

# Life's Important Moments

# Share your moments!

Did you get married? Have a baby? (Yea!) Get a promotion? (Hooray!) Retire? (Ahhhh.) We want to hear from you. Share your news with the world! Send all notices and high resolution photos with the appropriate information to [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com) or send paper notices and print photos to: *Alive!* 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071



## New Members

### Welcome New Members!

The Club gives a great big welcome to these new members, who recently joined the Club:

#### Airports

Eduardo Bivian  
Fernando Carrasco  
David Clark  
Frederick Hernandez  
James Johnson  
Deon King  
Paul McMillan  
Shannon Merriweather  
Rena Ravelo  
Monika Rehder  
Mary Robinson  
Mike Rousselo  
Kendal Tomlin

Andres Moran  
Claudio Moreno  
Zachary Neighbors  
Aaron Plummer  
Javier Ramos  
Sheila Romero  
Sergio Ruiz  
Juan Santana  
Sara Vega  
Maurice Williams  
Raymond Wittelsbach

#### ITA

Elena Shteyn

#### Harbor

Charles Charles  
Jamil Jamil  
Juan Juan  
Juan Juan  
Judith Judith  
Paula Paula

#### General Services

Oscar Ruiz

#### Mayor's Office

Donna Ota  
Terry Rose

#### Housing

Bryan Kirkness  
Thomas Quinn  
Jason Storm

#### Planning

Adrian Suzuki

#### Police

Jessica Cepeda  
Christopher Combes  
Crystal Elizondo  
Robert Gieser  
Andrea Jackson  
Theresa Kimbrough  
Alexandre Liu  
Claudia Montes  
Shannon Phanhong  
Maria Ramos  
Laura Santoya  
Charles Vetter

#### Public Works

#### Sanitation

Linda Alvarez  
Bernard Barrett  
Nick Brown  
Hernando Cabeza  
Rodrigo Cisneros  
Flora Khaw  
Roy Lujan  
Canelia Martinez

#### Street Services

Carlton McCloud  
Leovardo Rodriguez  
Ulti Torres

#### Rec and Parks

Lorena Almeida  
Jorge Ochoa  
Luis Tapia

#### Transportation

Servando Medrano

#### Finance

Diana Cha

#### DWP

David Klocow  
Janice Ly  
Benigno Negrete  
Manuel Olivera  
Leticia Suarez

#### LACERS

Loucin Artinian

#### Retired Employees

Ronald Low  
Daniel McLean  
Sophia Morrison

#### Other

Aaron Bishop  
David Chiu  
Gerardo Garcia  
Patrick Johnston  
Saranta Robroo  
Stephen Smythe  
Peggy Sullivan



## In Memoriam

*Our thoughts and condolences are with the family and friends of the following current and retired City employees who have passed away. The number after the name indicates years of service.*

#### Active

Coleman Stephens, General Services, 19  
Margaret Mary Casanova, Convention Center, 18  
David Hunter, Public Works, 22  
Jennie Zager, DWP, 11

#### Retired

Lucie Allison, Library, 27  
Pedro Avalos, Rec and Parks, 24  
Quintin Beaman, Public Works, 30  
Margaret Bean, DWP, 21  
Oliver Bennett, DWP, 32  
Fred Berry, DWP, 36  
Luis Betancourt, Public Works, 10  
Dan Branham, DWP, 3  
A.L. Dennis, Airports, 30  
Jose Duran, DWP, 23  
Jeannette Girod, DWP, 31  
Cletus Gretter, DWP, 24  
Charles Guyer, Harbor, 19  
Alexander Hanzzy, DWP, 26  
Minnie Hill, LAPD, 24  
Sadao Izumi, DWP, 43  
Lawrence Johnson, Rec and Parks, 24  
Gizella Kaposi, Building and Safety, 15  
Richard Kater, Rec and Parks, 34  
Eli Katz, DWP, 34

Michael Kowaiter, DWP, 17  
Vernon Loomer, Public Works, 13  
Reuben Lovret, City Planning, 32  
Rufus Manuel, General Services, 17  
Gary Murakami, City Clerk, 32  
Ruby Novida, General Services, 19  
Lucy Rankin, LAPD, 12  
Carol Rastall, DWP, 32  
James Reay, Building and Safety, 10  
Jack Rolls, Public Works, 13  
Theodore Roman, DWP, 27  
David Ross, Public Works, 26  
Robert Roos, DWP, 32  
Tommy Sanders, DWP, 23  
Guy Seymour, Public Works, 23  
Mavis Schneider, Personnel, 10  
John Stoic, DWP, 28  
George Stolt, Public Works, 37  
Verl Tharp, DWP, 25  
Vernon Todd, DWP, 25  
Paul Thompson, DWP, 31  
Carey Tompkins, DWP, 30  
Richard Varela, DWP, 29  
Jesse Vilanueva, Public Works, 25  
Carl Woehrle, Building and Safety, 29  
Robert Woods, Public Works, 24

