

Special Holiday Party Section



The City Parties!

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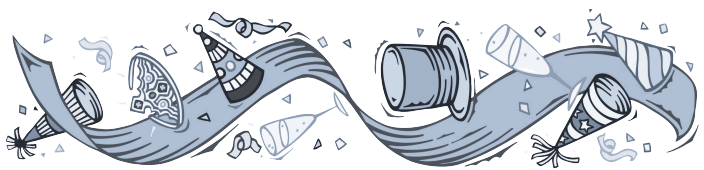
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Every year, City Departments put aside their hard work and come together for fun and socialization at their festive holiday parties. And *Alive!* publishes as many of your party pics as we can.

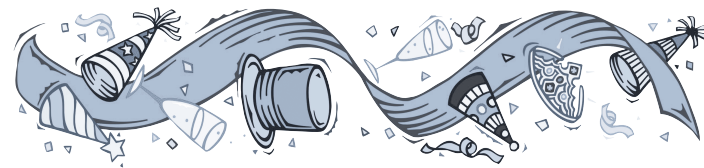
Starting this month, we cover the City Parties. And we'll continue in the next months as the photos continue to trickle in.

Happy New Year!





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Holiday Committee, standing from left: Laura Cruz, PSR III; Capt. Joel Justice, Commanding Officer, LAPD Communications; Larry Gates, PSR II, Club Member; Berta Ugas, Sr. PSR I, Club Member; and Sara Wieck, PSR II, Club Member. Seated: Lt. Gloria Vargas; Eva Espinoza, PSR II, Club Member; Diana Montano, PSR II, Club Member; and Sarah Chacon, PSR II.

LAPD Communications

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager

The City's 9-1-1 operators and administrative staff – held its annual elegant holiday party Dec. 5 aboard the *FantaSea* yacht in Marina del Rey.

This is the second year that this event was on the *FantaSea* yacht which cruised the Marina del Rey harbor. Dinner, dancing, great food and casino games for chance to win great prizes.

The Club thanks Lt. Gloria Vargas and Larry Gates for their assistance.



From left: Creighton Dawson, P2 at Newton; Iris Dawson, PSR II, Club Member; and Chris and Marie Garcia, PSR II.



From left: Margie and Capt. Joel Justice, Commanding Officer, LAPD Communications.



Lee Masters, Sr. PSR 1, Club Member, and his wife, Val.



From left: Mina Chong, PSR II, Club Member, with her husband, Andres Mendoza, PSR III.



Brandon Kemp, PSR II, and Nicole Ellis, PSR II



Ken Yasaki, PSR III, Club Member



Sgt. Nathan Ewert, Port Police, Club Member, and Rosanna Kim, PSR II.



Newlyweds Paulina Lopez and Robert Lopez, both PSR IIs and Club Members. Congratulations, Paulina and Robert!



Sara Wieck, PSR II, and guest Ruben Ponce.



From left: Marlene Swancy, Sr. PSR 1, Club Member; Robyn Frazier, Sr. PSR 1, Club Member; and Shaton Brown, Sr. PSR 1, Club Member.



From left: Naomi Alexander, PSR III, Club Member; William Young, guest; and Tracy Beverly, Sr. PSR I, Club Member.



Under the umbrella, from left: guest Jessica Heredia and Quincy Mirage, PSR II, Club Member.



Ryan and Tiffany Hall, PSR I.

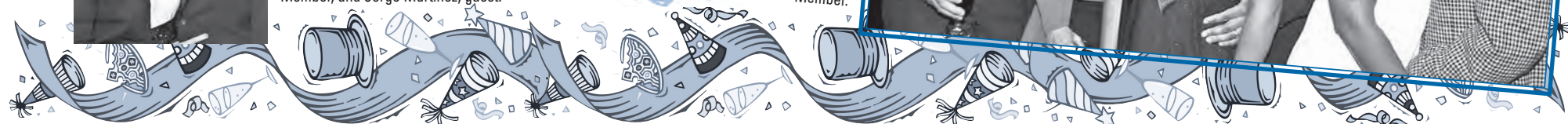


Carol and Lt. Vic Dennis, Club Member.



