

Life's Important Moments

Share your moments!

Did you get married? Have a baby? (Yea!) Get a promotion? (Hooray!) Retire? (Ahhhh.) We want to hear from you. Share your news with the world! Send all notices and high resolution photos with the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com or send paper notices and print photos to: Alive!, 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012



New Members

Welcome New Members!

The Club gives a great big welcome to these new members, who recently joined the Club:

Airports

- Charles Bruno
Barbara Burks
Patricia Coulter
Sharon Douglas
Christine Furusawa
James Jacobs
Dominic Lonigro
Lance Schoenbum
Kareen Shane
Mechelle Thompson
Douglas Watson

Animal Services

- Ricardo Olivas
M. Romero

CDD

- Tanisha Wilson

LAFD

- Brian Boyd
David Lowe
Paul Proni

Fire and Police Pensions

- Paul Lawrence
Robin Woo

General Services

- Sang Ham
Nazaria Lai
Tony Pappas
Robert Payan
Sandra Sandoval

Harbor

- Tony Lauro
Anthony Lewis
Harlou Patterson
Ufaq Tariq

Housing

- Thanh Doan
Gustavo Garcia
Lorena Garcia
Sonja Hodge
Claudia Leyva
Wilfred Ramos

ITA

- Amin Namavar

Mayor's Office

- Anna Webb

LAPD

- Evanury Arocho
Diego Bracamontes
Colin Braudrick
Julie Browne
Herman Cervantes
Juan Contreras
Silvia Corral
Deirdre Fonseca
Cynthia Lam
Lilia Meza
Elizabeth Montgomery
Paula Ratway
Alma Sarria
Brandon Simpson
Bethany Streiffret
Griselda Tapia
Thomas Utley
Edith Zelaya

PUBLIC WORKS

- PW-Contract Administration
Johnny Brewer
Peter Cheng
Gil Pangilinan
Edward Quarshie

PW-Sanitation

- Robert Haskin
Nafesah Hendricks-Potts
Donald Jojola
Ignacio Lontok
Rosie Michel
Salvador Ramirez
Lidia Vaiz
Howard Wong

PW-Street Services

- Geneve Alvarado
Jessica Melendez
John Plunkett
Richard Rodriguez
David Roman

Rec and Parks

- Narbe Aghagian-Zarneh
Garry Anderson
Arnel Baja
Joanne Bolan
Rebecca Cannady
Alexander Castillo
Edward Cheang
Jason Davis

- Sonia Escalante
Ana Flores
Thomas Frey
Angie Gallegos
Maria Gomez
Alejandro Mendoza
Sergio Mijares
Andres Molina
Munec Nelson
Edith Nunez
Miguel Ortega
Sal Ortiz, Jr.
Renee Perets
Rebecca Rodriguez
Virginia Vasquez
Mike Zepeda

Transportation

- Maria Avila
Henry Barron
Oganes Chamichyan
Emmanuel Contreras
Anthony Ingram
Maurice Nicolson
Albert Phillips
George Rodriguez
Frank Shaver
Devin Starling
Octavio Valdez

DWP

- Frank Castro
Alex De Florencio
Andrea Karcher
George Reid
Jeffrey Williams

Retired

- Susan Ortega
Ira Zrehikian

Other

- Arnold Aguirrebarrena
Winfred Calhoun
Susan Chiang
Aurora Grino
William Hilliard
Lynda Leung
Edgar Mijangos
Howard Ou
David Sanchez
John Trujillo
Daniel Valenciana



In Memoriam

Our thoughts and condolences are with the family and friends of the following current and retired City employees who have passed away. The number after the name indicates years of service.

