

Retirements

A heartfelt thank you to these City employees for their years of service.

HARBOR

4 Retire From Harbor Sanitation Yard



From left: Moniquea McKee, Clerk Typist, Club Member, and Malikka Gist-Smith, Club Member.

Story and photos by Brent Urban, Club Counselor

Approximately 75 people came to honor several of their own at a retirement party at the historic Banning's Landing in the Harbor Area. The party was held March 12.

Those retiring were:

- Carlos Martinez, RCTO, Club Member, retiring after 30 years;
- Reginald Fowler, RCTO, Club Member, retiring after 30 years;
- Eddie Pruitt, Club Member, RCTO, retiring after 30 years; and
- Cherysies Willams, Club Member, Clerk Typist, retiring after 30 years.



Carlos Martinez, RCTO, Club Member, retiring after 30 years.



Eddie Pruitt, Club Member, RCTO, retiring after 30 years.



From left: Jonathan Polk, Superintendent, with retiree Cherysies Willams, Club Member, Clerk Typist, retiring after 30 years.

Each of the retirees has served faithfully to the City's Public Works Bureau of Sanitation for more than 30 years and are ready to settle into retirement. Well, some will settle down – others like Eddie Pruitt plan to keep things interesting and do lots of traveling with his free time.

Malikka Gist-Smith and Moniquea McKee did a fantastic job of organizing the event. Congratulations to the retirees!



Reginald Fowler, RCTO, Club Member, retiring after 30 years.



From left: Cherysies Willams, Club Member, Clerk Typist, retiring after 30 years; and Linda Gillespie, Club Member.



From left: Alex Helon, Assistant Director of Sanitation; Malikka Gist-Smith, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member; and Chris Johnson, Solid Resource Manager II.



From left: Reginald Fowler, Club Member, retiring after 40 years; and Terrance Barber, RCTO.



From left: Eddie Pruitt with Jonathan Polk, Superintendent, Public Works/Sanitation.



From left: Etta Carpenter, guest; Linda Gillespie, Club Member; and Anthony Giles, guest.

Congratulations, GRADUATES!

Let the Club family celebrate with you ... by putting your photo in *Alive!*

Club members: Have you had a family member graduate from elementary school ... high school ... or college this summer? Send us a photo, and we'll publish it in *Alive!*

New This Year!

Send in a baby photo of your graduate, too, and we'll run the two pictures together! Have fun! (Thanks to Kasondra Evans, Personnel, for the great idea!)

Make sure you tell us:

- The name of the graduate
- The school from which they graduated. If a college, tell us their major
- Their future plans (briefly)
- The name and department of the Club member they're related to (and how they're related)

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Port Police's Reynolds Retiring



Sr. Lead Officer Robert Reynolds, Club Member.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager, and Cecilia Moreno; Photos by Arlene Herrero

Friends, family and co-workers gathered May 22 for a retirement party for Sr. Lead Officer/Field Training Officer Robert Reynolds, Port Police, Club Member.

He retires after 36 years of City and government service. The party was held at the Hyatt hotel in Long Beach.

SLO Robert Reynolds was a Field Training Officer responsible for the training of newly hired patrol officers so that they can effectively and competently patrol one of the largest and busiest seaports in the nation.

Officer Reynolds had been part of the Port Police Range Staff for many years, where he had become a certified rifle and small arms range instructor, as well as an armorer. He was responsible for providing and maintaining weapon proficiency and weapon safety throughout the rank and file of the agency.

Officer Reynolds was also a Community Relations Officer and was responsible for the Terminal Island area of the Port of Los Angeles. He interacted with and served four major shipping terminals, a major oil terminal, a fleet of fishing vessels and their owners, and the Terminal Island Federal Prison, which hosts quarterly meetings each year that include numerous agencies from the surrounding areas, and he was a liaison for any additional small businesses located on Terminal Island. Annually he participated in feeding the community at Thanksgiving and distributing toys at Christmas with ILWU and the Gang Alternative Program.



From left: Erika Velazquez, Northern District Director representing Councilwoman Janice Hahn, Club Member; and Cecilia Moreno, Community Affairs Advocate, Public Relations, Port Police.