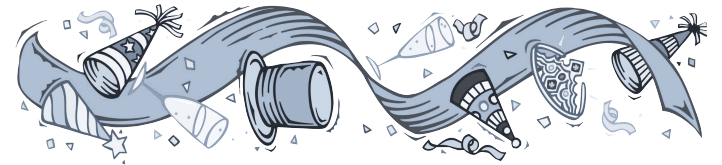
Diana Montano, PSR II, Club Member, and Jorge Martinez, guest.

From left: Iver and Jacqui Dreben, PSR II, Club Member; Victor and Halima Betton, PSR II; Damien Hodge, fiancé to Ricci Cureton, PSR III, Club Member.





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LA Chicano Assn.

Story and photos by Eboné Moses, Club Counselor

The Los Angeles City Employees Chicano Assn. (LACECA) held its 39th annual holiday reception and toy drive on Dec. 2.

The event took place at Luminarias in Monterey Park.

At the party, the association installed its executive board for 2011-12. Dancing and entertainment followed. Over 200 toys were collected and contributed to the Anahuak Youth Sports Association in Highland Park.

Thanks to Manny Villalpando for his assistance.



From left: Leonor Garcia, Management Analyst, Club Member, 22 years of City service; Rosie Ucana, Retired, Club Member, 11 years of City service; Adolfo Felix, Lab Tech, DWP, "Elvis" Ramirez, LAPD, 25 years of City service; Kathy Ariano, guest; Edna Meraz, Retired, Housing; and Fernie



From left: Jose Cuevas, guest; Virgie Reyes, guest; Lupe Durazo, LACECA Board, Secretary, 11 years of City service; and Anthony Garcia, Club Member, LACECA member, 25 years of service.



From left: Alex Mayagoitia, Club Member, Mechanic Helper, DWP, 12 years of City service; and Benjamin Banuelos, Club Member, DWP, 8 years of City service.



From left: Barbara Matlock, Club Member, Utility Administrator, 25 years of City service; Olga Nickenig, guest; and Gloria Ortiz, Sr. Clerk Typist, 21 years of City service.



From left: Sandra Preciado, Retired; John Palestino, Club Member, Sr. Clerk Typist, 25 years of City service; and Irma Gallardo, Club Member, Sr. Clerk Typist, 5 years of City service.



From left: Angie Roman, Club Member, LAPD Executive Administrative Analyst, 35 years of City service; and Rene Gomez, Sr. Management Analyst, 23 years of City service.



From left: Gloria Ortiz, Sr. Clerk Typist, 21 years of City service; Jackie Zarate-Roberts, First Vice President, LACECA, Club Member, 27 years of City service; and Stella Sias, President, LACECA board, 24 years of City service.



From left: Danny Beltran, guest; Arlene Acosta, Workers Comp. Analyst, 3 years of City service; and Virginia Delgado, Club Member, Accounting Clerk II, 11 years of City service.

Housing

Story and photos by Eboné Moses, Club Counselor

Housing held its holiday party Dec. 3 at Castaways in Burbank.

Housing employees and their guests shared a holiday dinner and danced into the night.

Special thanks go to Manuel "Manny" Villalpando for his assistance.



From left: Albert Esparza, guest; Dalila Luna, Clerk Typist, 4 years of City service, Club Member; Michelle Wilson, Sr. Clerk Typist, 20 years of City service, Club Member; Lorena Aguilar, Sr. Clerk Typist, 8 years of City service, Club Member; Jennifer Rivera, daughter of Lorena Aguilar; Angela Hayes, Office of Finance Customer Service, 12 years of City Service, Club Member; Mandi Tom, Sr. Clerk Typist, 5 years; and Marina Ramirez-Lopez, Sr. Clerk Typist, 5 years of City service, Club member.



