## **July 2009**

## This Month at the



Here are the highlights of the Club Store and Service Center for July:

## TICKETS



Try the Club's E-ticket system!

Buy your tickets to Disneyland, Seaworld and

Aquarium of the Pacific, and have them

delivered to your email box. It's that simple!

See the details on page 35.







# **MERCHANDISE**

**SPECIALS** 





Shop at the Club Store for all your gift

needs!



## **United Agencies** APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE

**GET A FREE QUOTE ON AUTO AND HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE** 

July 2

Patty Pulido, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Rosa Calderon, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

July 10

Norma Angulo, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

July 16

Patty Pulido, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

July 17

Rosa Calderon, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Patty Pulido, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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July 31

Norma Angulo, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Note: The Club Store will be closed Friday, July 3, for the Independence Day holiday.

## Your United Agencies Reps:







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### **LAPD**

## **Detention Officer Graduation**

Police Dept. graduates its new class of Detention Officers.



From left: Sr. Detention Officer Sandra Rodriguez, Club Member; and Sr. Detention Officer Renee J. Cuevas, Club



Principal Detention Officer Michael H. Ellington presents the Honorary Awards.



From left: Detention Officer Blanca Cruz, Club Member;



Deputy Chief Sergio G. Diaz, Commanding Officer, Operations Central Bureau, Club Member, shares the story of his son-in-law's graduation through the detention



From left: SDO Juan Aragon with SDO Edin Chang-

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

 $T^{
m he\ LAPD}$  graduated a class of 12 officers (plus one from the Santa Monica Police Dept.) as part of its newest class of Detention Officers. The ceremony was held May 12 at the Police Academy.

The uniform inspection was conducted by Dep. Chief Terry S. Hara, Commanding Officer, Operations West Bureau. The National Anthem was sang by Bridget Jones. Introduction and presentation of diplomas were conducted by Capt. Clay Farrell, Commanding Officer, Jail Division. The recruit class speech was delivered by Detention Officer and Class Leader Adam Bartels. Additional remarks were delivered by Dep. Chief Sergio G. Diaz, Commanding Officer, Operations Central Bureau, who reflected on his son-in-law's graduation through the detention academy. The commencement address was delivered by Dep. Chief Terry S. Hara, who reminded the graduates that their patience will be tested, but they had the opportunity to work at 10 different state-of-the-art jail facilities. Honorary Awards were presented by Principal Detention Officer Michael Ellington, Senior Drill Instructor.

### **Special Recognition honors went to:**

- Outstanding Academic Achievement: Jorge Moodie Jr.;
- Outstanding Physical Training Achievement: Jorge Aragon;
- Outstanding Uniform Appearance: Jerry Lee; and
- Outstanding Overall Recruit: Adam Bartels.



From left: Jennifer Estrada, Jail Manager, Santa Monica PD; and SDO Juan Aragon.



From left: Principal Detention Officer David C. Yuan; and Detention Officer Val Balaton, Club Member.



Training staff, from left: Sr. Detention Officer Renee J. Cuevas, Club Member; Sr. Detention Officer Sandra Rodriguez, Club Member; Principal Detention Officer Michael H. Ellington; Senior Detention Officer Edin Chang-Lucero; and Principal Detention Officer David C. Yuan.



Traditional site for the LAPD Detention Officer Graduation

#### The graduates are:

- Jorge Aragon, Club Member;
- Adam Bartels;
- Natalie Benitez, Club Member;
- Eboni Bryant;
- Blanca Cruz, Club Member;
- Justin Flanagan, Club Member;
- Juan Hernandez, Club Member:
- Jerry Lee, Club Member;
- Jorge Moodie Jr., Club Member;
- Annamarie Robles, Club Member; Damon Williams, Club Member;
- Peter Yum;
- David Bustos, Santa Monica PD.