From left: Friends Erika Stanford and Jessica Neely.



SLO Robert Reynolds is being presented with a resolution from the City Council.



Cecilia Moreno, Club Member, presents SLO Reynolds, Club Member, with a certificate from Congresswoman Jane Harman.



From left: Margaret Nicholson; SLO Robert Reynolds, Club Member; and Frank Nicholson.



From left: Officer Aaron Ybarra, Club Member; SLO Robert Reynolds, Club Member; and SLO BA Smith, Club Member.



From left: Officer Stacey Creech, Club Member; SLO Robert Reynolds, Club Member; and Barbara Carroll, guest.



From left: Robert Leslie, Retired; Linda Wyatt, Retired, Club Member; and SLO Cheryl Morris-Dorries, Club Member, with her husband, Paul.

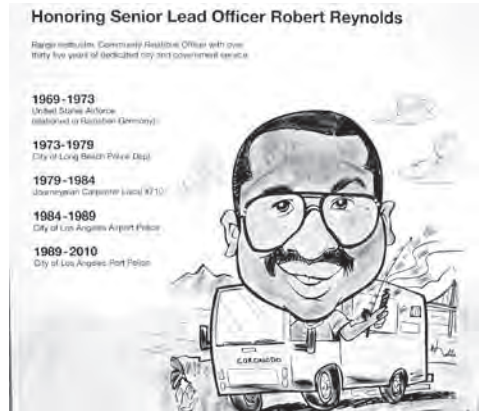
During his tenure at the Port, Officer Reynolds was a member of the bicycle team, patrol boat unit, and the air observer program at its inception, for which he did an outstanding job.

Prior to joining the Port Police in 1989, Reynolds worked as an Airport Police Officer at LAX, where he started his career with the City in 1984. There he worked patrol and became a member of the Airport Police range staff, where he met a couple of his favorite people, Sgt. Valentine and Sgt. Gleason.

Before coming to the City, Officer Reynolds enlisted into the U.S. Air Force in 1968, and received an honorable discharge in 1972. Reynolds went to work for the city of Long Beach as a Complaint Dispatcher for the Long Beach Police Department. On numerous occasions he was asked by members of that department to join the police force. At that time, his intentions were to become a carpenter and pursue a career in the construction business, but as we all know, destiny will have its way.

Officer Reynolds remains an active member of his community of Long Beach, where he lives. He is a great influence in the lives of many young men and women throughout the Long Beach community and its school district, where he also worked as a police security officer at football games.

Congratulations from the Club on your retirement!



The retirement invitation.



From left: Bob Foster, Long Beach City Mayor; SLO Robert Reynolds, Club Member; and Councilwoman Janice Hahn, Club Member.



From left: Lora Roepken, guest; Motor Officer David Armijo, Club Member; Sgt. John Curry, Club Member; and Maria Corona, Port Police Dispatcher, Club Member.



From left: Eric Grimes, Security Officer, LAX; and Capt. Leon Nixon, Club Member.



From left: Margie and P2 Ken Hobbs, Club Member; with Linda Wyatt, Retired, Club Member.



Lt. Rosa Reynoso, Club Member; and SLO Robert Reynolds, Club Member.



From left: Det. Michael Belo, Club Member; and SLO Derek Pittman, Club Member, with his wife, Malika.



From left: SLO Robert Reynolds, Club Member; Fe Blas, Retired Occupational Health; and Retired Officer Porfirio Blas, Club Member.

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CDD

Pamela Williams Retires



From left: Zita Davis, Sr. Management Analyst; Pamela Williams, Club Member, retiree; and Jamar, The party's DJ.

Story and photos by Brent Urban, Club Counselor

In February, a retirement celebration was held for Pamela Williams, CDD and longtime Club Member. The party was held at J Restaurant and Lounge downtown.

A resolution from the mayor was presented: "In appreciation [to] Pamela Williams on the occasion of your retirement,

"After 35 years of service to the City of Los Angeles, your friends in the Community Development Department hereby present this testimonial as an expression of the high regard in which you are held by all.