Alfonso Avila, Housing Inspector, 3 years of City service, Club Member, and his wife, Judy.



Dindy and Mark Rude, Housing Inspector, 4 years of City service.



From left: Marco Castilla, Clerk Typist, 22 years of City service; Laura Blanco, guest; Bob Valdez, CT, 7 years of City service, Club Member; Irene Scaduto, Retired, Club Member.



From left: Deborah Castillo, guest; Roberto Aldape, Asst. General Manager, Housing, 4 years of City service; Mary and Doug Guthrie, General Manager, Housing, 1 year of City service; Tia Carrera, guest; John Travolta, Housing; and Michael and Teresa Singson, Sr. Management Analyst I, 20 years of City service.



From left: Rieben Ordonez, guest; Anthony Lopez, DWP Home Inspector, 27 years of City service, Club Member; Priscilla Lopez, Assistant Support, 17 years of City service, Club Member; Johnny Jurski, guest; and Anna Jurski, guest.



From left: Jahanian Malik, Housing Inspector, 11 years of City service; Juliet Malik, guest; Klara and Vatche Kasumyan, Principal Inspector, 11 years of City service, Club Member; and Rubina and Vahan Melik-Kasumyan, Housing Inspector, 5 years of City service.



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Library/Western Area

Story and photos by Brent Urban, Club Counselor

For its holiday party this year, the Library's Western Area had a Vegas/casino theme. The party was held Dec. 9 at the Venice/Abbot Kinney Branch. Proceeds went to the St. Joseph Center in Venice.

The party was complete with a blackjack table, bingo, a full buffet, and a game called "Guess that Branch." The only thing missing was an appearance by Wayne Newton. Oh, well. Maybe next year?

Special thanks to Jene Brown, Interim Western Branch Manager, for assisting us.



Blackjack table complete with dealer and fake money!



The prize may have been small, but the smile was large.



"Will you marry me?" No.



From left: Jene Brown, Club Member, Interim Western Branch Manager; and Yvonne Tremble, Clerk Typist, with "Name That Branch."



Chris Hoffman and Tiffany Coleman, Clerk Typist, Robertson Branch.



From left: Lucille Capps, Branch Manager; Elian Whitaker, Children's Librarian; Maggie Johnson, Branch Manager; Zakiyya Akram, Club Member, YA Hyde Park.



From left: Joseph Atkinson, Club Member, Branch Manager, Playa Vista; and Mary Hoph, Branch Manager, Pacific Palisades.



From left: Trisha Simmons, Clerk Typist; Su Yin, Messenger Clerk; and Alice Poon, Clerk Typist.



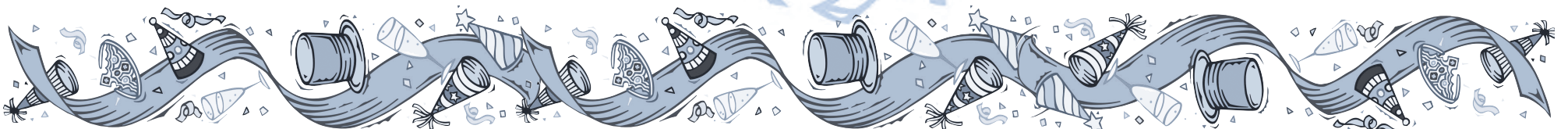
Mrs. Duan, Sr. Librarian, and Jene Brown, Interim Western Branch Manager, with one of the several games they invented for the event.



From left: Tyrone Tennessee, Club Member, Sr. Lead Officer; Howard Wysinger, Club Member, Public Safety Officer; David Aquirre, Chief of Security; and Loni Brown, Public Safety Officer.

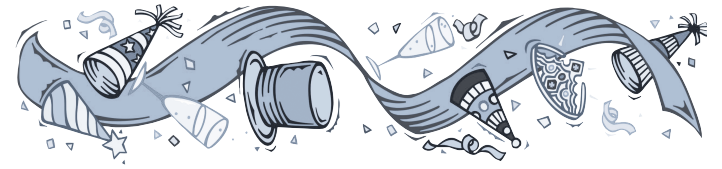


Cupcakes and casino. A nice combination!





