

GENERAL SERVICES

# Blain's Goodbye Bash

Two events send former General Services General Manager and Club Member Alvin Blain out in style.



It takes three people to hold up Alvin's proclamation. He is assisted by Councilman Tony Cardenas and Alvin's wife, Lorna.



Is that Alvin getting arrested? All in good fun.



From left: Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services, Club Member, was presented with a miniature sanitation trash truck by Public Works/Sanitation Director Enrique Zaldivar.



This is one of the two poster boards signed by well-wishers.



From left: Aram Salmasi, Mail Services Division Manager; Louis Murillo, Parking Manager; Terra Jones, Club Member; and Noel Cabrera, Labor Supervisor, Club Member.



Katie Blain, daughter of Alvin Blain, shares her memories of growing up.



Brent Blain, son of Alvin Blain, shares his stories of carpooling with his father.



From left: Martina White, Sr. Management Analyst, Construction Forces; Maria Pena, Sr. Clerk Typist, Construction Forces, Club Member; and Louisa Tan, Accounting Clerk II, Construction Forces, Club Member.



From left: Jacque Lorraine, Sr. Automotive Supervisor, Club Member; Natalie Jones, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member; and Richard Coulson, Equipment Superintendent, Club Member



Standing: Anthony R. De Clue, Assistant General Manager, General Services, Club Member. Seated: Toni Roberson, Sr. Clerk Typist; Bob Nito, General Automotive; and Dave Wilson, Equipment Superintendent.

Alvin Blain, who retires after 35 years of City Service, marked his final day working for the City by attending two retirement events.

The morning of his retirement – also his birthday – started at City Hall's Council Chambers. He was presented to the Council by Councilman Tony Cardenas. Alvin was joined by his wife, Lorna; daughter, Katie; and son, Brent; at the proclamation ceremony, along with City Employees who has worked under his supervision.

A sold-out luncheon at the Quiet Cannon Restaurant followed. Some of the special guests who attended were: Rita L. Robinson, General Manager, Transportation; William A. Robertson, Director, Public Works/Street Services; and Maggie Whelan, General Manager, Personnel. Master of Ceremonies was Tony M. Royster, Interim General Manager, General Services. Additional welcomes were given by Anthony R. De Clue, Assistant General Manager, General Services, and Leonard Walker, Director of Fleet Services and Staff, General Services. Presentations of appreciation gifts and remarks came from: Jeff Secor, Carpenter Supervisor, and John J. Trevoda, Director of Supplier and Customer Relations, General Services.

Special remarks from Alvin's wife, Lorna; son, Brent; and daughter, Katie). More presentations came from Michael Leighton, Director, Publishing Services, General Services, and Club Board Member, who gave Alvin presents on behalf of the City Employees Club.

Planning Committee included Tony M. Royster; Anthony R. De Clue; David A. Paschal; Deborah J. Ramos; Dan Eason; Eric Robles; Michael Sakamoto; Beverly S. Pleasant; Tina J. Fermin; Biniko Y. Hawkins; and Sonya P. Flint. Special thanks go to: Chester De Guzman; James Delgado; Art Flores; Lisa Gabriel; Jennifer Lamb; Michael Leighton; Raul Macias; Stanley



From left: Katie Blain, Alvin's daughter; Councilman Tony Cardenas; Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services, Club Member; his wife, Lorna; and his son, Brent.

Molden; Kenneth Moody; Lourdes Morales; Joi Oubre; Theresa Pina; Katherine Quinn; Angelica Rios; Marie Saroas; Natalie Valenzuela; and Maggie Yu.

The Club thanks Beverly Pleasant for her assistance.

Congratulations, Alvin. Much success and joy in your retirement (even if you'll be working again soon!).



Lorna, wife of Alvin Blain, thanks everyone for being a part of her extended family.



Master of Ceremonies Tony M. Royster, Interim General Manager, General Services, Club Member.



One of the many gifts presented to Alvin Blain.



Even Elvis Presley was "all shook up" to see Alvin retire.



From left: Chandra Mosley, Management Analyst II, Club Member; Omar Bazan, Retired; and Mike DeLeon, Retired Equipment Superintendent.



From left: Harold Cain, Retired Director, Fleet Services; Jerry Hamby, Retired, Fleet Services; Marsha Cain, Retired, Secretary; and Judy Hamby, Retired Sr. Clerk Typist.



