez; Logan, 12; and Surya, 5.



Matthew accepts his gift from Santa.



Emily Bennet with Santa.



Back, from left: Ryan Jr. III, 8; and Taylor, 9. Seated: Ryan Sims; his wife, Tenecia Davis, PSR, Club Member; and Riley, 4.



From left: Emmanuel San Diego, PSR, Club Member, with his wife, Lisa; Evan, 5; nephew, Andrew, 3; and son, Justin, 2.



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