

*** A Message From the CEO ***

Hyperion's Service: Critical for Us All

by John Hawkins
President and CEO, The Club

Flush it ... then forget it.

I remembered that phrase, said by Hyperion Division Manager Chuck Turhollow, the whole time while *Alive!* tour of the amazing Hyperion facility and its great people. That's what people tend to do with their wastewater, Chuck said – flush it and forget it. But that's when Hyperion's job is just beginning. Lots of people might forget it, but I never will again. I really recommend taking a tour of the facility; you'll really respect how hard they work to provide this critical service to the City.



From left: Hyperion Plant Manager Steve Fan, Division Manager Chuck Turhollow, and Club CEO John Hawkins.

On to other news – I hope you're as excited about the new Club Store as we are. The good folks here at the Club have been working hard on finding just the right spot, and I know we've found it. You can walk there from City Hall; you can walk there from the Transportation offices. You can walk there from all the City offices on Broadway and Hill and Spring Streets. We really believe it's so much better for you. We'll be open around May 1, so see you then! (And look for more details in future *Alive!* issues.)

Wow, there's so much going on in this issue! We here at *Alive!* always know when it's spring, because we have so much good stuff to bring you in the paper. Let's see – there's the St. Patrick's Day trio of the parade, the lunchtime party and St. Baldrick's; there's the great events honoring Black History Month; there's the always fun *Alive!* Around the World (in front of the Liberty Bell – I love it!); there's Hal, finishing up his long adventure in Zimbabwe; and there's even news of *Alive!* getting a parking ticket downtown. Now that's a full month!

And I just have to mention the retirement of Alvin Blain, General Manager of General Services and a great Club Member. We put the news of his retirement on the front page because he's one of the good ones. He started his career at the bottom, and through hard work, a clear vision and true dedication, he made it to the top. Good going, Alvin; we'll miss ya.

We'll, it's time to head back down to the new Club Store, and keep working on it. I want it to be a great place that you'll want to walk to, again and again. I'll report back when it's all done!

Until then, have a great April, and be sure to stop by and see us in the new digs!

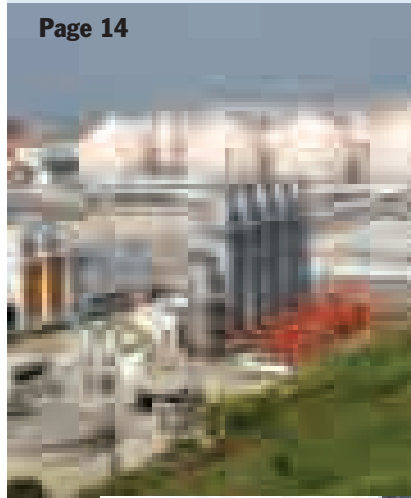
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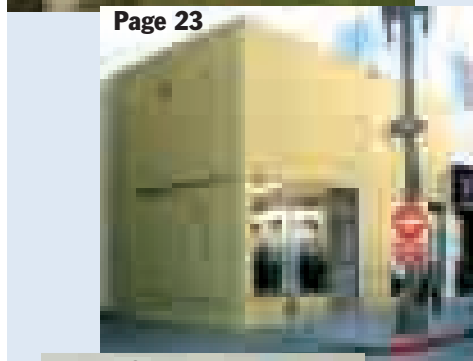
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Correction

On page 24 of last month's *Alive!*, we printed a "Club Members Speak" story on tips for job interviews. The piece was written by Emily Gutierrez, LAFD. In a small postscript at the end of the story, we referred to her by an incorrect first name. Sorry about that, Emily; and we look forward to any future contributions to *Alive!*