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LAPD Training Div.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager

LAPD's Training Division held its holiday party Dec. 7 at Lawry's restaurant. Approximately 200 employees attended the luncheon. Lots of prizes were given away, and great food and prizes were enjoyed by all. *Special thanks go to Laura Rangel for her assistance.*



From left: Phil Watson, P3, Club Member; Sgt. II Heather Fungaroli; and Lt. II Ed Palmer.



From left: Clarence Jones, Security Officer, Club Member; Rita Vallejo, P3, Club Member; and Stinson Brown, D1.



From left: Ata Kirmani, AV Tech, Club Member; Hopyung Park, Video Alchemist; Dan Morehead, AV Tech; Jon Gesch, Photographer; Shawn Gabre, AV Tech; and David Gomez, Sr. Photographer, Club Member.



From left: Sgt. II Deborah Mastin; Sgt. II Jason Zabel; Clarence Mejia, P3; James Hwang, P3; and Paul Ahn, P3.



From left: Daryl Ordone, P3; John Derouen, P3; Anthony Pack, P3; and Andy Hwang, P3, Club Member.



From left: Richard Melendez, FTO Instructor; Rhoadell Sudduth, FTO Instructor; and Edward Espinoza, FTO Instructor.



From left: Arthur Kurkowski, P2, Port Police at Harbor/LAPD Academy, Club Member; Tim McRach, D1; and Adriana Ramirez, D1.

Retired PDO Michael Ellington, Club Member, kicks off the luncheon.



From left: Joe Clay, P2; John Lee, P2; Erin Gabaldon, P2; and Sgt. II Frank McCloven.



From left: Monica Lewis, CT, Club Member; and Ann Medina, PSR II, Club Member.



From left: Tanya Rodda, P3; Caryn McLeod, Sr. CT; Tiffany Burke-Williams, SMA 1, Club Member; and Marlene Burke, Retired, DWP.



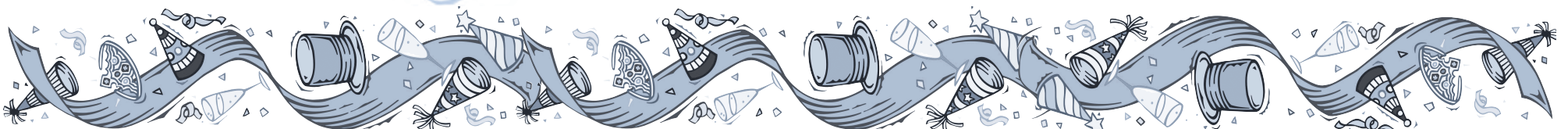
From left: Sgt. Mitch Windsor; Laura Windsor, P3; Isaias Gonzalez, P3; and Capt. Greg Allen.



From left: Damien Pacheco, MA II, Club Member; Jeb Panyarjun, Management Assistant; Willie Umana, Equipment Mechanic; and Paul Dalton, Security Officer.

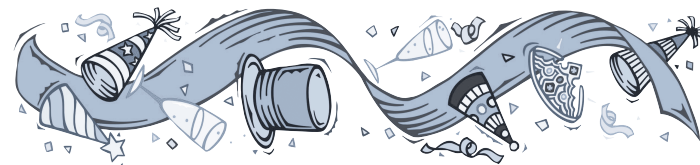


From left: Frank Morales, ECH, Club Member; Curtis Ausmus, Plumber; Bud Eyerly, Building Repair Supervisor, Club Member; Javen Borgwardt, Mechanic, Club Member; and David Van Hosen, Painter, Club Member.





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From left: Abhai Bhatia, Engineer; Lane Thibodaux, Engineer; Pancho Ferrer, Warehouse; Martin Lopez, Sr. Storekeeper; Ralph Martinez, Storekeeper; and Sueng Oh, Engineer.



