

LETTERS To the Editor

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Great Disney Day, Thanks To Rachael at Club Store

Thanks so much to Rachael [Brecher at the Club Store] for processing our Disneyland tickets at the last minute. My husband printed them out, and we went yesterday and had a really great time! It's a great place to have your birthday -- about 20 people (including park employees) said "happy birthday" to me, and one young couple let us use their FastPasses when they saw my birthday button!

— Susan Collette, Club Member

Under the Microscope, CSI: LA Story Had Evidence of Greatness

Hey Club! I really liked the "Testing the Evidence" article [cover story, March 2010]. Cherie Will really knows her stuff. This is the real CSI, huh? Nice! The narcotics color test is pretty interesting. I never knew that City Employees did this sort of stuff. Feels good to be a City Employee!

— Fred Jamestown, Rec and Parks

Can Extra Sunshine Lead To Health, City Longevity?

That's great that most of the people that answered the Question of the Month said that they liked exercise if they had extra sunshine at the end of the day. Does this mean we are going to be healthier and working for the City longer?

— Tony Helmsley, General Services

Hi Tony, that's a good point – using that extra sunshine to stay healthy can only help in all of our activities. Now that the extra hour of sunlight has returned, no more avoiding exercise! —Ed.

Dave Continues to Rack Up Savings with Club Benefit

It's me again! Here's my latest savings at Office Depot with my Club Office Depot dis-

count that I linked onto my credit card. So, the cashier rang up \$77.10, and when I gave her my credit card, my new total was \$53.97. What can I say about the value of being a Club Member!

— Dave Finkle, Housing

And You Can Add Running the Club Sports League to the List

Okay... stop everything. I see your director in a business suit around City Hall. Then I see him on another day in a email flyer that has him wearing a Knight armor to promote the Club's Medieval Times private party. Then I see him taking photos at a retirement luncheon. And just yesterday, he was ringing up my tickets and City shirts at the counter of the Club store. Let's not forget the cooking recipes he makes for the newspaper. Is there anything this guy can't do, and is there anyplace in the City he doesn't appear?

— Tina Larsen, LAPD

Keeping Club Members Happy Is Small Potatoes to Chef Larios

Nice going Chef Larios! I see you're looking out for my countrymen in Ireland with your Irish recipes!

— Richard O'Leary, General Services

Hi Richard, Chef Larios aims to please, but it's not always easy: He's still looking for an Irish recipe that includes avocados, as they are his favorite. Might take awhile; we'll keep you informed. —Ed.

Sometimes Alive! Around World Can Feel Like a High-Wire Act

Woozers! That picture of Shirley Gatlin and her Son James II is pretty amazing. Hanging from way up there while on their trip to the Philippines is super cool! I'm thinking her Son is the one that was screaming and not Shirley.

— Gina Montes, LAFD

QUESTION of the Month



— Collected by Rachael Brecher, Club Store Assistant Manager

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

If you could play the best April Fool's joke on someone, who would it be?



"My high school baseball coach."
— Roberto Ruiz, DWP, 12 years of City service



"My job."
— Elenora Browne, LAPD, 20 years of City service



"My sister."
— Socorro Gonzalez, Rec and Parks, 25 years of City service



"My wife."
— Hector Lucero, DWP, 8 years of City service



"My son."
— Raul Cobos, Public Works, 6 years of City service



"My wife."
— Guillermo Carreon, Neighborhood Empowerment, 4 years of City service



"My boss."
— John Osollo, Public Works, 23 years of City service



"A friend."
— Francisco Castro, Public Works, 10 years of City service



"My wife."
— Derral Franklin, Public Works, 21 years of City service



"My brother, Kyrene Ballard."
— Louis Ballard, Public Works, 16 years of City service

A Note to Readers

- Sadly, we pass on the news of the passing of John Bogdanoff, retiree, longtime leader of Rec and Parks' boxing program, and *Alive!* cover subject in February 2009. We are glad to know, however, how much the story meant to him and his family. His model of strong mentorship and guidance for young men in danger of being swallowed up by the streets has become the definition of tough love for us here at the Club. We'll miss you, John. And we send our sympathies to John's family and countless friends. —Ed.



Club CEO John Hawkins (left) and John Bogdanoff (right) after the Club presented Bogdanoff with a replica cover, to commemorate his service to the City. In the center is Tony Alvarez, Club Member, Retired, Parking Manager.

Something to  Think About

"The secret of joy in work is contained in one word – excellence. To know how to do something well is to enjoy it."

— Pearl S. Buck

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