



Alive!

Attending the LAPD Communications holiday party Dec. 6 in Marina del Rey were Tashanda Fredrick, PSR III, Club Member, and her husband, William.

52-Year Legend Terry Aguilar Says Goodbye and Retires

Career of Public Works legend and Club Member is honored.



Terry Aguilar

PUBLIC WORKS — After 52 years of providing excellent service and innovation in Public Works/Engineering, Terry Aguilar, Club Member, retired.

The big bash was held Nov. 18 overlooking the San Gabriel Valley.

A resolution credited Terry with a long list of major accomplishments, including managing the bureau's clerks; leading the transition from dedicated word processors to personal computers; leading the development of online resources; creating forms templates; and developing the bureau's 311 Citywide Services Directory; among many other things.

For all the photos and more info, see the article on page 14.

Congratulations on your great accomplishments, Terry. Enjoy your retirement!

Entries Go the Distance in Around The World Contest

Fifth-anniversary contest brings entries from around the globe.



THE CLUB — We had a sneaking suspicion that we would receive some good entries for our contest to mark the fifth anniversary of *Alive! Around the World*: How far from L.A. can you have your picture taken with your copy of *Alive!*?

The answer: Pretty far! And we received lots of good entries.

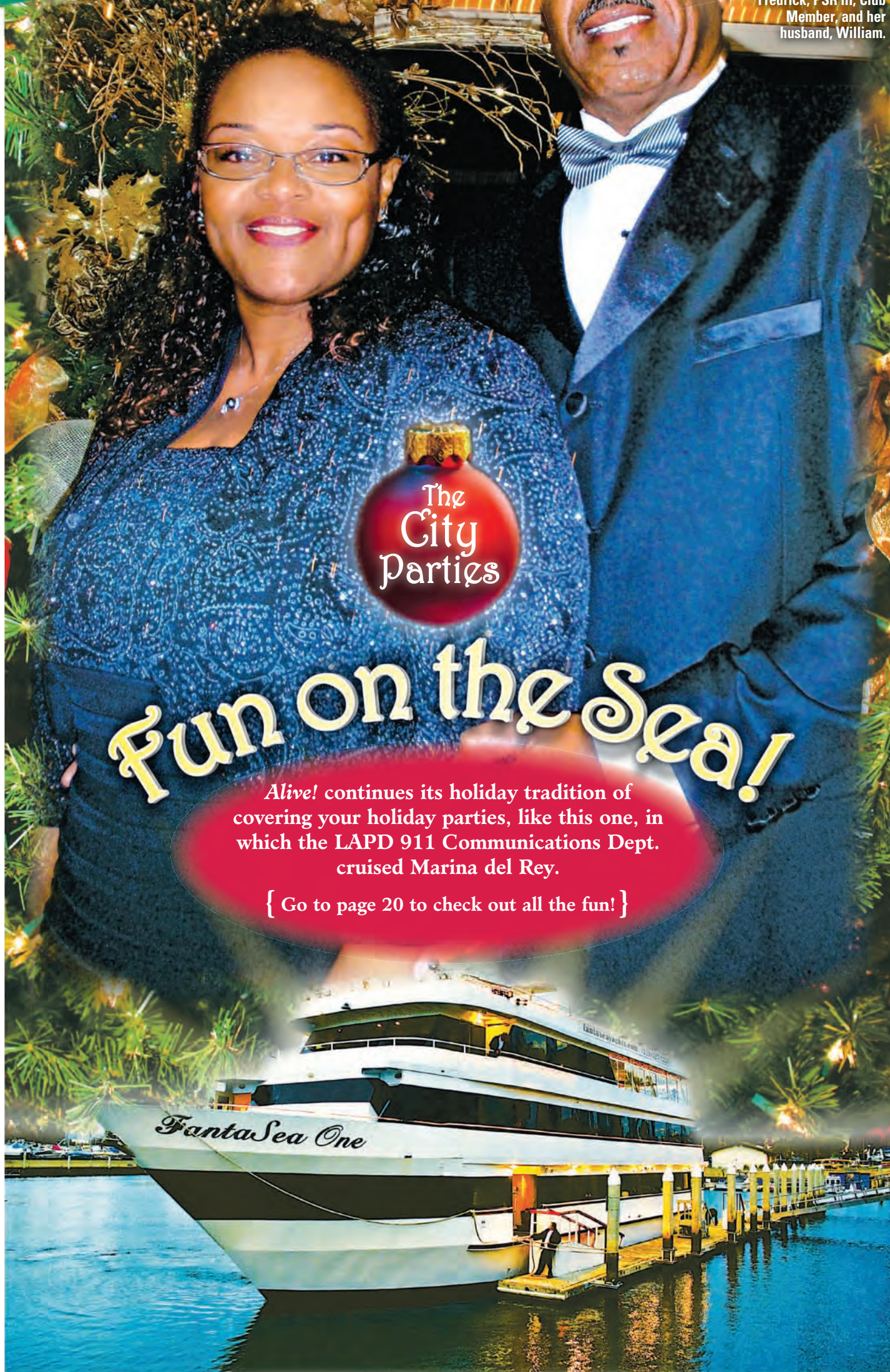
The results are published, and the winner is crowned, in this issue. Here's a hint: Think down under!

