



Annual event raises funds to fight childhood cancers.

Story and photos by Brent Urban, Club Counselor

LAFD, LAPD — The St. Baldrick's Foundation held its local annual event at LAFD Fire Station 81, involving LAFD, LAPD and others who shaved their heads in exchange for "pledges" towards the fight against childhood cancer.

The event was held March 20. The bald heads signify solidarity with child victims of cancer, who often lose their hair while undergoing treatment. All money raised goes to the St. Baldrick's Foundation and is distributed to doctors and other researchers on the front lines of the war on childhood cancer.

The event locations were Fire Station 81, 14355 Arminita St. in Panorama City; and Fire Station 112, 444 S. Harbor Blvd., Berth 86, in San Pedro.

The event featured a free pancake breakfast, a blood and bone marrow drive, childwatch registration, and more.

Special thanks to Lt. Greg Doyle and Firefighter Danny Wu.

St. Baldrick Shaves the Day



The cutting station.



Scott Anderson, Fire Station 33A.



Joseph Tourouk.



Josh Rosenwald, Fire Station 98A.



Alyssa and Chris Bustamante together after the hair cut.



Alyssa Bustamante, 8, gets her hair cut for the cause with a big smile.



Brian Smith, Fire Station 33A.



Mike Cunningham, Fireman, FS 66B.



Art Martinez, Fire Station 60C.



Landon Rupright, Fire Station 33A.



Brandon Carton, John Carton's son.



From left: Matt Hennessy, Firefighter Fire Station 33A; and Ryan Medina, Firefighter, Fire Station 33A.



Greg Doyle, Club Member, and his son, William Doyle, pose for a picture with a family friend.

Garbo Jonas, the bass player from the Jonas Brothers, a popular rock band, cutting hair. Here he is cutting William Doyle's hair.



John Carton, Club Member, Fire Station 89C.



Dustin Bulmer, Fire Station 89A.



From left: Danny Wu, Firefighter; Joey Leonard; and Lt. Greg Doyle, Club Member.





Ricardo Romero, LAPD.

St. Patrick's Day Festival

Annual St. Pat's event downtown, now a festival, drew the Irish and Irish-at-heart.

Photos by Tom Hawkins, Alive! photographer

CITY COUNCIL — On Wednesday, March 17, LA Live! downtown near the Convention Center was filled with the sights and sounds of the Irish, as the City's annual and official observance of St. Patrick's Day was in full bloom.

Due to budget cuts, the annual parade was scrapped in favor of this "festival" event, which featured many of the attractions of parades gone by, including pipe bands, historic fire and police vehicle displays, Irish music and food, and other attractions.

The festival was sponsored by the Office of Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member, and L.A. Live!, a division of AEG. The event was a benefit for the Los Angeles Fire Department Historical Society."

Enjoy these Club photos, taken by Alive! photographer Tom Hawkins.



The festival banner.



At the festival.



From left: Javier Rivera, LAFD FS 81; Raymond Ortiz, LAFD, Retired; Jesse Ortiz, U.S. Forest Service; and Jesse Ortiz Sr., LAFD.



From left: James Finn, LAFD, and Donald Dodd, LAFD.



George Carrol, Los Angeles Sheriff's Dept. (retired).



Mr. LA, Councilmember and Club Member Tom LaBonge, who sponsored the festival, meets with festival-goers.



From left: Phillip Weireter, LAFD, and Tim Griffin, LAFD Engineer, Retired.



From left: Javier Rivera, LAFD FS 81, and Raymond Ortiz, U.S. Forest Service.



From left: Jesse Ortiz Sr., LAFD; Joe Ortiz, LAFD, Retired; and Frank Borden, LAFD, Retired, and Director of Operations for the LAFD Historical Society.