Active

- Diche, Ven, General Services, 20
Hayes, Alice, DWP, 1
Russell, David, DWP, 30
Willerford, David, Public Works, 24

Retired

- Baade, Loyal, Public Works, 27
Bader, Edward, Building and Safety, 31
Barnes, Jessie Jr., DWP, 25
Besco, James, DWP, 30
Brackeen, Mary, DWP, 31
Bradshaw, Vernon, DWP, 27
Brown, Jerry, General Services, 37
Campbell, Gloria, DWP, 49
Carpenter, Ola, DWP, 34
Carroll, Edwin, DWP, 32
Carroll, Virgil, DWP, 36
Clark, Duane, DWP, 12
Clark, Melva, DWP, 32
Cornwell, Benjamin, DWP, 33
Culver, Ruth, DWP, 15
Ellis, Thomas, DWP, 33
Fletcher, Lloyd, Rec and Parks, 33
Gillingham, Ernestine, Public Works, 34
Grossman, Lester, Building and Safety, 10
Hall, William Jr., DWP, 27
Harris, Helen, General Services, 25
Hicks, Virginia, DWP, 27
Johnson, Cudies, Public Works, 36
Johnson, John, Building and Safety, 26
Johnson, Phyllis, LAPD, 36
Langrum, James, Retired, 28

- Little, Rose, LAPD, 25
Lyons, Shelly, Public Works, 33
MacNish, Thomas, City Council, 8
Manley, John, Public Works, 32
Marinovich, Milorad, DWP, 23
Marshall, Gerald, Rec and Parks, 31
McCall, Foster, Public Works, 22
McCallister, John, DWP, 24
McClellan, Charles, DWP, 26
Messina, Charles, Housing, 25
Michelangelo, Louis, DWP, 32
Moen, Robert, Public Works, 34
Morgan, Olga, Aging, 16
Murphey, Roger, Planning, 8
Norris, Homer, Airports, 29
Origel, Joseph, DWP, 25
Oshiro, Masanori, Airports, 34
Pamplin, Jack, DWP, 19
Perkins, Clifford, Airports, 39
Roberson, Richard, Transportation, 24
Rogers, Albert, Public Works, 30
Rothstein, Fannie, Transportation, 3
Ruiz, Carl, DWP, 38
Samuel, Alonzo, Public Works, 25
Savellano, Nestor, Controllers, 26
Shipp, George, Airports, 16
Sye, Donald, Public Works, 27
Thomas, Alfred, General Services, 29
Valdez, Vincent, Public Works, 32
Valenzuela, Sandra, LAPD, 30
Williams, Betty Mae, City Attorney, 30



Retirements, continued on page 32

Table with 11 columns: NAME, TITLE, DEPT, YEARS. It lists retirement details for various employees across different departments like City Attorney, Public Works, Harbor, etc.

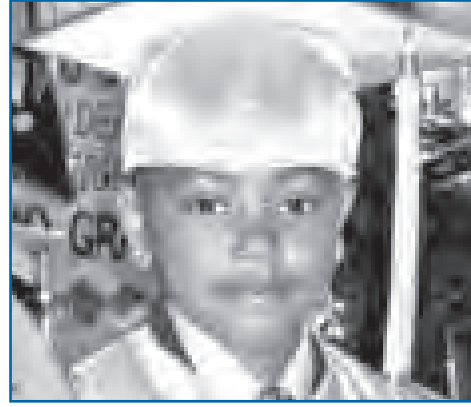
Graduations



Corina Estevane graduated from Sylmar High School with honors. She plans to attend College of the Canyons in Valencia in the fall for two years and then transfer to a university where she will major in pre-med. She's the daughter of Gabriel Estevane, Public Works/Sanitation.



Jonathan Jacob Chabolla graduated from Porter Middle School. He plans to attend Kennedy High School this fall. He's the son of Cheryl Garcia, LAPD. "Your dad and I are so proud of you!"



Lawrence Drake III graduated from kindergarten at Inglewood Christian School. He is the son of Andrea Netterville, LAPD.



DaVon Lowery graduated from Cal State Dominguez Hills, majoring in criminal justice. He has been accepted into Cal State Long Beach for graduate school in public policy/urban and international affairs. DaVon is an Airport Police Security Officer at LAX.