"We love that you have embraced *Alive! Around the World*," says Club CEO John Hawkins. Every day, when we open our mail and email, it seems there are at least a few more entries.

"And we received some awesome entries for our contest, including one that, all totaled, nearly equaled the circumference of the earth. Incredible!

"Thanks for participating, and keep the photos coming – even though the contest is over."

See the winner and the runners-up on page 46.



Fun on the Sea!

Alive! continues its holiday tradition of covering your holiday parties, like this one, in which the LAPD 911 Communications Dept. cruised Marina del Rey.

{ Go to page 20 to check out all the fun! }

Alive! photo by Tom Hawkins



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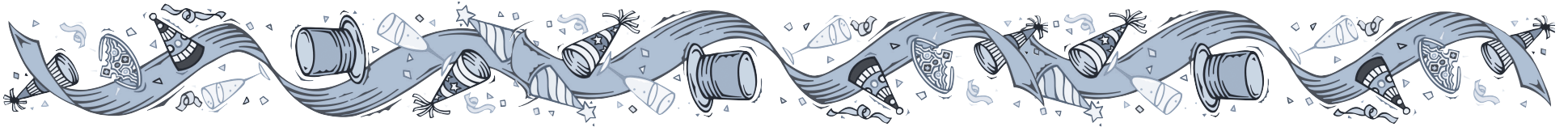
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Special Holiday Party Section



The City Parties!

*It's an annual
Alive! tradition!*

Every year, City Departments put aside their hard work and come together for fun and socialization at their festive holiday parties. And *Alive!* publishes as many of your party pics as we can.

Starting this month, we cover the City Parties. And we'll continue in the next months as the photos continue to trickle in.

Happy New Year!

The City Parties



Top, from left: Susan Bautista, Club Member, Personnel Analyst, 25 years of City service; Deborah Andersen, Sr. Clerk, 25 years; Pamela Williams, Club Member, CEA II, 35 years; and Cora Soriano, Club Member, Management Analyst, 22 years. Bottom: Grace Benedicto, Club Member, Sr. Project Coordinator, 15 years; and Rowena Workman, Club Member, Executive Administrator II, 21 years.



From left: Amelia Medina, Sr. Project Coordinator, 21 years of City service; Maria Lopez, Club Member, Project Assistant, 8 years; and Abigail Ramirez, Club Member, Sr. Project Coordinator, 6 years.

Community Development

Story by Eboné Moses, Club Counselor;
Photos by Eboné Moses and Brent Urban,
Club Counselors

The Community Development Dept. (CDD) celebrated its annual holiday party Dec. 11 at the J Restaurant and Lounge downtown.

Special thanks to Pamela Williams for inviting us to this fun and festive holiday celebration.



Dana Jensen, guest of Marty Gish, Management Analyst – the party animals!



Maricela Hernandez, Sr. Project Coordinator, and her son, Daniel Pablos.



From left: Angela Estell, Community Director, and Zita Davis, Sr. Management Analyst.



Candy and Donnie Brooks, Sr. Project Coordinator.