Jose Garcia and his lovely family.

Sanitation/ Terminal Island

Story and photos by Brent Urban, Club Counselor

As the Harbor's big ships passed by outside, Sanitation's Terminal Island Water Reclamation Plant employees enjoyed their holiday party Dec. 15. The party was held at Ports O'Call restaurant in San Pedro.

Family and friends enjoyed a delicious buffet (I ate my fair share) and music by one of their own, DJ V. (Shout out to DJ V!) See you again next year. *Special thanks to Shirley Crawford for her assistance.*



Top, from left: Steven Trujillo, Club Member, Instrument Mechanic; Kieth Gawith, Instrument Mechanic, President of "Veterans for Peace;" Monterio Logan, guest; Loretta Arnold, Club Member, Clerk Typist; and Ciara Dowdy, guest. Bottom: Brianna Gawith, guest; Lori Logan, Lab Tech; and Geneva Dowdy, Clerk Typist.



Alice Gabourel, Storekeeper; and Kieth Gawith, Instrument Mechanic.



Vijai Serram, Club Member, Instrument Mechanic and resident DJ, and his daughter light up the party.



Committee Members, from left: Henry Ayala, Pipefitter; Barb Kavepi, Instrument Supervisor; Shirley Crawford, Club Member, Clerk Typist; Kelly Scrivena, Pipefitter; Sandy O'Guinn, Gardener; Vijai Serram, Instrument Mechanic; Karl Brieitenstein, Supervisor; and Jose Garcia, Club Member, Carpenter, with his daughter.



From left: Abhai Bhatia, Engineer; Lane Thibodeaux, Engineer, and proud new father of Sofie; Pancho Ferrer, Warehouse; Martin Lopez, Club Member, Sr. Storekeeper; and Ralph Martinez, Storekeeper.



From left: Virginia Love, guest; Sandy O'Guinn, Gardener; Henry Ayala, Club Member, Pipe Fitter; and Faye Kenoly, Club Member, Retired.

Valley Transportation

Story and photo by Brent Urban, Club Counselor

Transportation's Valley Yard held its annual holiday party Dec. 15.

The party was held at Transportation's Valley headquarters. The roll-call room at the Valley Transportation office hasn't seen this much Christmas cheer since... well, since last Christmas. Check out the group photo. This is in the running for happiest division photo ever!

The Club donated raffle prizes. *Thanks to Sarah Morton, Capt. Rea and Sgt. Price for their assistance.*



Sgt. Price and Sarah Morton, Club Member, Traffic Officer, and event organizer, pose with raffle winners.



Michelle Rampal, Club Members, Traffic Officer.



Sgt. Marsh, Club Member, wins the first raffle prize.



Emily Bolton, Traffic Officer.



Larry Randolph and Sgt. Price.



Capt. Rea, Club Member, with his poinsettia prize.



Sergio Florez, Traffic Officer, feels festive.



Kim Brooks, Club Member, Traffic Officer, with a bag of goodies.



Traffic Officers know how to have a good time. See, we even have a thumbs-up!



Susan Rahtz, Traffic Officer; and Bob Moran, Traffic Officer.

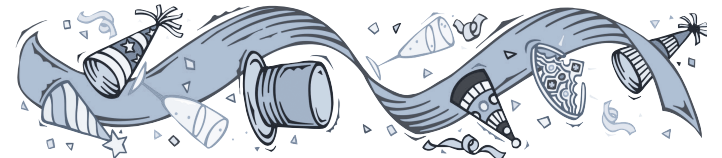


The group of holiday revelers from Valley Transportation.





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Top: Aaron Straussner. From left: Julie Locks Sherman, Haas Roberson, and Officer Shawn Smith, LAAPOA Assistant Secretary, Club Member.



Tamika Williams, Airport Police Dispatch, Club Member, and Jennifer Deadmond.



From left: Officer Frank Shin, 7 years of City service, Club Member; Amanda Archer, guest; and Officer Rodney Rouzan, LAAPOA Treasurer, Club Member.

