

DWP

Goodbye, Desai

Manoj Desai, Sr. Accountant, Club Member, retires from the DWP after 18 years of City service.



Presenting a certificate from the Retirement Plan Office: Minaj Desai, Retired Chief Accountant, Sr. Accountant, 18 years of City service, Club Member; and Monette Carranceja, Asst. Retirement Plan Manager, 18 years, Club Member.



Story by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor; Photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager

On Jan. 26, friends, family, and co-workers of Manoj Desai gathered to celebrate his retirement from the DWP. The lunch was held at the Golden City Seafood Restaurant in Los Angeles.

Here is a brief history of Manoj's career with the City and DWP: Manoj worked for the City and DWP for 18 and a half years starting in 1993. In the first seven years of his career, he was promoted six times at a rate of one promotion per year! For the City he worked as an Accountant, Tax Auditor, and Management Analyst. In 1996, he transferred to FSO as a Utility Accountant. Then a year later, he went back to the City for a promotion to Sr. Accountant. The following year, he moved back to DWP for a promotion to Senior Utility Accountant D in FSO. Within two years there, he became a Senior B and within another two years, in 2002, he was promoted to the Chief Accountant position at the Retirement Office as a Sr. Accountant.

Manoj also served as a Labor Representative for the Administrative Unit for EAA.

Manoj Desai is known for going out of his way to help employees who are seeking assistance or information.

Congratulations, Manoj! The Club wishes you the best in the years to come!



From left: Mary Higgins, Asst. Plan Manager, 27 years of City service; Veronica Mendez, Utility Administrator, 25 years; and Erlinda Pabon, Sr. Clerk Typist, 18 years, Club Member.



From left: Club Employees Katie Hesselstine and Robert Larios; and Conney Williams, Management Analyst, 33 years of City service, Club Member.



The DWP's Accounting Section within Retirement Division with Minaj Desai.



From left: Anneli Joaquin, Sr. Utility Accountant, 32 years of City service, Club Member; Joy Law, Utility Accountant, 4 years; and Minh Le, Power Engineering Manager, 28 years.



From left: Nancy Romero, Local 18; Obaidullah Patel, Systems Analyst, 21 years of City service, Club Member; and Perla Obal, Utility Accountant, 22 years, Club Member.



Presenting a certificate from the Union Local 18: Minaj Desai, Retired Chief Accountant, Sr. Accountant, 18 years of City service, Club Member; and Nancy Romero, Local 18.



From left: Rita Carwile, ISM, 26 years of City service, Club Member; Christina Munoz, Management Analyst, 22 years, Club Member; and Anna Russo, Management Analyst, 12 years.



A family picture, from left: Manas Desai, son of Minaj, Electrical Engineer, 5 years of City service, Club Member; Sarita Desai, wife of Minaj; Minaj Desai, Retired Chief Accountant, Sr. Accountant, 18 years, Club Member; and Samar Desai, son of Minaj, Sr. System Analyst, 15 years, Club Member.



The Club's Robert Larios presents a gift to Minaj Desai.



From left: Monette Carranceja, Asst. Retirement Plan Manager, 18 years of City service, Club Member; Devika Nair, Sr. Utility Accountant, 11 years, Club Member; Alexander Lee, Investment Officer, 1 year of City service; and Cesar Fermin, Principal Accountant, 23 years, Club Member.



From left: Lashaun Mcloud, Clerk Typist, 6 years of City service, Club Member; Leila Cabarrus, Sr. Clerk Typist, 24 years; Kendrick Mah, Management Analyst, 16 years; and Mercedes Fields, Sr. Clerk Typist, 6 years.



From left: Samar Desai, son of Minaj, Sr. Systems Analyst, 15 years City service, Club Member; Surendra Vohra, Electrical Engineer, 25 years; Minaj Desai, Retired Chief Accountant, Sr. Accountant, 18 years, Club Member; and Narendra Patel, Electrical Engineer Associate, 10 years.



Club staff with Minaj Desai, Retiree and Club Member.



From left: Ved Avota, Electrical Engineer, 22 years of City service; Pravin Bhakta, Electrical Engineer, 36 years; Manas Desai, son of Minaj, Electrical Engineer, 5 years, Club Member; and Sarita Desai, wife of Minaj.



Edsel Arceo, Manager of Cost and Project Accounting, 31 years of City service, Club Member; Jovito Pacis, Sr. Utilities Accountant, 30 years, Club Member; and Vincent Cayan, Sr. Programming Analyst, 32 years, Club Member.



From left: William Feng, Sr. Utility Accountant, 7 years of City service; Anil Desai, Structural Engineering Associate, 38 years, Club Member; and Martin Yakerson, Communities Electrician, 10 years, Club Member.



From left: Valerie Taylor-Ragler, PCU, 27 years of City service, Club Member; Jessie Uyemura, Clerk Typist, 12 years, Club Member; and Club Staffers Monica Zamudio, Cecilia Talbot, and Jennifer Shackelford.



From left: Florentino Torres, Sr. Utilities Accountant, 29 years of City service; Grace Adajar, Investment Officer, 12 years, Club Member; and Hermilina Tumaliuan, Sr. Utilities Accountant, 36 years, Club Member.