Jessica Lee with her mother, Marianne Angeles-Lee, Management Analyst II, 24 years of City service.



From left: Amelia Medina, Sr. Project Coordinator, 21 years of City service; Abigail Ramirez, Club Member, Sr. Project Coordinator, 6 years; Mirela Chavez, Club Member, Executive Assistant, 25 years; Maria Lopez, Club Member, Project Assistant, 8 years; Christine Velazquez, Club Member, Clerk Typist, 8 years; Grace Benedicto, Club Member, Sr. Project Coordinator, 15 years; and Nora Carvajal, Sr. Project Assistant, 9 years.



The CDD loves to dance!

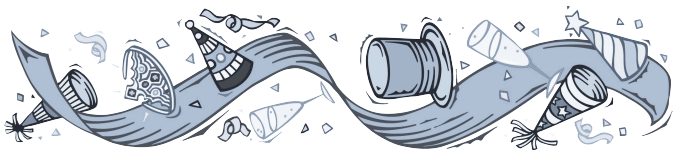


From left: Julie O'Leary and Mary G. Keipp, Program Director.

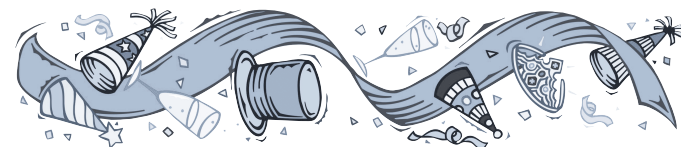


From left: Manny Chavez, Club Member, Chief Management Analyst, 25 years of City service, with his wife, Mirela, Club Member, Executive Assistant, 25 years; and Nora Carvajal, Sr. Project Assistant, 9 years, with her husband, Julian Cung.

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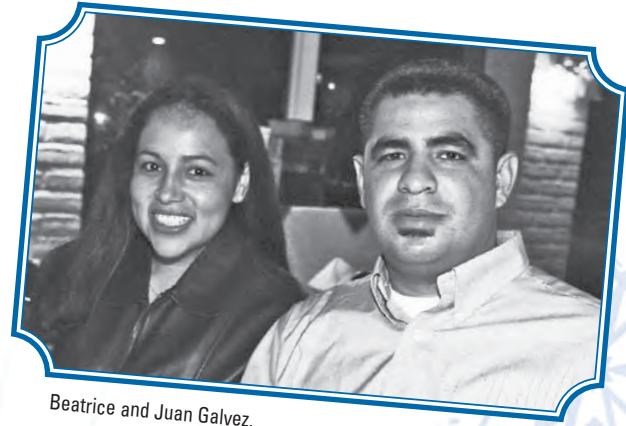
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Maryland Pacheco and Ray Cruz, Superintendent, Club Member



Raul Acosta and Jacqueline Cazaras.



Beatrice and Juan Galvez.



Manny Sanchez.

East Valley Sanitation

Photos by Tom Hawkins, Club Photographer

Public Works/Sanitation's East Valley Yard held its holiday dinner Dec. 5 at the Fairways Restaurant, Hansen Dam golf course.

Thanks to Ray Cruz, Club Member, for his assistance.



Sergio and Julia Pelayo.



Dorothy and Anthony Fenderson.



Victoria and Manny Camacho.



From left: Aurora Perales and Liz Mata.

Sanitation South Collection Division

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

The Public Works/Sanitation's South Collection Division held its annual holiday dinner Dec. 5. The party was held at Quiet Cannon restaurant in Montebello.

The South Collection Division comprises the following yards: WLA, North Central, Harbor and South LA.

The Club donated door prizes for the event. Guests enjoyed a buffet dinner with a live band and a DJ.

Thanks to Adriana Nunez and Andy Morales for assisting in the production of this article.



Enrique C. Zaldivar, Director, Public Works/Sanitation, and his wife, Brenda.



Michael Cobb, RCTO, N. Central, and his wife, Carol.



Bonaventure Butts, RCTO, WLA, Club Member, and his wife, Vanessa.



Kimberly and Quintin Ellis, RCTO, N. Central, Club Member.



Jackie and Geoffrey Morris, RCTO, WLA, Club Member.