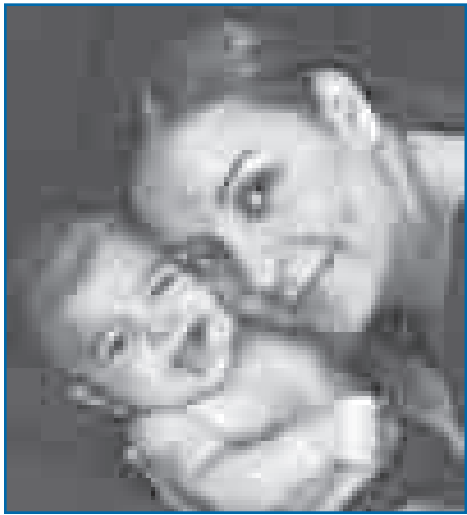


## Retirements

NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS
Albert Anderson	Accounting Clerk	Finance	18	George Hill	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Pedro Avalos	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	24	Larry Irwin	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Harrison Balaz	Civil Engineer	Public Works	36	Johnny Joe	Sr. Heating/Refrig. Insp.	Building and Safety	30
William Beelow	Construction Inspector	Public Works	29	Gloria Kurey	Management Analyst	LAPD	26
Elnora Beltran	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Arthur Kurimoto	Survey Supervisor	Public Works	31
Ronny Binkier	Sr. Park Maintenance Supervisor	Rec and Parks	35	Terry Ley	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Benjamin Bohorquez	Tax Compliance Officer	Finance	31	Mary Liu	Struct. Engr. Assoc.	Building and Safety	30
LaVonne Brown	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Debra Lloyd	Crossing Guard	Transportation	18
Marie Bougetz	Librarian	Library	30	Helen Lo	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Steven Bulpitt	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Robert Luce	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Lorenzo Cruz	Light Equip. Operator	Rec and Parks	33	Daniel Mahan	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Rafael Cornejo	Structural Eng. Asst.	Building and Safety	20	Bruce Mather	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Deborah Delong	Police Service Rep.	LAPD	40	Larry Mendoza	Motor Sweeper Operator	Public Works	21
Donna Denning	Pers. Research Psych.	Personnel	21	Sheldon Miller	Tax Auditor	Finance	15
Anita Domingo	Dept. Chief Acct.	Airports	30	Juan Monclova	Traffic Officer	Transportation	30
Richard Douglas	Sr. Gardener	Rec and Parks	31	Richard Mullenex	Building Inspector	Building and Safety	25
Samuel Duque	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Roy Nakamura	Supervisor/Trans. Plan.	Transportation	18
David Elisarraraz	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Frank Navarro	Pr. Librarian	Library	11
Lewis Ellis	Security Officer	Airports	5	Stephen Nekota	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Virginia Ereksen	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Carlota Ortiz	Clerk Typist	Library	11
Kelly Fernandez	Sr. Gardener	Rec and Parks	33	Kevin Shannon	Equip. Mech.	LAPD	33
Rodolfo Gallegos	Plumber	Public Works	27	Kenneth Simmons	Asst. GM	ITA	22
Richard Hake	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	David Schnitger	Director of Systems	Building and Safety	33
Douglas Hall	Plumber	Public Works	17	Albert Valenzuela Jr.	Light Equip. Operator	Rec and Parks	40
Deogracias Hamac	Traffic Officer	Transportation	11	Jasper Vercher	Custodial Serv. Attn.	Airports	10
Thomas Heaton	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Charles Vestal	Librarian	Library	10
Gay Hill	Clerk Typist	Housing	28				



## Births



Aidan Rodriguez, born Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, to Club Member Erica and Arnold Rodriguez. Erica is Senior Clerk Typist, LAPD.

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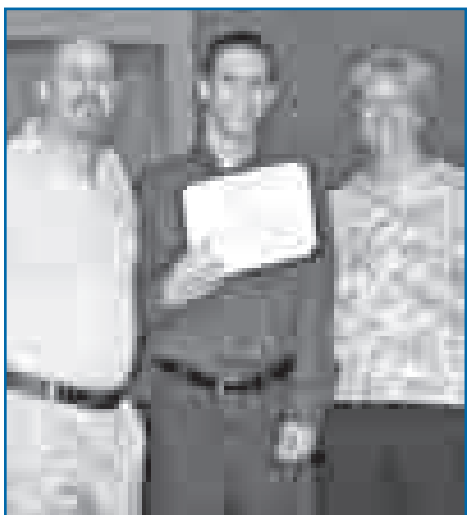


**TICKET GUY**

Nathan Cotton, born May 22 to Navin and Angela Cotton. Congratulations, Ticket Guy and Angela, on your first child. The Club is happy for you!



