

In this monthly feature, Club CEO John Hawkins and Director of Member Services Angel Gomez introduce you to people you see every day, but you might not know who they are. The Club reminds you that we all have names and stories to tell.

People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.

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Meet Frances Dawson.

AGE: "59."

BIRTHPLACE: "East Los Angeles."

MARITAL STATUS: "Married." *{To Rico Dawson, in last month's Alive! – Ed.}*

FAMILY: "Nine brothers and five sisters."

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY:
"When I was with my cousin at my grandma's, we sang on the cars."

MOVED TO THE CITY: "I've lived here all my life."

EDUCATION: "I stopped at eighth grade."

MILITARY: "No."

IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? "To have a home and to see my children."

LAST JOB: "A cook in El Monte."

FAVORITE SPORTS: "Handball and teth-erball."

RELIGION: "Catholic."

FAVORITE FOODS:
"Menudo and enchiladas."

FAVORITE MOVIE: "I love horror movies and detective movies."

FAVORITE ACTOR: "Kirk Douglas."

FAVORITE ACTRESS: "Britney Spears."

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Cheers."

FAVORITE MUSIC: "Oldies."

FAVORITE CANDY:
"Mars bars and Hershey bars."

WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "Sometimes I go to the New Image Shelter."

FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY:
"Flag Park."

ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Give to the homeless. We need more financial support, more money in general."

LAST BOOK READ: "The Bible."

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE WAR IN IRAQ? "Leave them alone; save lives here in the United States."

IF YOU WERE MAYOR, WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO HELP THE HOMELESS? "I would provide more humane shelter, and encourage more funding. The missions are not the solution."

The Club gave Frances a water bottle, three pairs of socks, a \$25 McDonalds gift certificate, \$20 cash and snacks.

The interview took place Aug. 19 at "Flag Park" at the County Administration Building, one block from City Hall.



Newsbrief

RECYCLING EDUCATION:

On Sept. 22, recycling was on the agenda at the start of the academic school year for more than 20 third-grade students at Justice Elementary School in West Hills on the western edge of the San Fernando Valley. The classroom received a 20-minute presentation on recycling knowledge, best practices, personal responsibility and the correct sorting of waste and recyclables for the black, green and blue bins. Nine classrooms of approximately 180 third-, fourth- and fifth-graders received the presentation as part of the Joint City of Los Angeles/Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Blue Bin Recycling Program.

"The City's engagements with teaching children about the importance of recycling are critical to their participation at school and at home in implementing recycling practices that help to protect the environment," said Cynthia M. Ruiz, president of the Board of Public Works. "We are extremely proud of our City and school partnerships that provide the opportunity to enhance and reinforce information that encourage recycling in our youth for the future."

The classroom presentations are made through the Joint City/LAUSD Blue Bin Recycling Program, which provides free curbside recycling by the City of Los Angeles and LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety to all LAUSD elementary schools within the borders of the city of Los Angeles. Since the program's inception in January 2006, more than 1,167 recycling and environmental stewardship presentations have been made to more than 31,000 students.



Bureau of Sanitation spokesperson Innocent Onyeka with the Joint City/LAUSD Blue Bin Recycling Program details the proper use of the black, blue and green containers and the correct sorting of recyclables and waste to more than twenty students at Justice Elementary School in the San Fernando Valley.

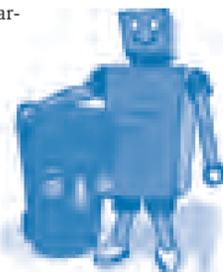
"Our partnership with LAUSD allows the city to teach children and engage schools with volunteer action through the practice of recycling and hands-on experience with source separation," said Enrique C. Zaldivar, director of the Bureau of Sanitation. "This program lays the groundwork to meet the goal of increasing the diversion of recyclables, conserving renewable resources and strengthening the foundation for future recycling efforts as our children grow into adulthood."

Currently, more than 440 LAUSD schools are participating in the blue bin recycling program. The Bureau of Sanitation estimates that the school district is saving approximately \$1.5 million annually through this recycling program by allowing the district to avoid disposal costs through the use of the city's recycling services.

"We want to express our deepest appreciation to all the administrators, teachers, parents and students that have implemented our program throughout the city. Many have demonstrated a personal commitment to the environmental movement," said Stevan Casares, program manager of the City of Los Angeles/LAUSD Blue Bin Recycling Program. "By championing our program, these schools are making a difference by creating a culture in which environmental stewardship becomes a way of life."

The Joint City/LAUSD Blue Bin Recycling Program encourages all LAUSD schools in the city of Los Angeles to learn about the benefits of engaging youth in recycling and participating in environmental stewardship.

All LAUSD schools participating in the joint program are eligible to compete for cash prizes in varying amounts totaling \$10,000 each year.



Who are the people you see every day?