"With best wishes for your future health, prosperity, and happiness, Antonio Villaraigosa, Mayor, February 26, 2010."

Congratulations from the Club, Pamela. All the best for your retirement.



From left: Grace Benedicto, Sr. Project Coordinator, Club Member; and Christine Velazquez, Community Project Assistant.



Friends and coworkers of Pamela Williams give amusing anecdotes about time spent with her at the CDD, before presenting her with a retirement award for outstanding performance during her career.



Guests of Pamela arriving for the celebration.



From left: Pamela's guest, Pamela Williams, retiree, Club Member, retiree; and Deborah Andersen, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member.

AIRPORTS

Seven Retire From Airport Police



Airport Police Honor Guard Detail as it prepares to post colors (flags) for the retirement luncheon. Front to back: Officer Mark Corral, Club Member; Sgt. George Holt III; and Officer Caj Scott, Club Member.

Story by Sgt. Belinda Nettles, Airport Police, Club Member; Photos taken by Madeleine Flanagan, City Employee

In mid-May, the Los Angeles Airport Police said goodbye to seven veteran members: Capt. Gary Green; Lt. Kathy Green; Sgts. Lathaniel Harding, Alice Jackson, Jacqueline Wagner-Esparza and Daniel Vaughn; and Officers Phyllis Hayes and Leonard Miller retired after a combined 292 dedicated years of City service. They celebrated the occasion at a luncheon held at the Proud Bird Restaurant May 14, with family, friends and co-workers.

Capt. Green served 31 years and was last assigned to the Field Support Unit (LAX). His wife, Lt. Kathy Green, served 30 years and was last assigned as Acting Captain to the Patrol Services Section (LAX). Sgt. Harding served 39 years and was last assigned to the Training and Recruitment Unit (LAX). Sgt. Jackson, with 35 years, was last assigned to the Vulnerability Assessment and Analysis Unit (LAX). Sgt. Wagner-Esparza, with 27 years, was last assigned to the Canine Unit (LAX), and Sgt. Vaughn served 35 years, and his last assignment was to the Patrol Services Section (LAX). Officer Phyllis Hayes served 35 years, and her last assignment was to the Patrol Services Section (LAX). Officer Leonard Miller, with 30 years, was last assigned to the Patrol Services Section (Van Nuys Airport).

Chief George R. Centeno, who attended the celebration said, "The collective 292 years of knowledge and experience will not go unnoticed as they depart to enjoy their retirement. Their many contributions and mentoring to the Airport Police Division is appreciated." The Airport Police Honor Guard respectfully presented and retrieved the colors (flags) at this event.



Airport Police Lt. Kathy Green receives her Retirement Shadow Box. From left: Airport Police Assistant Chief Brian A. Walker, Club Member; Airport Police Lt. Kathy Green; and Chief of Airport Police George R. Centeno.



Retiree Airport Police Sgt. Alice Jackson and retired Officer Mike Medina.



Retiree Airport Police Officer Leonard Miller, Club Member, receives his Retirement Shadow Box. From left: Airport Police Officer Eleanor Traylor-Taylor, Club Member (representing the Los Angeles Airport Police Officers Association) and Officer Miller, Club Member.



Retiree Airport Police Sgt. Lathaniel Harding receives his Retirement Shadow Box. From left: Chief of Airport Police George R. Centeno and Sgt. Harding.



Retiree Airport Police Sgt. Jacqueline Wagner-Esparza, Club Member, receives her Retirement Shadow Box. From left: Airport Police Assistant Chief Brian A. Walker, Club Member; Sgt. Wagner-Esparza, Club Member; and Chief of Airport Police George R. Centeno.



Retired Airport Police Sgt. Daniel Vaughn, Club Member, receives his Retirement Shadow Box. From left: Sgt. Brian Johnson, Club Member; Sgt. Vaughn, Club Member; and Lt. Mario Patrick, Club Member.



Retiree Airport Police Officer Phyllis Hayes, Club Member, receives her Retirement Shadow Box. From left: Airport Police Assistant Chief Brian A. Walker, Club Member; Airport Police Officers Traylor-Taylor, Club Member and Phyllis Hayes, Club Member and Chief of Airport Police George R. Centeno.