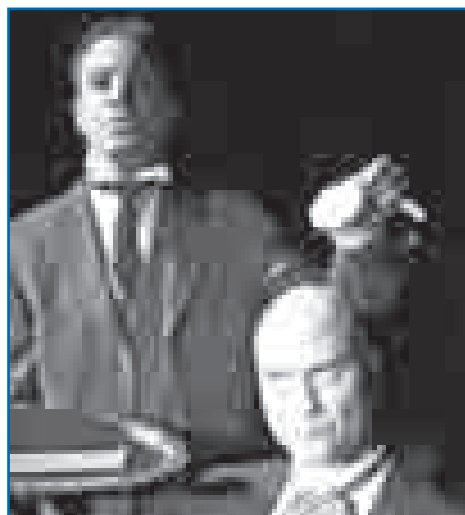
## Special Achievements



Bryan Sarfaty, son of Jean Sarfaty, LAPD, Club Rep, and Ron Sarfaty, was inducted into the elite Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society at Cal State L.A. He is a senior and among the top 10 percent in his class. He has already completed his Associate's degree in criminal justice at Moorpark College and is on target to graduate with his Bachelor's degree in criminal justice in April 2009. "We are extremely proud of him and love him very much!" Jean writes.



Danielle Smith earned the following certificates from the Westside Christian school -- second semester honor roll, science achievement, excellence in American sign language, and student of the month. She is entering eighth grade and is the daughter of Chermaine Smith, Public Works/Sanitation.



LAPD employee Donaco Smyth wrote and starred in *Capsized Flotsam*, which opened June 26 at The Ark Theatre. *Capsized Flotsam* is the second of Smyth's plays to romp across L.A. stages. His comedy, *Annoyed by Life*, appeared at the Hudson Guild Theatre in 2004. Smyth has been an LAPD employee for nearly seven years and works as a Clerk Typist for Commercial Crimes Division in the San Fernando Valley. One of the main duties of his assignment is assigning Identity Theft reports to the detectives in his office. Donaco is "a proud member of the City Employees Club" and regularly takes advantage of many of the Club's benefits, like ticket purchases and great hiking trails around the City. Break a leg, Donaco! Congratulations.



Have you or your children recently achieved something special? It could be academic, or part of your hobby, or similar. Let us know! Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

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**Term Life** (from \$10K to \$300K)  
Safeguard your loved ones! Life insurance is a great way to protect them. Purchasing term life insurance also makes you eligible for the Club's famous refund check...whatever we don't spend in claims and overhead, we return to the policyholders. Smart...well managed...and service-oriented.

**Spouse Life Insurance**  
Include your spouse with Club Term Life Insurance.

**Long Term Disability Insurance**  
Protect yourself from career-ending traumas.



**Long Term Care Insurance**  
Manage your future health-care costs with this Club package.

**Cancer Insurance**  
Purchase a Cancer Insurance policy from the Club, and put this affliction out of your mind.

**Group Rated Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance**  
Use the power of the Club to protect yourself against the financial downfall of accidental death or dismemberment.

**Group Rated Auto and Homeowners Insurance**  
Take advantage of the Club's purchasing power (strength in numbers!) to get great rates for your auto and homeowners insurance.

## Your Counselor

### Can Help

Your Club Counselor will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the Club's insurance packages. Look on page 4 to find out which Counselor represents your department ...or call (800) 464-0452.



Arlene Herrero



Howard Pompel

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## Graduations

# Congratulations!



Dr. Mark E. Henderson received his Doctoral degree in education in May from the University of La Verne, And he was honored June 7 as the "Distinguished Father of the Year" by the National Association of University Women, Compton Branch, at a Scholarship/Award Banquet at Cal State Dominguez Hills. He's the son of Marjorie Thayne, Retired, Cultural Affairs.



Jessica Ruiz, youngest daughter of Judy Ruiz, LAPD, graduated from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of science degree in education. Jessica attained her degree in just three years and graduated *summa cum laude* with a 3.98 GPA. She plans to teach high school history in the Santa Clarita Valley.



Daniel Jamgotchian graduated from Notre Dame High School in June 2008. He will be attending California State University Northridge, majoring in Mechanical Engineering. His proud parents are the *Alive!* designers, David and Marie Jamgotchian.