Standing, from left: Walter Lee, Mechanical Engineer Associate; and Al Saulcedo, DWP. Seated: Richard Falt, Automotive; Paul Fadul, Automotive; John Gasca, Equipment Superintendent; and Willie Crutchfield, Tire Shop.

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Alvin Y. Blain, General Manager, General Services, Club Member, with his final remarks to his guests.



John Trevgoda, Director of Supplier and Customer Relations, brings out the cake to wish Alvin a happy birthday.



From left: Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services, Club Member, and Councilman Dennis Zine, Club Member.



Beverly S. Pleasant, Executive Administrative Assistant III, Club Member.



From left: Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services, Club Member, and Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member.



William A. Robertson, Director, Public Works/Street Services, Club Member, is "bunky."



From left: Marco Mejia, Clerk Typist; Michael Lim, Management Analyst; Angie Rios, Accounting Clerk II, Club Member; Jenny Wang, Management Analyst II; and Yoly Ortiz, Sr. Clerk Typist.



Special remarks were made by Rita L. Robinson, General Manager, Transportation, Club Board Member.



From left: Frank Meza, Sr. Management Analyst; Arthur W. Smith, Retired Electrician Supervisor; Bill Older, Construction Superintendent; and Michael Leighton, Director of Publishing Services, Club Board Member.



Welcome remarks from Anthony R. De Clue, Assistant General Manager, Club Member; and Leonard Walker, Director of Fleet Services and Staff, Club Member.



Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services, Club Member, and Councilwoman Wendy Greuel.



From left: Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services, Club Member; and William A. Robertson, Director, Public Works/Street Services, Club Member.



LAFD Deputy Chief Mario Rueda presents on behalf of the Fire Dept.



An Alvin Blain parody.



From left: John Mills, Retired Equipment Fleet Services Superintendent; Dave Marshall, Retired; David Bradfield, Retired; and Larry Smith, Equipment Specialist.



From left: Joyce Kawai, Sr. Personnel Analyst; Steve Potik, Building Superintendent; and Greg Lissow, Building Superintendent II, Convention Center.



Michael Leighton, Publishing Services Director, General Services, and Club Board Member, presents a gift on behalf of City Employees Club.



From left: Katie Blain, Alvin's daughter; Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services, Club Member; his wife, Lorna; and his son, Brent.

Royster Named Interim GM

Tony Royster, longtime Assistant General Manager and Club Member, becomes Interim General Manager.

Tony M. Royster was appointed Interim General Manager, General Services, and City Purchasing Agent, effective April 1. The appointment was made by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. Royster replaces Alvin Blain, who retired.

Royster has 25 years of shared experience in the City's General Services Department and general services management in both the public and private sectors. From 2004 to the present he has served as the Assistant General Manager,

Administration and Building Support, General Services, serving as Acting General Manager as necessary, and directing the activities of eleven units in this section: Office of Public Safety; Budget and Finance; Accounting; Payroll; Personnel Services; Emergency Preparedness; Parking; Custodial; Mail; Recycling; and Special Events. He has helped develop the Department's annual budget of \$261 million; overseen accounting for \$500 million in expen-



Tony Royster, Interim General Manager, General Services.

ditures; and directed an operational staff of 1,300 employees and personnel activities for 3,000 employees.

Previous to this, Royster served as General Services' Chief Management Analyst from 2001 to 2004 and Director of Building Services from 1993 to 2001.

From 1985 to 1993, Royster was a District Manager for American Building Maintenance Industries in Los Angeles, managing 100 facilities for building maintenance and preventative maintenance, and Area Manager for Southeast Service Corporation in

Memphis, Tennessee, directing operations for building maintenance-related services for commercial and retail properties.

Royster has been awarded a number of achievement and service honors over the last dozen years, including the City of Los Angeles Productivity Awards for 1993, 1995, 1997, 1998, 2002 and 2006; the City of Los Angeles Career Service Award in 2001; the U.S. Conference of Mayors Recycling Awards in 1989 and 1999; and the International Professional Manager Association Distinguished Service Award in 1997.

Royster holds an educational specialist degree (ED.S.) in administration and supervision from Tennessee Technological University, and a Master's degree in administration and supervision from the University of Tennessee, where he also earned a Bachelor's degree in human services.