

* A Message From the CEO *

I love ClubFest. No doubt about it.

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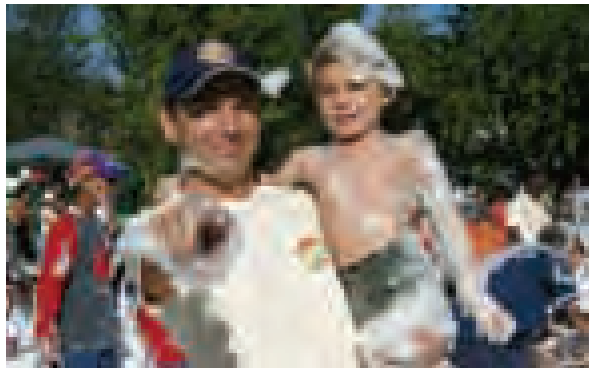
What's the best part of it for you? Some (especially the guys!) love the food. The games are fun. The live music rocks. Everyone loves the great raffles, of course. Even the puppet show brings smiles to everyone's faces.

There's plenty to love about ClubFest!

But let me tell you my two favorite things about it. First, I just love being outdoors in the open, clean air, with blue sky and trees. Like most of you, I presume, I live in the City. And I love it. But there's nothing like getting into the great outdoors on a beautiful day. And I know that many of you enjoy that, too.

The other thing I love is the camaraderie, the feeling that, when we all come together, it really is special. Club Members are not just a group of people who happen to work for the same employer; any company or institution can pull that together. But ClubFest shows that people who work for the City really do have a fun outlook and great character in common. That's what the Club is all about.

Thanks to **Robert Larios** and **The Ticket Guy** for producing what's sure to be another great ClubFest.



CEO John Hawkins and son Isaiah enjoying the foam at a past ClubFest.

Well, let's see, in other news ... as you know, the Club is for everyone who works for the City: young and old, GMs and rookies, etc. But this month, there was a lot of news about General Managers with strong Club connections. I want to wish huge congratulations to Club Member **Tony Royster** for his permanent appointment to the GM position at General Services. Tony has been a big supporter of the Club since its very first days. He's been happy for our success, and now we return the favor.

Also, we say goodbye to City Librarian **Fontayne Holmes**, another great friend of the Club who retired after a "storied" career with the Library. I have to say, the project that built or refurbished almost 100 new libraries in the City a few years ago was one of the most impressive projects I've seen, and Fontayne is to be congratulated for it. A few years ago, *Alive!* did a big two-part story on the new libraries, and Fontayne really welcomed us. Congratulations on a great career with the City, Fontayne. Godspeed.

And finally, we're happy to report on **BongHwan Kim**, Neighborhood Empowerment, and **Sally Choi**, LACERS, as the first two Asian-American General Managers in City history. Congratulations!

There are a couple of really exciting things happening at **The Ticket Guy's** Club Store. I'm glad he's telling everyone in this issue about the Club's E-ticket service, where he can send your Disneyland or SeaWorld tickets right to your email inbox. We're the only City association who can do that; it's part of our great customer service.

And don't miss one of the Club Store's "Hot Tickets" - *Walking With Dinosaurs*. This is a hugely popular national tour (kids just love dinosaurs!), and it's quite a coup that **The Ticket Guy** was able to snag some tickets - and offer them to you at the great Club discount, of course. Get 'em while you can!

Well, I write this just before Labor Day. That's an important day for all of us - both here at the Club, and among those who work for the City. We appreciate all you do for the citizens of Los Angeles. The City is grateful.

Have a great September.

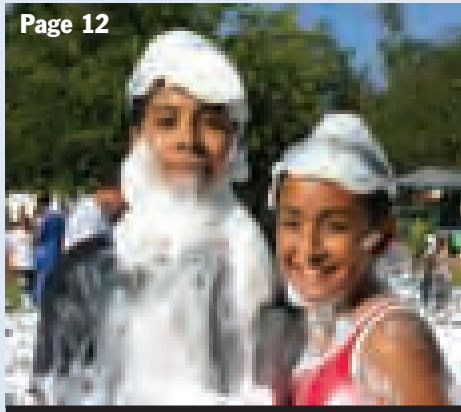
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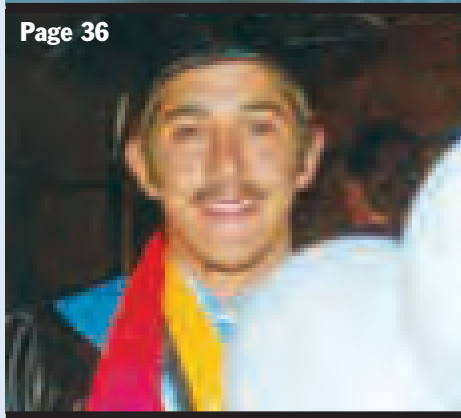
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