



Don and Maria Fritts.

So Long, Linda

DWP

Linda Matute retires from the DWP after 43 years of City service.



Marty Adams, Director of Water Operations, who was Linda's boss.

Coworkers, friends and family held an open house for Linda Matute, Club Member, who retired from the DWP after 43 years of City service.

Linda has been a member of the City Employees Club since 1993.

Many people came to wish Linda the very best as she retires. Many came dressed in Mardi Gras masks and beads, as it was symbolic of the event, being a celebration rather than an exit. Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Club Member, stopped by to wish Linda farewell as

well.

Congratulations, Linda, on a great City career. Enjoy your retirement!

The Club thanks Rosemary Nunez for her assistance.



Sharon Moore, Club Member.



From left: Gale Harris and Chris Reinhart.



Leland Gong and Maryann Pierson.



Gary and Helen Bacock.



Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member.



Justin Matute, son of Linda Matute, Retiree.



Mildred Cadiz, Club Member.



Bassam Abou-Chakra.



Melinda Rho, Club Member.



Diana Salas, Club Member.



Jane Rector, Club Member.



Belinda Crawford, Club Member.



Nelson Mejia, Club Member.



David Pettijohn.



Sol Aumentado.



Mohammed Beshir.



Julie Riley.



Dante Santiago.



Jamal Safa.



Lillian Reese.



Richard Kaltenberg.



Retiree Doug Sunshine.



Paul Scantlin.



From left: Francis Cordova; Sue Chudy, Club Member; and Helen Olivares, Club Member.



Annette Flores, Club Member.



Vivian Flores.



Debra Turner, Club Member.



Rosemary Nunez, Club Member.



From left: Kathy Macias, Marilyn Smith, Arlene Rodriguez, and Vivian Flores.

LAPD, LAFD

Dealing With Autism

Police, Fire Depts. and County Sheriff learn how to deal with those with autism.

Story and photos by Debbie Schroyer, Club Counselor

Officers, Firefighters and Deputies from the County Sheriff's Dept. attended a symposium on how to approach a situation with someone who may be autistic.

The symposium was held April 26 at the LAPD's Ahmanson Recruitment Training Center.

Multiple breakout sessions introduced the different scenarios that they may confront. There were lots of great opportunities for interactive learning.

Then, the kids arrived for lunch and were teamed up with an Officer, Deputy or Firefighter. The kids' afternoon included a keepsake photo, "Officer Simon Says," demonstrating how to follow instruction.

Police cars and Fire engines were there for the kids to see what it was like to sit inside, and they enjoyed Dodger Dogs for lunch.

Special thanks go to Rashell Sanchez, Club Member for her assistance.



"Shirts and Socks," where participants put on the shirt, wear socks on their hands, and try to button/unbutton the shirt with urgency.



Officer Anita Stieglitz, Secretary, LAPD Autism Support Group, 16 years of City service, Club Member; and Sgt. Robert Von Voigt, President, LAPD Autism Support Group, 29 years.



From left: Officer Vickie Nguyen, 16 years of City service, Club Member; Jenny Pierre, Volunteer Trainer with Awareness in a Box; and Sr. Lead Officer Adriana Munguia, 21 years, Club Member.



From left: Cmdr. Bob Green, 22 years of City service; and Sgt. Laszlo Sandor, 23 years.



Sgt. Andrea Lucie, 22 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer III Aaron Blackburn, 18 years, Club Member.



From left: Rashell Sanchez, Sr. Personnel Analyst, 12 years of City service, Club Member; and Luann Pannell, Director of Police Training and Education.



Emily Iland, Autism Society; and Det. III Charles Dempsey, Officer in Charge, 22 years of City service.



"Clear as Mud," where participants get directions that may not be interpreted the same way (i.e., "put your hands where I can see them" vs. "put your hands above your head").



"Write It Right," where participants place a Post-it note on their forehead and write their name on the note.



Communication Devices - different ways in which to communicate (i.e. "Point to what you mean").



Dep. Jeanette Freeman, 26 years of County service.



"Phrase and Rephrase," where participants speak a phrase, then repeat the phrase with the same meaning but take out the words that have the same letter (i.e. all the words with an "s" in them).



From left: Michael Siegel, Awareness in a Box; and Roy Ortiz, Sr. Mgmt Analyst I, PTE, 22 years of City service and 12 years with the County, Club Member.