

LETTERS To the Editor

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LETTER OF THE MONTH

Convention Center Greening Up to LEED Version Three

I just wanted to mention to you that LA Convention Center is now registered with USGBC as an official Re-Certification LEED Project. It's because we are special and continually strive to be the best.

Now, we're going after the Silver LEED Certification for Existing Building Operations and Maintenance V3. LEED EBOM V3 is the latest USGBC LEED Certification for Existing Buildings that want to become LEED Certified.

If all goes well, by this time next year, the L.A. Convention Center will once again raise the bar and become the only Convention Center of this size and age to become LEED EBOM V3 Certified with a Silver status.

– **Ray Castro, Chief Building Engineer, Convention Center**



Hi Ray, wow, great to hear! We're all behind you as you take another green step forward. Readers may remember the *Alive!* cover story from April, in which we documented the Convention Center's status as the City's first LEED-EB-Certified Silver building, and

the first convention center of its size and age to be so designated. Now they're going on to achieve even stricter standards. Good luck to the great staff at the Convention Center. – Ed.

'Back in the Day' Brings The Past Into the Present

I just received my latest *Alive!* and thoroughly enjoyed the "Back in the Day" coverage [*Alive!* cover story, August]. You've done a great job with the newspaper.

– **Dave Peterson, Club Member, Former Board Member**

Hi Dave, thanks for your comment. We had a great time talking to Irene Tresun and Simon and James Hollis. It's always good to go back and learn about the past – sometimes to discover that we have it pretty good these days. —Ed.

Well, I must declare that it was so nice to see your cover story on the three City Employee "old timers." I remember those days as clear as a bell; sometimes I wish things were the same. Well, except that we didn't have the *Alive!* newspaper back then; jeez, not sure how we got along without it!

– **Mary Rose Wilkens, Retired**

Well, you guys keep up the good work, and I'll stay in touch. I'm still nursing my bum knee. All the best.

Hi Mary Rose, you're right, there was no *Alive!* back then. But there was the City Employees Club, which started (as the LACEA) back in 1928. No matter the era, the City Employees Club is there with the City's best services. Oh, and take care of that knee! —Ed.

This Playa Is Hooping It Up Over Club Sports

Hey Robert Larios, er, I mean, Sports Dude: Just a quick note to let you know that I'm glad you and the Club took over the sports leagues. You are doing an awesome job, and all of us players really appreciate it. I'm looking forward to basketball season!

– **Twolmney Jackson, DWP**

Corrections



Shelia Shannon-Thomas

- In a story about the DWP Fallen Memorial (July), we gave incorrect information about the date of death and title of Brian Blaney, one of the DWP fallen. Brian died Aug. 23, 2002, and his title was Line Patrol Mechanic.
- Also, in the *Be Alive!* feature (August), we incorrectly stated that seasonal "Meet the Grunion" events at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium lasted through August; actually, they ended in July. Thanks to Mike Schaad, Director, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, for the correction.
- Also in last month's *Alive!*, in our story on the retirement of Shelia Shannon-Thomas, we misstated her title and years of City service. She retired as Payroll Supervisor, Public Works/Street Services, with 37 years of City service.

Alive! regrets these errors.

QUESTION of the Month



– Collected by Rachael Brecher, Club Store Rep

The Ticket Guy and Rachael at the Club Store ask Club Members fun questions when they visit to purchase tickets or great Club apparel and gifts. So, stop by and join in the fun!

What was your favorite subject in school?



"Astronomy in college."

– Wendy Loo, City Attorney's Office, 6 years of City service.



"History, because I like learning about the past."

– Frank Frias, Animal Services, 10 years of City service.



"Math."

– Willie Buggs, City Clerk, four years of City service.



"Physical education: Volleyball was my favorite."

– Linda Williams, Retired, LAPD, 26 years of City service.



"History."

– Lucia Hernandez, Rec and Parks, 5 years of City service.



"English."

– Paulette Stanton, Communications, 21 years of City service.



"R.O.T.C., because it counted as P.E and science credits."

– Adam Greek, Transportation, 3 years of City service.



"Public policy in college and, in high school, P.E., because of football."

– Jimmy Valenzuela, CDD, 15 years of City service.



"Math."

– John Mireles, Transportation, 10 years of City service.



"Art class."

– Lourdes Romero, Airports, 25 years of City service.

Something to  Think About

"The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime."

– Babe Ruth

A reminder from L.A. City's Quality and Productivity Commission:
Always do your best!