Jana Martinez, Sr. Clerk, and Leo Martinez, Solid Resource Manager, Club Member.



Shawndy and David Carlson, RCTO, N. Central, Club Member.

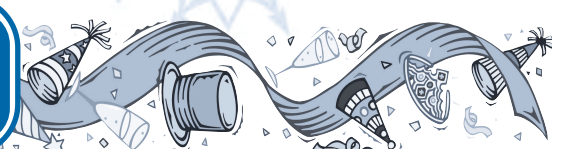


Sylvia and Danny Chavira, RCTO, SLA, Club Member.

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The family of Gerald Lopez, RCTO II, from left: Diana Mejia, sister; Tish Bracamontes, niece; Linda Lopez, sister-in-law; Raymond Lopez, brother; Deja Garcia, granddaughter; Gerald Lopez, RCTO II, North Central, Club Member; Angel Garcia, granddaughter; and Mary Anguiano, niece.



With some of the raffle prizes (the watches were donated by City Employees Club) were, from left: Art Sanchez, Refuse Collection Supervisor, N. Central, Club Member; and David Carlson, RCTO, North Central's roll-off program, Club Member.

Sanitation South Collection Division (continued)



Art Sanchez, Refuse Collection Supervisor, N. Central, Club Member, with his wife, Mina.



From left: Art Sanchez, Refuse Collection Supervisor, N. Central, Club Member, and his wife, Mina; Jana Martinez, Sr. Clerk, and Leo Martinez, Solid Resource Manager, Club Member.



Ernesto Chavez, RCTO, E. Valley, and his wife, Sophia.



The family of Andy Morales, from left: Maria Garcia, cousin; Carmen Ruiz, sister; Guadalupe Morales, mother; Eloisa Cruz, sister; Ofelia Morales, spouse; and Andy Morales, RCTO, North Central.



Laurel and Russell Harris, RCTO, N. Central, Club Member.



Paul Porter, RCTO, WLA, Club Member, and Anita Lyons, guest.



From left: Diana Gutierrez, guest; Joe Gutierrez, guest; and Tony Short, RCTO, N. Central, Club Member.



From left: Pepe Garcia, Superintendent, North Central, with his wife, Annette; and guests Elaine and Tony Zaragoza.



Melody and Kenneth Fox, RCTO, N. Central, Club Member.



Lety and Joe Castillo, RCTO, N. Central.



Sandra and Gerry Ramirez, Refuse Collection Supervisor, WLA.



From left: Gerald Lopez, RCTO II, North Central, Club Member; Eva Heradia, sister; and Al Heradia, brother-in-law.



Nancy Menendez and her husband, Basilio Llamas, RCTO, North Central, Club Member.



From left: Pepe Garcia, Superintendent, N. Central; David Carlson, RCTO, N. Central; Andy Morales, RCTO, N. Central; Enrique Zaldivar, Director, Public Works/Sanitation; Heidi Gonzalez, Clerk Typist, North Central; Art Sanchez, Refuse Collection Supervisor, C. Central; and Leo Martinez, Solid Resource Manager, Club Member.



From left: Bonaventure Butts, RCTO, WLA, Club Member; and Cash Russell, RCTO II, West Valley.



From left: Pepe Garcia, Superintendent, N. Central; Enrique C. Zaldivar, Director, Public Works/Sanitation, and his wife Brenda; Leo Martinez, Solid Resource Manager, Club Member; and Art Sanchez, Refuse Collection Supervisor, N. Central, Club Member.



From left: Basilio Llamas, RCTO, N. Central, Club Member; Melford Oshon, RCTO, WLA; and Jesse Valdez, RCTO, N. Central.



From left: Pepe Garcia, Superintendent, N. Central; Enrique C. Zaldivar, Director, Public Works/Sanitation; Leo Martinez, Solid Resource Manager, Club Member; and Art Sanchez, Refuse Collection Supervisor, N. Central, Club Member.

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LAPD 911 Communications

LAPD 911 Communications held its annual fancy holiday party Dec. 6 on the Fantasea Yacht charter, which cruised Marina del Rey. Las Vegas was the theme – there was dinner, dancing, great food and casino games for the chance to win great prizes. Thanks to Lt. Gloria Vargas and Larry Gates for their assistance in producing this article.