Alive! is delighted to publish graduation photos of Club members and their children. Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Military



Does someone in your extended family serve their country as a member of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard? Send us a photo – either formal or on duty, along with your name, City department and relationship to the subject. Send photos to *Alive!* in the Military, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Send digital photos to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Weddings

Have a photo of a recent wedding? Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Quinceañera

Have a photo of a recent quinceañera? Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

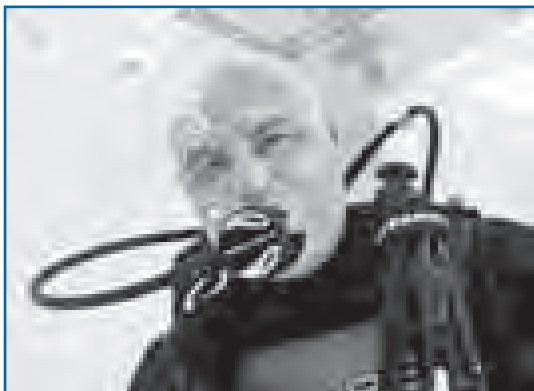
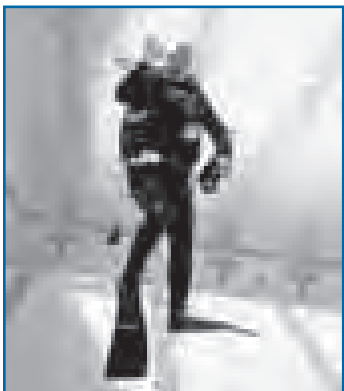


Births

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Special Achievements



Club member Dariusz Smajdor completed his Rescue Diver Certification Training, sponsored by Professional Association of Diving Instructors. He works for the DWP. Congratulations, Dariusz!



Allen De La Pena, Clerk Typist, LAPD, was named the Employee of the Quarter for the first quarter 2010 by the Police Dept.'s Records and Identification Division. He was noted for his successful work training new operators on the department's Documentum imaging system. Good going, Allen!

Have you or your children recently achieved something special? Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Peace of Mind

It's a Dog's Life, But Only With Insurance

BY TIFFANY SY

The Club's Peace of Mind Expert



The statistics of pet ownership in America rise each year, with dogs and cats in the lead. Many pet owners (including myself) consider our pets to be valued members of the family. Statistics provided by the American Pet Products Association have shown that we are also spending more on animal care -- \$47.7 billion (predicted) this year. I'm not surprised by these facts, since my cat and dogs have more toys than they can destroy, and their diet is healthier and organically better than mine!

In addition to supplies and food, the greatest costs American pet owners incur are medical. According to USA Today, the cost in veterinary services has inflated 80.4 percent since 2000, in comparison with 28.1 percent inflation for services in all other industries.

When I decided to write an article about the Club's Pet First insurance plan, I initially wanted to share my own personal experience of needing to use it. But, quite honestly, I would rather not think about and re-live the horrendous details of the

day my dog escaped out of my yard and was hit by a speeding vehicle. In fact, I hope none of you will ever have to use pet insurance the way I had to when she spent the night in an Animal Hospital hooked up to a catheter. Today, I am happy to inform you, Gingerella, a gorgeous lab mix rescued from our City's very own Northeast Animal Services shelter in Lincoln Heights, is just fine. Just ask that golden tail of hers as she whips it in your face! If she's in a really good mood, she might even trip you with it.

Having Pet First Accident and Illness insurance coverage for Ginger gave me instant relief when the emergency veterinarian's office handed me the bill for \$1,391.13. I paid \$50 toward my deductible and received a check in the mail within weeks for the reimbursement of 90 percent, in my case, \$1,207.02.

The Pet First insurance plan is eligible to any dog or cat from eight weeks to nine years of age. In addition to covering accidents and illnesses, the plan also covers routine or preven-

tative care including vaccinations, flea medications, physical exams, screenings, dental cleanings, spay/neuter, and behavior training, with no deductible and a 90 percent reimbursement. One of the greatest features of the plan is the freedom to receive services from any board-licensed veterinarian in the United States.

In comparison to our life spans, our furry friends are with us for a relatively short time, and I want them to stay as long as they can. The countless benefits of pet ownership make pet insurance well worth the cost. If you have pets and want to join the other two million dogs and 800,000 cats already insured in America, call me today to sign up.



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