Retiree Airport Police Capt. Gary Green, Club Member, receives the Airport Police Distinguished Service Medal. From left: Airport Police Assistant Chief Brian A. Walker, Club Member; Airport Police Capt. Green, Club Member; and Chief of Airport Police George R. Centeno.

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LIBRARY

Three Check Out of Library



The three retirees, from left: Officer Odell Massey, Club Member; Sgt. Jean Childs, Club Member; and Sgt. Ricardo Wright, Club Member.

Story and photos by Brent Urban, Club Counselor

- A party was held April 30 for three security officers at the Library who are retiring. They are:
- Sgt. Jean Childs, Club Member, retiring after 34 years of City service;
 - Sgt. Ricardo Wright, Club Member, retiring after 35 years; and
 - Officer Odell Massey, Club Member, retiring after 38 years.

Brittany Cotton organized the event, held at the Central Library courtyard.

With more than 100 years of combined experience, Jean Childs, Ricardo Wright and Odell Massey are leaving the City to enjoy well-deserved retirements. As Security Officers for public libraries in the City, they've seen things that make for interesting conversation. That's putting it mildly! They'll miss the people they work with and the adventures they experienced in protecting our city's libraries.

Congratulations to Jean, Ricardo and Odell on their retirements.



Jean Childs with her mother.



From left: William Pryor, Public Safety Officer; Officer Odell Massey, Club Member, Retiree; and Tyrone T., Lead Officer.



From left: Sgt. Ricardo Wright, Club Member, Retiree; and Robyn Meyers, Mgmt. Analyst II.



Signing the guestbook.



The food line.



From left: A guest; Sgt. Ricardo Wright, Club Member, Retiree; Lawrence Moore, Sr. Officer; and Deneice Cotton, guest.



From left: Venus Williams, guest; Shirley Gibson, Retired; Roschelle Young, Messenger Clerk; Jean Childs, Club Member, Retiree; David Acuirra, Deputy Chief; and Brenda Simmons, guest.



Jean Childs with her family.



From left: Mike Story, Sr. Lead Officer; Sgt. Ricardo Wright, Retiree; and Brittany Cotton, Club Member.



From left: Maria Villarreal, PR Specialist, Library; Sgt. Jean Childs, Club Member, Retiree; and Brenda Breaux, Club Member, Public Relations Specialist II.

CDD



CDD's final Early Retirees Group: In May and June, Community Development said goodbye to its final Early Retirement Incentive Program employees, and the CDD graphics team put together this poster. From left: Rosa Russell, Project Assistant, 31 years of City service; Ernie Tidwell, Industrial Commercial Finance Officer, 21 years; and Mae Abeleda, Chief Acct. IV, 30 years. (Thanks to Angela Estell, CDD, for sending in this cool poster.)

Something to  Think About

“Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction.”

– President John F. Kennedy

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

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LAPD

Detention Officers Retire



From left: Ron Roberson, Motor Officer, South Traffic; and Thomas Carroll, guest.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager

Sr. Detention Officers Shirley Westbrooks, Club Member, and Patricia Jones celebrated their retirements at an event May 7 held at the Proud Bird restaurant in Westchester.

Shirley retires with 30 years of City service, and Patricia retires with 25.



From left: Patrick Thompson, Forensic Print Specialist I, Club Member; Gregory Reed, Detention Officer; and Gary Canales, St. Detention Officer, Club Member.



SDO Patricia Jones, Retiree.



Sr. Detention Officer Shirley Westbrooks, Retiree, Club Member.



From left: Miguel Gonzalez, Detention Officer; Sgt. 1 Tanza Smalls, Retired; and Ruby Anderson, SDP, Club Member.



From left: Connie Randle, Detention Officer, 77th, Club Member; Shirley Westbrooks, Sr. Detention Officer, Club Member; and Margie Hart, Detention Officer, 77th.



From left: Sgt. II Don Provencio, Retired; Sgt. Sean Hart, Retired, and his wife, Shelley.