Airport Police

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager, and Eboné Moses, Club Counselor; Photos by Tom Hawkins, Club Photographer

The Los Angeles Airport Police Officers Assn. (LAAPOA) held its annual holiday party Dec. 11 at the Embassy Suites hotel in El Segundo.

Toys were collected for the group's annual toy drive. Many prizes were given away. Appearances were made by City Attorney Carmen Trutanich and Assemblywoman Betsy Butler.

Special thanks to Marshall McClain, LAAPOA President, for his invitation.



Officer Michael Dear, LAAPOA Assistant Secretary, Club Member.



Officer Stuart Saxon, 3 years of City service, Club Member, and his wife, Liz.



Officer Julius Levy, LAAPOA Vice President, Club Member, and Shawnee Rogers, FTP, 7.5 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Officer Aaron Duboise, 8 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer Mario Lara, 4 years of service, Club Member.



Sgt. Bernard Fitchpatrick, LAPD, 27 years of City service; and Capt. LaPonda Fitchpatrick, 28 years, Airport Police, Club Member.



Nicky Agnew, Records, Airport Police, and her husband, Andrew.



Officer Marshall McClain, LAAPOA President, Club Member, and Assemblywoman Besty Butler, 53rd District.



Officer Gerard Kilayko, 7 years of City service, Club Member, and Anna Delarmente, guest.



Officer Diego Vasquez, 4 years of City service, Club Member, and Rosie Huitoun, guest.



Eboné Moses, Club Counselor, with Officer Rodney Rouzan, LAAPOA Treasurer, Club Member.



From left: Mel Hayes, Commercial Enforcement Unit, and James Duffie, guest.



Martin Lopez, husband, Officer Adela Lopez, Drill Instructor, 4.5 years of City service; with (from left) guests Barbara and Joe Flan.



Tyrone Tarvis with guest.



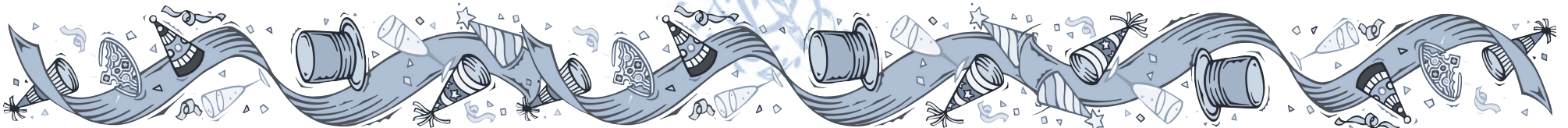
Representing media publisher of Alert 3, from left: Jordan Tolila, Natalie Tolila, Mike Deitch and Susan Smiley.



Officers Raymond Rouzan and Rodney Rouzan, LAAPOA Treasurer, Club Member.

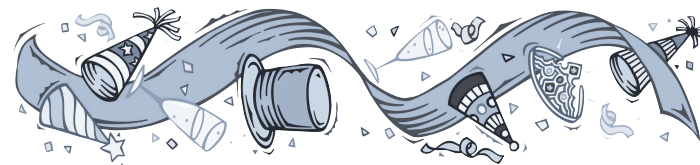


Officer Marshall McClain, LAAPOA President, Club Member, and his wife, Yvette.





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David Mello, Club Member, RCTO and his guest, Maria, with friends Ernie and Sofia Chavez. Ernie is an RCTO from the East Valley Yard.



Mr and Mrs. Rodriguez. Mr. Rodriguez is a Welder.

Sanitation

Story and photos by Brent Urban, Club Counselor

Sanitation's fancy annual holiday party took place Dec. 18 at the Friendship Auditorium in Griffith Park.

Once again, people from the Bureau of Sanitation broke out some of their best threads for an evening of celebration and camaraderie.

There was an amazing buffet to choose from while the live band performed on stage late into the night.



Miguel Rodriguez, Refuse Driver, and his wife.



