

DWP

Lori Ledbetter Leaves

Lori retires from DWP after 30 years of City service.



Lori's retirement cake.



Friends and coworkers wished Lori the best.



Story by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor; Photos by Robert Larios, Club Operations Director

Friends, family and coworkers held a retirement luncheon June 15 for Lori Ledbetter, Sr. Clerk Typist, DWP. Lori retires with 30 years of City service.

The luncheon was held at the Japanese Gardens.

Congratulations from the Club, Lori! Enjoy your retirement.



Al Sosa and Lori Ledbetter, Retiree.



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From left: Karen Lomeli and Lori Ledbetter.



Retiree Lori Ledbetter (right) with her husband, David, and daughter, Jessica.



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REC AND PARKS

Lotus Festival Blooms Again

Annual festival returns.

The 33rd annual Lotus Festival, co-sponsored by Rec and Parks, is set for Saturday and Sunday, July 9-10, at Echo Park Lake near Dodger Stadium. (Dates coincide with the blooming of the lotus flower.) Admission is free.

The festival attracts an estimated 100,000 people.

The Lotus Festival develops, promotes and creates an atmosphere of understanding in which Asian and Pacific Islander communities in Southern California are brought together for two days of cultural sharing. The festival also seeks to preserve and enlighten the public with a sampling of distinctly different and unique Asian and Pacific Islander culture and traditions through cultural displays, art, music, dance and food.

Opening ceremonies at noon July 9 begin the celebration of the 33rd Lotus Festival, which includes live music, dance and entertainment from a variety of performers representing many of the diverse countries of Asia and the Pacific Islands. This year, the festival will highlight the people and cultures of Thailand.

Asian and Pacific Islander personalities from the media and its communities will act as hosts during this two-day event. Artisans-at-work will be

on hand to demonstrate their skills on the beautifully decorated Flower Island Pavilion. Their artwork illustrates their spirit, tradition and pride of the Asian and Pacific Islander handiwork. This includes: paper-cutting, hand painted scrolls, calligraphy, plant and flower expertise, fish, birds and other Asian artifacts.

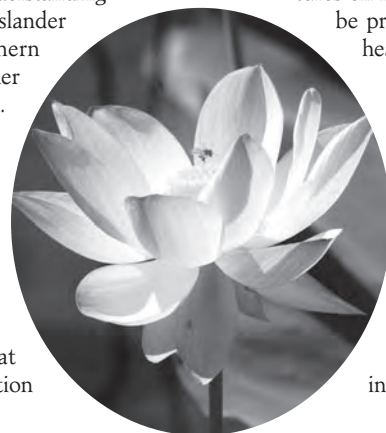
The Health Fair will feature educational lectures on holistic fitness. Other services to be provided include: free screenings, health information and referrals.

The Community Services will feature a variety of organizations offering free information, assistance and referrals in areas of employment, social services, immigration, legal services, education, housing and translating.

The boutiques will offer a variety of Asian and Pacific Islander items and gifts for sale including clothing, jewelry, artwork, hand-made crafts, incense, body oils and much more.

The international food booth area will provide a variety of Asian and Pacific Islander cuisine that will feature enticing delicacies and exotic beverages that are traditional to the Asian and Pacific Island Cultures.

Information: www.laparks.org/calendar/lotus/lotus.htm



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