

Holiday Happenings

CLUB STORE

Time Running Short to Donate Toys

Be a part of this Club holiday tradition by donating toys to the less fortunate.

This year, more than ever, your generosity is really needed to help children in the City celebrate the holidays. So consider joining in the Club's annual Toy Drive.

As part of the Club Angels program, the annual Club Toy Drive, in conjunction with the Central City Police Boosters toy drive, is gearing up your accept your toys for those in need.

Collections run through Friday, Dec. 5 at the new Club Store and Service Center, or through your Club Counselor. Club Members are asked to contribute an unwrapped toy to the cause.

The drive is spearheaded by the LAPD Central City Police Boosters. In the past, some of the toys were distributed to City Employees in hardship, too.

This is the sixth year that the Club has participated in the Central City Police Boosters holiday toy drive, and each year the drive collects more toys. More than 112 toys were collected last year; that includes toys donated by Club staffers and Club Members such as yourself. With your help, the Club hopes to collect even more.

The Club thanks you in advance for your generosity.



Last year's toy drive distributed more than 112 toys to families in need. Won't you help spread Christmas cheer this year to those who need it? Pictured during last year's Club Toy Drive were Club staffers (from left) Marla Fisher, Claims Assistant; John Hawkins, CEO and President; the Ticket Guy; and Jessica Segura, Merchandise and Ticket Sales Coordinator.

DWP

Holiday Dress-a-Doll

DWP's East Valley Water participates in Dress-a-Doll program, for charity.

Story by *Sonia Lajas, Senior Clerk Typist, East Valley Water Distribution, DWP;*
Photos courtesy *East Valley Water Distribution*

Christmas is a time that transports us to childhood. The wonderful scent of Christmas trees, the taste of cocoa and visions of beautifully wrapped gifts under the tree remind us how the season fills us with joy and hope for the future.

Spreading this joy with less fortunate children in our communities is a goal of the East Valley Water Distribution Yard, which participates in the Dress-a-Doll program sponsored by the Employees' Association of the Department of Water and Power.

For more than ten years, April Frank, Senior Clerk Typist at Water Distribution's East Valley District, has been dedicated to this program, which distributes dressed dolls to those less fortunate. April encourages her fellow employees to participate and bring cheer to little girls at Christmas. She has created the Doll Boutique and makes outfits for the dolls to wear. She goes

beyond the simple dress or jumpsuit; she adds accessories including handbags, hats, scarves and backpacks, all coordinated to the outfit. She also adorns these beauties with bows, ribbons and even tiaras.

"Children should be happy at Christmas, no matter what the circumstances are surrounding them," April says. "Their smiles, even for just a few minutes, make it all worthwhile."

Enrique Garcia, Senior Water Utility Worker at East Valley, shares this sentiment. He said, "I am proud to be helping the underprivileged children at Christmas."

At East Valley, the men and women have dressed 70 dolls this year, an impressive amount, since the yard has only 76 employees. Each year the District maintains approximately 90 percent employee participation in the program.

Marilyn Morton, Principal Clerk Utility at East Valley, expressed what this program signifies to her. "The Dress-a-Doll program gives many of us an excuse to play with dolls once again, but more importantly, it kicks off the season of gift giving and sharing with others."



April Frank, Senior Clerk Typist, East Valley Water Distribution (standing, left), Marilyn Morton, Principal Clerk Utility, East Valley Water Distribution (right) and Makayla Washington, daughter of Rosa Washington, Senior Clerk Typist, East Valley Water Distribution, prepare dressed dolls for less fortunate children.

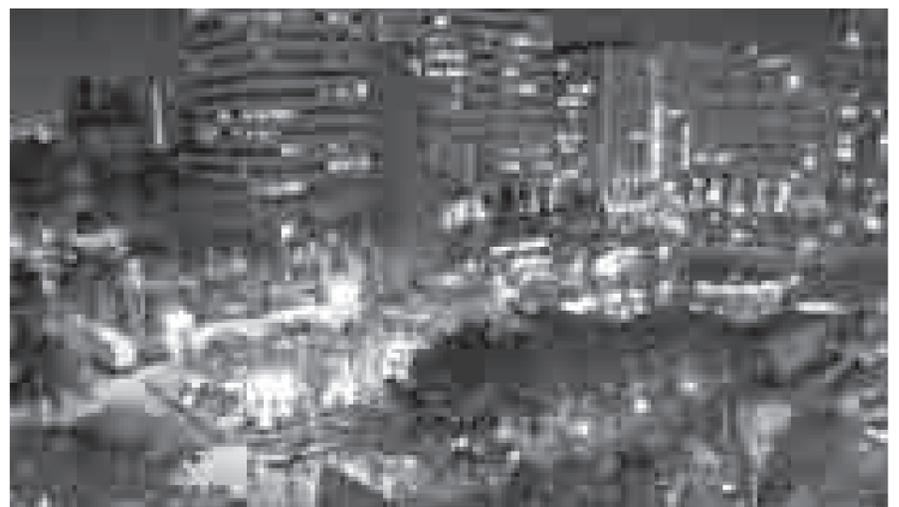
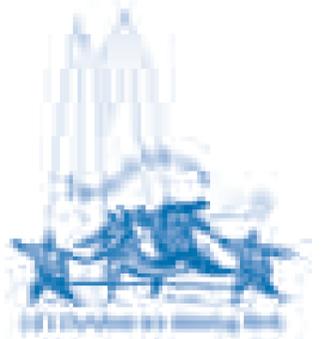


Makayla Washington (left), daughter of Rosa Washington, Senior Clerk Typist, East Valley Water Distribution, and Rachel Cruz, daughter of Richard Cruz, Senior Water Utility Worker, help dress up dolls to give to the less fortunate this holiday season.

REC AND PARKS

Great to Skate

Downtown on Ice Ice skates into December with lots of fun events.



L.A. Kings Downtown on Ice lights up the downtown night sky.

The LA Kings *Downtown on Ice* continues its 11th season at Pershing Square every day through Jan. 19.

Admission price is \$6 (skate rental is \$2). Scheduled special events include:

- free youth hockey clinics
- a free concert series
- a free Winter Holiday Festival
- weekend Kids Zone interactive entertainment
- an outdoor Cityscape Art Gallery Exhibit
- and more.

Sponsors include Rec and Parks, the Los Angeles Kings and Councilmember Jan Perry (9th District).

Sometimes hailed as the Rockefeller Center of the west, the Pershing Square rink is framed by towering skyscrapers, trees and stunning historical landmarks.

Centrally located in the heart of the City of Angels, the facility is easily accessible by car, bus or rail. Rewarding commuters, a collaboration with Metro, Metrolink and Montebello Buslines allows riders to receive a \$1 skating session dis-

count by showing a coupon available on all mass transit lines. The convenient stop at Pershing Square Station makes getting there easy. Underground discount parking is available with validation.

For more info and a detailed session schedule go to www.laparks.org or call (213) 847-4970.



Olympic star Dorothy Hamill is a big fan of *Downtown on Ice*.



Last year at *Downtown on Ice*.

L.A. Kings Downtown on Ice

Hours: Open every day through Jan. 19

Monday – Thursday: noon to 10 p.m.

Friday – Sunday: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Special Extended Holiday Hours:

Dec. 19 – Jan. 11 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily

Open Christmas Day: Noon to 10 p.m.

Open New Year's Day: Noon to 10 p.m.

Price: One hour skating session \$6; skate rental \$2. Group and party rates available.

Information: (888) LA-PARKS (527-2757) or visit www.laparks.org and click on Pershing Square.