There was a wonderful ambiance in the Friendship Auditorium.



Tony, RCTO, and his wife, Rosa.



Johnny Williams, Club Member, West LA Sanitation Yard, and his wife, Kathy.



James Polk and his wife were among the first to arrive.



The live jazz band.



It's cold outside, and these two couldn't wait to cuddle up!



Gerald Lopez, Club Member, Truck Operator II, with his daughter.



David Pilkney, Club Member, Truck Operator, and his guest.



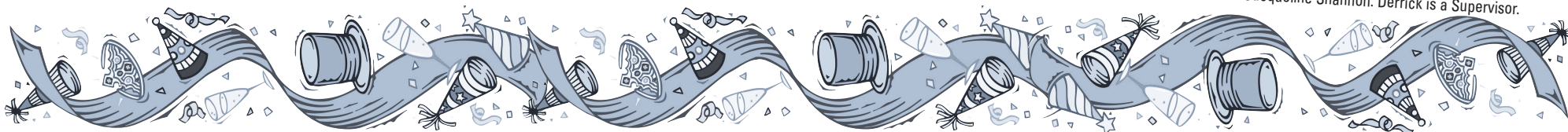
Ron Paige, Club Member, RTCO, and his wife, Lisa.



Sergio Pelayo, Club Member, Sanitation Driver, and his wife.

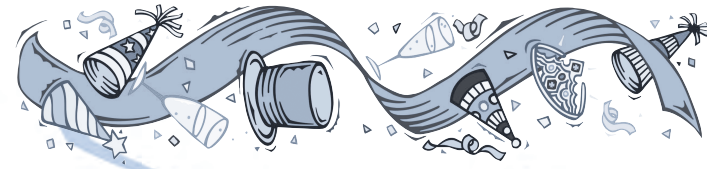


Chris Bell, Club Member, RCTO, and his wife Megan, with Derrick and Jacqueline Shannon. Derrick is a Supervisor.





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L.A. Filipino Assn.

Story and photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations

The Los Angeles Filipino Association of City Employees (LAFACE) held its annual Christmas party Dec. 3 in the Tom Bradley Room high atop City Hall.

Many different City departments were represented, including the DWP, Public Works, City Attorney's Office, the Mayor's Office, Fire and Police Pensions, CDD, Housing, Controller's Office, General Services and Building and Safety.

Special thanks to Cora Soriano, Club Member and LAFACE president, for her assistance.



From left: Lourdes Zerrudo, Executive Secretary, DWP, 26 years of City service; Maria Sison-Roces, Executive Assistant to General Manager, DWP, 20 years of service; and Sol Aumentado, Administrative Assistant, DWP, 26 years of service.



Alfredo Magallanes, Public Works/Sanitation, Acting Sr. Environmental Engineer, 18 years of service, with his daughter, Merce Magallanes.



From left: Yolanda Huang, Department Chief Accountant, LA Fire and Police Pensions, 19 years of City service, Club member since 1992; Amelia Marucut, CDD, Management Analyst II, 13 years of service, Club member since 2001; and Nell Dizon, Management Analyst, Housing Department, 10 years of service.



From left: Holly Ann Posadas; Marc Magallanes; and Andrew Angeles, scholarship awardees.



From left: Cora Soriano, President of LAFACE; and Ryan Carpio, Field Deputy, 3 years of City service.



From left: Alex Banares, Accounting Clerk, Controller's Office, 5 years of City service; Mildred Jacla, SMS Payments, General Services, 9 years of service; and Nani Paxton, Management Analyst II, Building and Safety, 15 years of service, Club member since 1997.



From left: Monette Carranceja, Assistant Retirement Plan Manager, DWP, 17 years of City service; Henry Martinez, COO, DWP; Susana M. Reyes, Director of Human Resources, DWP, 24 years of service; Maria Sison-Roces, Executive Assistant to General Manager, DWP, 20 years of service; and Cora Soriano, President of LAFACE.



You heard that right – a Club Cruise around the Mediterranean!

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