

HARBOR

Patricia Retires

Officer Patricia Montano, Club Member, retires from Port Police after 30 years of City service.



The cake.



From left: Ellie Russell, first cousin of Pat Montano; Janice Hubbard, first cousin of Pat Montano; Barbara Espinosa, sister of Pat Montano; and Jimmy Espinosa, Pat Montano's brother-in-law.



From left: Port Police Officer Fred Montiel, Club Member; Sgt. David Armijo, Club Member; Sgt. Michael Belo, Club Member; and Motor Officer Masaki Imoto, Club Member.



Betty and Hank Luzaro, aunt and uncle of Pat Montano.



Annette Geiger, niece of Pat Montano, with her husband, Mark.



Pat Montano's Uncle Ernie and Aunt Sophia.



Linda Wyatt, Retired, Club Member, and Robert Lesley, Retired.



From left: Sr. Lead Officer Cheryl Morris-Dorries, Club Member, with Port Police Officer Pat Montano, Retiree, Club Member.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

A retirement party was held Nov. 13 for Patricia Ann Montano, Port Police Officer I. The party was held in the Tom Bradley Room high atop City Hall.

Patricia retired after 30 years of dedicated service to the City of Los Angeles. She began her City career as a Clerk Typist at the Los Angeles Harbor Department in 1979, and worked as a Police Civilian Detention Officer for the Los Angeles Harbor Department from 1984 to 1989 before becoming a Special Officer III in 1989 and serving as a Port Police Officer from 2003 to the present.

In December 1989 she received a Notice of Commendation for her attention to duty, investigative techniques and report writing ability when she detained a suspicious male that resulted in recovering rock cocaine and other paraphernalia.

In January 1991 she received recognition from the U.S. Marine Corps for support given to the First Marine Expeditionary Force exercise, having participated and giving support in a professional and courteous manner.

In January 1991 she received a second Notice of Commendation for her training and officer safety efforts provided to the Port tenants when she and her fellow officer made a traffic stop that resulted in the driver and passenger, having been found possessing loaded firearms, were taken into custody without incident.

In 1992, Ms. Montano had the distinction of being selected as an original member of the Port Police Bike Team.

In February 1996, she was recognized for her positive performance during the City-wide earthquake exercise, where she was assigned to the City's Emergency Operations Center and the Mobile Emergency Operations Center, having performed her role in a professional manner and with strong effort.

Congratulations on your retirement, Patricia Ann!

Alive! thanks Julie Di Tucci and Port Police Officer Livanios Pilitsis for their assistance in producing this article.



From left: Christine Pina, Port Police Cadet; Ryan Mullany, Sr. Lead Officer, Club Member; and Port Police Officer Al Garcia, Club Member.



From left: Sr. Lead Officer Robert Reynolds, Club Member, and his wife, Lawanda, who's a Special Events Person for Congresswoman Laura Richardson; Theresa and Port Police Officer Jose Alvarez, Club Member, assigned to Office of the Chief of Police.



From left: Port Police Officer Frank Huang, Club Member; Mary Ramos, Clerk Typist, Club Member; and Port Police Officer Joseph Arthur, Club Member.



Port Police Officer Livanios Pilitsis, Club Member, with Port Police Officer Patricia Montano, Retiree, Club Member.



Port Police Officer Patricia Montano.



From left: Theresa and Port Police Officer Jose Alvarez, Assigned to Chief of Police, Club Member; Port Police Officer Pat Montano, Retiree, Club Member; Lawanda Reynolds, Special Events Person for Congresswoman Laura Richardson; and Port Police Officer Livanios Pilitsis, Club Member.



Reanna Vigil, niece of Pat Montano, with her guest, Angelo Villarreal. Pat Montano's nephew, Chris Hernandez, with his wife, Sylvia. Port Police Officer Roberto Ramirez, Club Member, and Laura Lopez, guest. Port Police Nick Marbach, K-9 units, Club Member, and his wife, Georgetta.



Standing, from left: Katie Vigil, daughter; Linda Vigil, Assistant Chief Wharfinger, Club Member; Mario Almanza, Marketing Manager; and Port Police Officer Maria Hernandez, K-9 Unit, Club Member. Seated, from left: Sylvia Sele, guest; Vivian Galvez, Pat Montano's cousin; and Norma Lucero, Pat Montano's cousin.

Standing: Byron Culbertson, Detective, Club Member, and his wife, Jeannette. Seated: Malika and Sr. Lead Officer Derek Pittman, Club Member.



Paul Dorries and his wife, Sr. Lead Officer Cheryl Morris-Dorries, Club Member. Maria Corona, Port Police Dispatcher, Club Member, and Sgt. John Curry, Club Member. Dave Knight, retired Port Police Officer, Club Member, with his wife, Veeva. From left: Racy Harris, guest; Mike Glimpse, Motor Officer, Club Member.



Back: Mey Alvarez, guest. Seated: Diane Walker, Sr. Clerk Typist, and her husband, Darryl. Standing, from left: Bill Paxson, Retired Port Police Officer, Club Member; and Moe and Port Police Officer Rudy Meza, Club Member. Seated, from left: Lt. Mike Capodanno, Club Member, and his wife, Karin; and Lydia and Capt. Al Rosario, Club Member.