From left: Pat Jones, Sr. Detention Officer, Retiree; Michael Early, Traffic Officer, Transportation; Pat Lee, guest; Tanisha Edwards, daughter of Pat Jones; and Denna Thompson, Sr. Detention Officer, Club Member.



Back: Shirley Westbrook, Sr. Detention Officer, Club Member; and Margie Hart, Detention Officer. Seated: Emmer Burrus, Detention Officer; Joann Mitchell, Retired Detention Officer, Club Member; and Kris Alston, guest.



From left: Tracie Montgomery, Detention Officer; Juneicia Miles, DP, Club Member; Rhonda Brown, PSR II, Club Member; and Kenny Brown, Detention Officer.



From left: Becky Bush, guest; Stafford Rae, Sr. Storekeeper; Mia Graham, guest; and Tyrone Bridges, guest.



From left: Mary Connor, mother; and Rose Ryland, Clerk Typist, Club Board Member.



From left: Stephanie Williams, Detention Officer, Club Member; and Anita Casey, Detention Officer, Club Member.



Back: Mary Ross, PSR II, Club Member. Seated: Sgt. Alice Jackson, Airport Police; Shirley Westbrooks, SDO, Club Member; and Patricia Spencer, sister.



From left: Lee Holman, Security Officer, LAX; Vernell Wade, guest; and James Pledger, guest.



Standing: Ron Crittendon, Detention Officer; Michael Carter, DWP; and Jimmie Fields, Detention Officer. Seated: Ladonna Moore, Accounting Clerk, Club Member.



From left: Michael Ellington, PDO, Club Member; and Lula Martin, Retired, Detention Officer.



From left: Nikki Bludso, daughter; Ashleigh Bludso, daughter; Sonia Valentin, daughter; D2 David Bludso, Retired, Southwest; and Patricia Jones, Sr. Detention Officer, Retiree.



Standing: Margo Johnson, CT, Seated: William and Diane Anderson, Retired, Detention Officer.

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Two Retire From the Harbor



From left: Michael R. Christensen, Club Member, Deputy Executive Director; and Raymond Aliviado, Club Member, Harbor Engineer I, Retiree.

Story and photos by Brent Urban, Club Counselor

Friends, family and coworkers held a retirement party for Raymond Aliviado and Demetrios Zaferes, who worked at the Port. The party was held May 8 at Banning's Landing.

Raymond Aliviado is retiring after 32 years of City service as an engineer. Ray graduated from Cal State Long Beach with an engineering degree. He served most of his years with the city as a Structural Engineer. He plans to spend most of his free time enjoying his family.

Demetrios Zaferes is retiring after 20 years of City service as an architect. Demetrios lived in New York for 35 years and did some work as an actor in that city before deciding to go back to school at 35 years old to study architecture. Demetrios helped to design Banning's Landing, which also happened to be the location of his retirement party.

The Club congratulates Raymond and Demetrios!



From left: Emilio Macias, Architect, and Demetrios Zaferes, Senior Architect, Retiree.



Raymond Aliviado, Club Member, Harbor Engineer I, Retiree, with his family.



From left: Anil Verma, American Institute of Architecture; and Demetrios Zaferes, Senior Architect, Retiree.



The band consisted of several harbor department employees.



From left: Raymond Aliviado, Club Member, Harbor Engineer I, Retiree, with Gil Flores, Retired.



From left: Chuck Smith, Club Member, General Supervisor; Raymond Aliviado, Club Member, Harbor Engineer I, Retiree; and Scott Bulpitt, Club Member, Port Electrical Mechanic.



Cora Soriano, Club Member, Management Analyst, 22 years of City service, presents Ray with a LAFACE (Los Angeles Filipino Association of City Employees) award for outstanding service during his career.



Emilio Macias, Architect, gives an appreciation speech in honor of Demetrios and Ray.



From left: Cora Soriano, Club Member, Management Analyst, 22 years; Raymond Aliviado, Club Member, Harbor Engineer I, Retiree; and Emil Zordilla, Club Member, Architect.



From left: Demetrios Zaferes, Senior Architect, Retiree; Wendy Delgado, Architect Assistant; Emilio Macias, Architect; and Ryan Lowe, Architect Assistant.

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