

A Message From the CEO

Everest Is the Stuff of Dreams

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What kind of goals do you set for your life? Have you ever set one as high as climbing Mt. Everest?

Doug Scarborough has. Twice.

The Airport Police Officer from Australia sets goals for himself that are maybe a little, uh, higher than most of us. Although most of us have dreamed of reaching the summit of Mt. Everest—I know I have—we haven't taken that next step. Of course with families to attend to, it might not be that easy for some of us!

But Doug took that next step, and went. You can read about it in this month's cover story.

That's not the end of the story, though. He didn't make it, and now he's planning to make another attempt next year, during the few months when conditions are ideal.

I'll let you read the story. *Alive!* hopes to keep you apprised of Doug's trek next year. Good on ya, Doug, and from all of us who wish we could be there with you, may the wind be at your back!



Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Director, photographs (from left) Airport Police Officer Doug Scarborough and Club CEO John Hawkins in Griffith Park.

Meanwhile, back here in Los Angeles... do you like our new videogame review section? Did you know that videogames is now a bigger industry than movies? It's true, so it was only a matter of time before we started a review section just for them. We had been thinking of adding it for a while, but then we received a request from good Club Member **Richard Cardenas**, LAPD, and that was all it took. Thanks, Richard, for getting us going, and for your submissions. For the rest of you—put down those joysticks, and send us a review.

And speaking of submissions to *Alive!*, don't forget about Mother's Day next month. This is one of several of our favorite sections every year—Mother's and Father's Day, Valentines Day, and graduations. It's great to see Club Members paying tribute to their mothers! And we here at the Club are pleased that so many of our members take advantage of it. So see the notice on page 35, and send 'em in!

As I look around the Club Store and see how busy it is, it reminds me that there are a number of awesome things happening at the Club. Here's a rundown:

- It's time to accept submissions for our annual **Joannie Mukai** Club Scholarship program. Joannie was a long-time Club Member, and an enthusiastic part of our Club board for a long time. It's only fitting that we've named the program for her. We all know how expensive college has become, so consider applying.
- We've extended the early-bird ticket period for our upcoming Club-exclusive party at Knott's Berry Farm May 11. That's right, the whole park is reserved for Club Members. So don't delay; get your tickets now.
- Congratulations to **Ben Lozano, Hynda Rudd, Manny Ortiz, Lisa Pallares**, and the Club's **Trinh Pham**, who we honored at our Club annual meeting last month. Amongst all the great Club Members, they went above and beyond.

Finally, I want to send special congratulations to **Tony Hernandez**, DWP, for becoming our 20,000th Club Member. That's amazing when I think about it. The Club has come a long way, and Tony is the living, breathing sign of that growth. It's amazing what can happen when you dream, isn't it? Whether it means dreaming about building a better association for City Employees, or climbing Mt. Everest... you can do whatever you set your mind to.

That's the perfect message as we enjoy springtime, isn't it? The world is new. Never stop dreaming!

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