Special thanks to Principal Detention Officer Michael Ellington and Sr. Detention Officer Renee Cuevas for their assistance in producing this article.

### The Club congratulations all the new graduates!



**Detention Officer Jerry** 



**Detention Officer Juan** 



**Detention Officer Adam** 

Graduates come marching in.

Bridget Jones sings the National Anthem.



**Detention Officer Justin** 



**Detention Officer Damon** 



**Detention Officer Jorge** Aragon, Club Member



**Detention Officer Natalie** Benitez, Club Member



Detention Officer Eboni



**Detention Officer Blanca** Cruz, Club Member.



**Detention Officer Peter** 



**Detention Officer Jorge** Moodie Jr., Club Member.



Councilman Dennis Zine, Club Member.



**Detention Officer** Annamarie Robles, Club



David Bustos, Santa Monica Police Department.



From left: Lt. Biersborn, Van Nuys; and Detention Officer



From left: Dep. Chief Terry S. Hara is joined by Capt. Clay Farrell, Commanding Officer, Jail Division, for the uniform

# INSURED



## BY JEFF GELINEAU

Vice President of United Agencies, The Club's Auto and Home Insurance Partner



# Insuring Your Graduate

It's the time of year when parents ask the eternal question: "If they are graduating, how come they still seem so young?

Being a parent of a teenager is tough, but having a teenage driver on your auto insurance is even tougher! You can easily increase the cost of your auto insurance by 200 to 300 percent just by adding a 17-year-old boy.

Here are 10 ways to help reduce the cost of insuring teenagers:

- Insure your son or daughter on your own policy. It is generally cheaper to add your teenagers to your insurance policy than for them to purchase their own. If they are going to be driving their own car, insure it with your company so that you can get a multi-car discount.
- Let your insurer know if your teenager is going away to school. If your kids are living away at school - at least 100 miles from home - you will get a discount for the time they are not around to drive the car. This, of course, assumes that they leave the car at home.
- Encourage your teen to get good grades and to take a driver-training course. Most companies will give discounts for getting at least a "B" average in school and for taking recognized driving courses.
- Shop around. Insurance companies differ dramatically in how they price policies for young drivers.
- Pick a safe car. The type of car a young person drives can dramatically affect the price of insurance. You and your teenager should choose a car that is easy to drive and would offer protection in the event of a crash. You should avoid small cars and those with highperformance images that might encourage speed and recklessness. Trucks and SUVs should also be avoided, since they are more prone to rollovers.
- Talk to them about safe driving. Driving safely will not only keep your son or daughter alive and healthy, it will also save money. As your teenager gets older, insurance rates will drop, providing he or she has a good driving record.
- Talk to your teen about the dangers of combining driving with alcohol, lack of sleep and distractions. Accidents occur each year because a teen driver was using a cell phone, playing the radio or

- talking to friends in the backseat. Also, teens should be careful not to provide distractions and to exhibit safe behavior when they are passengers in their friends' cars.
- Be a good role model. New drivers learn by example, so if you drive recklessly, your teenage driver may copy you. Always wear your seatbelt, and never drink and drive.
- Institute your own version of a graduated drivers licensing program. A number of states have reduced teen accidents by restricting the amount of time new drivers may be on the road without supervision. If your state doesn't have such a program, you may institute this same policy with your own children. Also, take an active role in helping your teenager learn to drive. Plan a series of practice drives in a wide variety of situations – nighttime, rain and snow. Give them time to work up to challenges including driving in heavy traffic, on freeways, or hitting a complicated intersection.
- Walk! "When I was a kid, I had to walk five miles to the school bus in the driving snow. And it was uphill in both directions!" Good luck with that!

For more information on teen driving, contact the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety at www.iihs.org or the Department of Transportation www.dot.gov

Feel free to call our agency if you have any questions about insuring teens, would like to get a quote for your home or auto policy through us, or would like a question answered on any type of insurance.

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Be safe and have fun!

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