All aboard and waiting for fun.



Assemblywoman Norma Torres, PSR III, Club Member, and her husband, Louis.



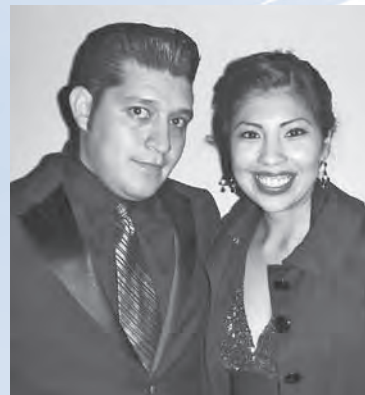
What to expect at the party.



From left: Catherine Chao, PSR II, Club Member; Sadia Carter, guest; and Lagenia Carter, PSR III, Club Member.



From left: Jean Sarfaty, PSR II, Club Member; and Joanne Jett, PSR II.



Jorge Martinez, guest, with Diana Montano, PSR II, Club Member.



Tashanda Fredrick, PSR III, Club Member, with her husband, William.



Deyra Martinez, guest, and Manny Garcia, PSR III, Club Member.



Brandy and Michael McGowan, PSR II, Club Member



Robert and Mary Montes, PSR I.



From left: Capt. Regina Scott, Commanding Officer, LAPD Communications; and Bill Shean, guest.



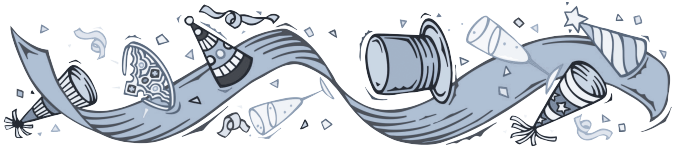
The organizing committee.



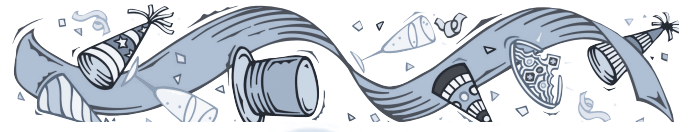
Jennifer Lindstrom and her husband Bentley

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From left: Tammy Lindquist, PSR III, Club Member; Karen Johnson, PSR II, Club Member; Iris Dawson, PSR II, Club Member; Sara Wieck, PSR II, Club Member; Rebecca Lantz, PSR III, Club Member; Cathi Pearson, Sr. PSR I, Club Member; and Laura Cruz, PSR III.

LAPD 911 Communications (continued)



Shawnie Livera, PSR III, Club Member, with Ronnie Lopez, guest.



Iver and Jacqui Dreben, PSR II, Club Member.



Mahdi Parnell-Porter, PSR II, Club Member with spouse, Jimmy Porter.



From left: Brandy and Michael McGowan, PSR II, Club Member; and Sandy Goldstyn, PSR III, Club Member, with his wife, Jeanette.



Eric and Susan Robinson, PSR III, Club Member.



From left: Charlene Johnson, PSR III, Club Member; and Karen Johnson, PSR II, Club Member.



Tammy Lindquist, PSR III, Club Member, with her husband, Kurtis.



From left: Alex Liu, PSR II, Club Member; with Rachel and Jorge Rios, PSR III, Club Member.



Robert Mokricky, P3, Central; and Valerie Mokricky, PSR II.



Hope Wright, PSR II, Club Member, with her husband, John.



From left: Brittany Tupuola, guest; Eleitino Tuiasosopo, PSR II, Club Member; and Audrey Brown, guest.

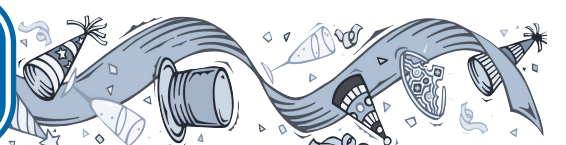


From left: Chris Garcia and his wife, Marie Fimbres, PSR II; Terri Rowe, Sr. PSR I, and guest David Garcia; and Bernadette and Wasim Ahmad, General Services, Club Member.