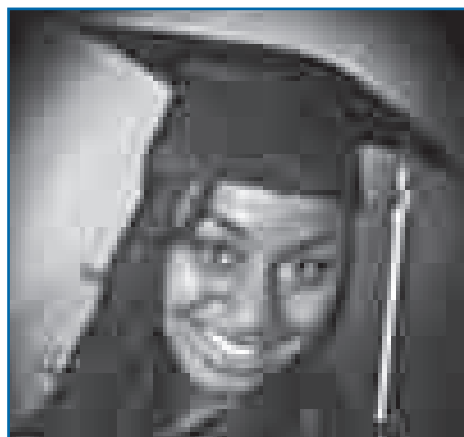
Nick Hernandez graduated from St. Anthony's School this month and plans to attend Gabrielino High School in the fall. Dad is Jaime Hernandez, Safety Engineer Associate, DWP.



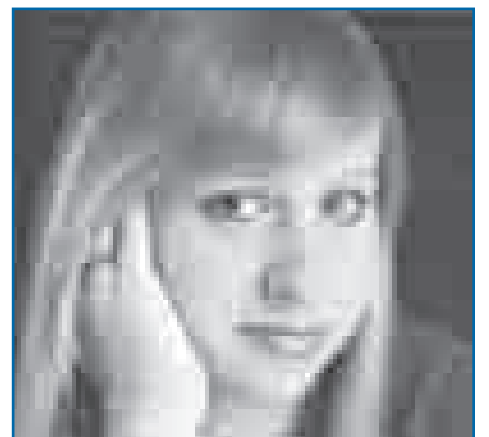
Gavielle Concepcion graduated from Alta Loma High School *cum laude* (top one percent of senior class). She plans to attend U.C. Riverside as a biochemistry major in the fall. She's the daughter of Collin Concepcion, Airports/Ontario.



Gloria Guadalupe Onate-Kemnitz graduated from Cajon High School in San Bernardino. She plans to attend Cal State University San Bernardino in the fall, studying nursing education. Gloria is the daughter of Ernesto Onate, Transportation, and Club Member.



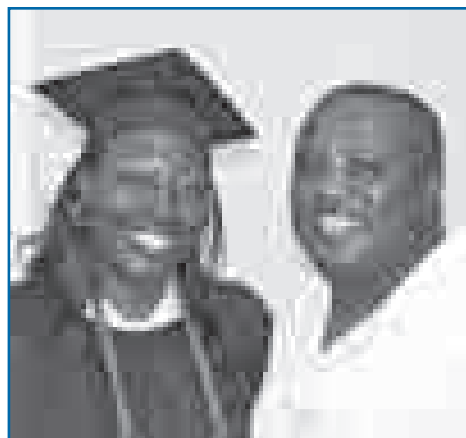
Michelle Cirilla Banuelos Smith graduated with honors from First Lutheran High School in Sylmar, where she was class president. She plans to attend Cook College in Daytona, Fla., where she has been offered a softball scholarship. She is related to Chermaine Fontenette, Club Member.



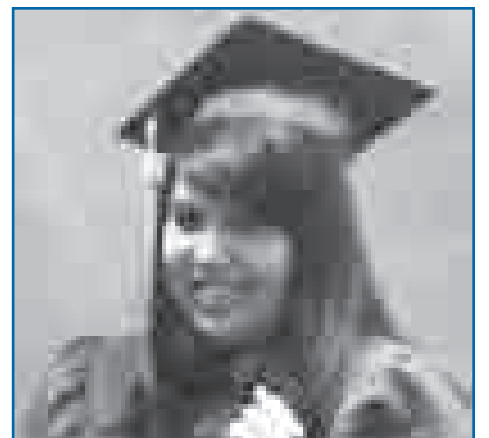
Alyssa Ryan graduated from Riverside Christian High School with a 4.0 grade point average and plans to attend California Lutheran College in Thousand Oaks in September. She's the daughter of Rick Ryan, DWP.



Alyssa Janeé Peterson graduated from Lincoln High School in Stockton with a 3.8 GPA. She plans to attend Fresno State this fall, majoring in psychology and minoring in communication. She is the granddaughter of Thomas Vercher, graphic designer, Library, and Club Member.



L'keva Harris graduated with an Associate's degree in criminal justice from Los Angeles Mission College and plans to pursue her Bachelor's degree and ultimately her Master's degree, also in criminal justice! L'keva is a crime scene photographer for LAPD's Scientific Investigation Division.



Elisa Espinoza graduated from West Covina High School and plans to attend Mount St. Mary's College in the fall. Her mom is Eva Espinoza, Club Member.



## Weddings

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## Quinceañera

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## Military



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