

LAFD, LAPD

Police, Fire Dept. take part in annual event to raise funds to fight childhood cancer.

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations

On St. Patrick's Day, March 17, brave participants from the LAFD and LAPD gathered at Fire Station 89 in North Hollywood for their ninth annual combined St. Baldrick's event. Participants, or "shavees" as they are known, collect pledges from friends and family in exchange for shaving their heads. The bald heads signify solidarity with child victims of cancer, who often lose their hair while undergoing treatment. All money raised goes to the St. Baldrick's Foundation and is distributed to doctors and other researchers on the front lines of the war on childhood cancer.

Organizers reported last year that they hit the historic mark of \$100,000 in donations and were hoping to meet or exceed that this year.

In addition to the shaving of the heads, activities included:

- Free International House of Pancakes breakfast;
- Raffle tickets sold for great prizes;
- A silent auction;
- Magic Castle magicians and face painting;
- Providence bloodmobile on site
- City of Hope bone marrow registration
- LAFD and LAPD apparatus on display
- LAPD SWAT and K-9 display
- Celebrity head shavers, including Julia Jones (*Twilight's* Leah Clearwater) and Ozzy's son, Jack Osbourne;
- Gourmet food trucks; and
- Caricature drawings by LeftyJoe Torres.

Special thanks to Firefighter Sean Kennedy, LAFD, Club Member, 13 years of City service; Firefighter Danny Wu, LAFD, 11 years; and Lt. Greg Doyle, LAPD, Club Member, 21 years.

The Bald and the Beautiful



Firefighter Rob Curtis, LAFD, 21 years of City service, with his son, Nicholas.



Michael Peters, Photographer, LA County Fire, 7 years of County service.



From left: Organizers Firefighter Sean Kennedy, LAFD, Club Member, 13 years of City service; Firefighter Danny Wu, LAFD, 11 years; and Lt. Greg Doyle, LAPD, Club Member, 21 years.



Firefighter Angel Alvarez, LAFD, 10 years of City service, holds the "Conquer Kids' Cancer" shirt.

BEFORE



Firefighter Rich Diede, LAFD, 11 years of City service.



Emily Zavala, PSR, LAPD, Club Member and Rep, 5 years of City service, with her daughter, Lora.



AFTER



Motor Officer Mike Graham, LAPD, 16 years of service.



Motor Officer Sean Laule, LAPD West Traffic Division, 13 years of City service.



From left: Officer Jose Canal, Airport Police, Club Member, 8 years of City service, with his daughter, Emma; Juan De La Rosa, volunteer; Nicolas Canal, son of Officer Jose Canal; Judith De La Rosa, volunteer; and Marcie Canal, wife of Officer Jose Canal.

AFTER



From left: Firefighter Evan Bachman, LAFD, 6 years of City service; Firefighter Mark Stubblefield, LAFD, 5 years; Capt. John Ruedy, LAFD, Club Member, 23 years; and Tom Carroll, Ralphs Grocery.

BEFORE



Shawnie Livera, PSR III, LAPD, Club Member, 17 years of City service.



Firefighter Chris Jorgensen, LAFD, 6 years of service.



Randy and Nicole Carr, LAPD, PSR, Club Member, 7 years of City service, with their son, Logan.