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LAPD Training Division

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor;
Photos by Arlene Herrero and Eboné Moses,
Club Counselor

The LAPD Training Division held its holiday luncheon Dec. 10 at Luminarias Restaurant. Approximately 200 employees attended the luncheon.

Several annual awards were distributed to worthy employees. Lots of prizes were given away. Even Elvis made an appearance!

Thanks to Laura Rangel and Frank Morales for inviting us.



From left: James Hwang, P3, 12 years of service; Estella Guevara, Clerk Typist, 10 years of service; Kristin Traynor, P3, 19 years of service; and Lt. Michelle Richards, 25 years of service.



From left: Allison Ashnault, P3, 16 years of service; Christina Hoefel, Sr. Clerk Typist, 5 years of service; Mason O'Bryan, Community Police Aid, 5 years of service; and Sean Hector, Sr. Security Officer, 20 years of service.



From left: Claudia Martin, P3, 19 years of service; and Shawn Martin, Transportation Investigator, 8 years of service.



From left: Sgt. Robert Becerra, 15 years of service, with his wife, Angela.



From left: Bob Barnes, P3, 22 years of service; Neal Oku, Fire Arms Instructor, 15 years of service; and Luke Paik, P3, 19 years of service.



From left: Sgt. Jerry Chaney, 12 years of service; Lt. Deborah Edgar, 22 years of service; Monique Jones, MA, 13 years of service; Cristina Paneno, Secretary, 9 years of service, Club Member; and Carrie Firestone, Secretary, 17 years of service.



From left: Sandra Dennis-Wyse, Principal Clerk, 36 years of service, Club Member; Laura Rangel, Sr. MA, 25 years of service, Club Member; Rosalyn Hawes, Sr. Clerk Typist, 31 years of service, Club Member; and Monica Lewis, Clerk Typist, 25 years of service, Club Member.



From left: Ryan Terukina, Fire Arms Instructor, 9 years of service; Tom Luna, Fire Arms Instructor, 11 years of service; Bobby Lee, Fire Arms Instructor, 15 years of service; and Kent Leu, P3, 14 years of service.



From left: Rachel Smith, MA, 28 years of service, Club Member; Carol Portnoff, Clerk Typist, 9.5 years of service; and Elizabeth Rivas, CSA, 12 years of service, Club Member.



From left: Roy Ortiz, Sr. MA 1, 19 years of service; Sgt. Marc Evans, 15 years of service; Loren Ortiz, P3, 13 years of service; and Madolyn Candelaria, D2, 20 years of service.



From left: Roger Gripe, Retired OIC, 20 years of service; Sgt. Randy Holcombe, 20 years of service; and Amira Smith, D3, 13 years of service.



From left: Tiffany Burke-Williams, Sr. MA 1, 24 years of service, Club Member; Fred Chrisney, guest; Anna Ruiz, Clerk Typist, 28 years of service, Club Member; and Bruce Bernal, Sr. Personnel Analyst, 10 years of service, Club Member.



From left: Henry Mendoza, P3, 26 years of service; Roger Forest, P3, 13 years of service; Sgt. Il Barbara Scallon, 21 years of service, Club Member; and Sgt. Irma Krish, 17 years of service.



From left: Robin Grasso, P3, 22 years of service; Tom Utley, P3, 27 years of service; and Glen Erbes, P3, 30 years of service.



From left: Mercy Crenshaw, P3, 28.5 years of service, Club Member; Emilia Lugo, P3, 20 years of service, Club Member; Sgt. Valerie Gettis, 15 years of service; and Steve Erickson, P2, 13 years of service.



From left: Oscar Villanueva, P3, 20 years of service; Joel Frias, P3, 19 years of service; Sylvia Castaneda, P3, 15 years of service; and Barbara Galicia, P3, 14 years of service.



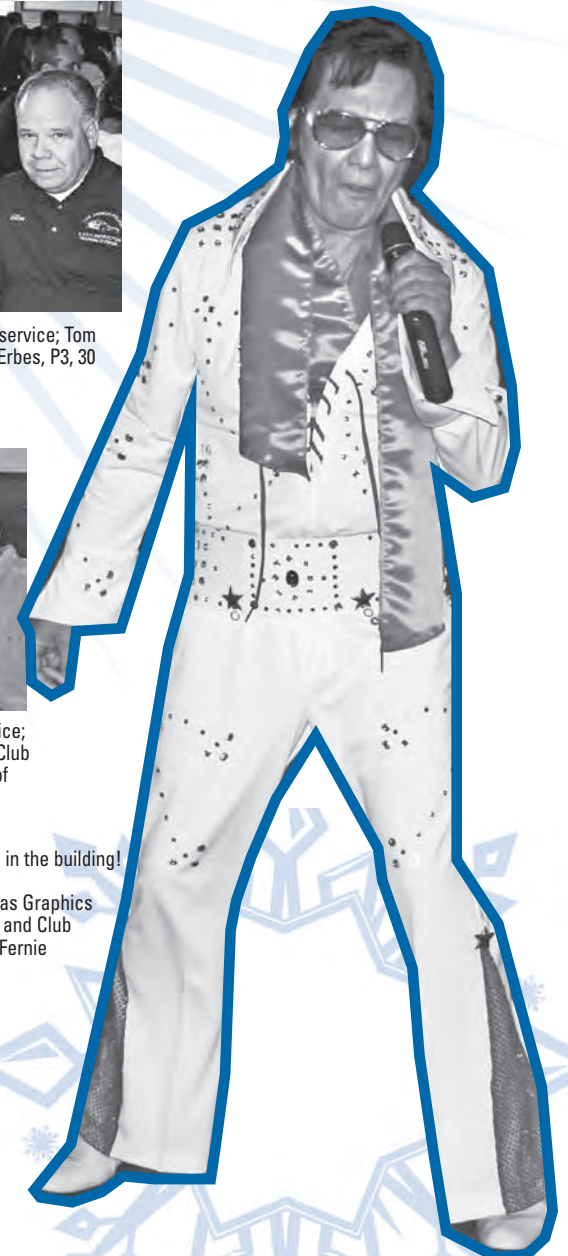
From left: Kunta Smith, P3, 20 years of service; Alma Becerra, Sr. CT, 1.6 years of service, Club Member; and Arnold Dotson, P3, 14 years of service.



From left: Barbara McHenry, guest; Tashal Tennell, Sr. Clerk Typist, 3.5 years of service, Club Member; and Niko Thomas, Community Police Aid, 3 years of service.



From left: Sgt. Jim Katapodis, 32 years of service; Capt. III Michelle Veenstra, 28 years of service; Capt. III John Incontro, 30.5 years of service, Club Member; and Sandy Jo Mac Arthur, Deputy Chief, 29 years of service.



Elvis was in the building!

"Elvis" was Graphics Designer and Club Member Fernie Ramirez.

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Back, from left: Gary Correa, EVOC Instructor; Tony Adler, EVOC Instructor, Club Member; and Celeste Thiel, Fire Arms Instructor. Seated: Craig Burns, Fire Arms Instructor, 16 years of service; Erin Fuller, Fire Arms Instructor, 12 years of service; Sgt. Dennis Quilex, EVOC Unit, 30 years of service; and Sgt. Cris Korne, Assistant OIC EVOC, 15 years of service.



Standing, from left: Alex Mansuryas, CPA; Pamela Rubeck, Sr. CT, 14 years of service; and Patrice Shirley, CSA, 25 years of service, Club Member. Seated: Brandy Jackson, P3, 9 years of service; and Ken Amerson, P3, 15 years of service.



From left: Angel Sambrano, P3, 14 years of service; Michale Tolmaire, P3, 8 years of service; and Rich Alcalá, P3, 15 years of service.



From left: Edward Osipian, MA II, 12 years of service; Enrique Ceja, P2, 12 years of service, Club Member; Damian Pacheco, MA II, 8 years of service; and Bob Sieger, P3, 16 years of service.



From left: Leslee Rogers, P3, 12 years of service; Conce Donegan, P3, 11 years of service; Ryan Ilagan, P3, 8 years of service; and Chiquita Brown, P3, 11 years of service.



From left: Ericka Long, P2, 19 years of service; Shawn Gabra, AV Tech, 5 years of service; and "Video Alchemist," 13 years of service.



From left: Joe Gooden, P3, 25 years of service; Bob Tiger Organ, P3, 26 years of service; and Dian Diaz, P2, 6 years of service, Club Member.



From left: Frank Morales, ECH, 11 years of service, Club Member; Javen Borgwardt, Mechanical Repair, 6 years of service, Club Member; Curtis Ausmus, Plumber, 19 years of service; Bud Eyerly, Building Repair Supervisor, 25 years of service, Club Member; Therman Calloway Jr., Park Maintenance Supervisor, 27 years of service, Club Member; Pedro Zaleta, Gardener, 15 years of service; Dave Van Hoes, Painter, 23 years of service; and Jim Shaw, Gardener, 11 years of service, Club Member.



Outstanding Officer of the Year 2009 was Police Officer III Allison Ashnault. From left: Capt. III Michelle Veenstra; Allison Ashnault, P3; and Capt. III John Incontro, Club Member.



From left: Michael Piesik, P3, 22 years of service; Sgt. Matthew Bygum, 21 years of service; and Will Fernandez, P3, 11 years of service.



Outstanding Supervisor of the Year 2009 was Sgt. I Cristina Korne. From left: Capt. III Michelle Veenstra; Sgt. I Cristina Korne; and Capt. III John Incontro, Club Member.



From left: Gary Ferrato, P3, 22 years of service; Rita Vallejo, P3, 22 years of service; and Anthony Aceves, P3, 21 years of service.



From left: Richard Melendez, P3, 26 years of service; Alan Weiner, P3, 22 years of service; and Edward Espinoza, P3, 19 years of service.



Gillian Jensen P3, 12 years of service; and Tom Trandal, P2, 8 years of service.



Outstanding Civilian Employee of the Year 2009 was Sr. Management Analyst I Phillip Wong. From left: Capt. III Michelle Veenstra; Phillip Wong, Sr. MA II; and Capt. III John Incontro, Club Member.



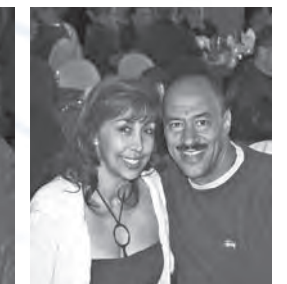
From left: Tim Bedford, Fire Arms Instructor, 20 years of service; Raymond Wong, P3, 14 years of service; and Dwayne Haydel, P3, 12 years of service.



From left: Marlo Lopez-Del Haro, P3, 12 years of service; Debbie Hernandez, P3, 16 years of service; Debroah Mastin, Sgt. II, 29 years of service; Charlotte Broughton, P2, 14 years of service; and Sgt. Stacey Kunch, 14 years of service.



From left: Paul Ahn, P3, 14 years of service; Wayne Goodman, P3, 14.5 years of service; and Julio Flores, P3, 14 years of service.



Priscilla Bielma, D2, 20 years of service; and Russ Freeman, P3, 25 years of service.



From left: Elena Avila, P3, 10 years of service; Stephen Bell, P3, 10 years of service; and Isaias Gonzalez, P3, 9 years of service.



From left: Mark Hogan, P3, 15 years of service; and Sgt. II David Wright, 26 years of service.



From left: Raquel Yanez, P3, 15 years of service; Sgt. II JoAnna Goya, 22 years of service, Club Member; Andrew Hwang, P3, 13 years of service; and Bill Sexton, P3, 12 years of service.



From left: Tim Rath, P3, 23 years of service; Rob Nobile, P3, 26 years of service; Keith Provin, Drill Instructor, 21.5 years of service; and Tony Stillwell, Security Officer, 5 years of service, Club Member.



Outstanding Unit of the Year 2009 was the Video Unit. From left: Captain III Michelle Veenstra and Capt. III John Incontro, Club Member, with the Video Unit.



From left: Sgt. II Steve Embrich, 15 years of service; Jack Sun, P2, 11 years of service; and Jeff Shoemaker, P3, 7 years of service.



From left: Sgt. Art Tom, 20 years of service; Jeremy Stafford, P3, 12 years of service; and Keith Spencer, P3, 15 years of service.

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