

Letters to the Editor

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LETTERS OF THE MONTH

Scarborough Scaling Everest Gives Him Second Thoughts

"The Quest for Everest," written by Airport Police Officer Doug Scarborough, was one of the best articles I've read from *Alive!* (May issue). It had everything: challenge, judgment, determination, blood, and death. In one word: fascinating. (The sketch of Doug's route is worth a thousand words).

Recently, there was report of three deaths on Everest. That makes me ponder. Officer Scarborough, you already achieved more than anyone of us could ever dream of. I hope you will "sell your gear and never go back to Everest," as you wrote. However, if you decide to conquer that last 1,000 feet one more time, we wish you the best, but please weigh all the risks.

– **Thuthuy C. Nguyen, DWP/ Information Technology**

When It Comes to Best Foot Forward, 'Mr. Happy Feet' Shines



Mr. Happy Feet (left) with John Hawkins, Club CEO.

I just wanted to pass kudos and a high-five to Mr. Happy Feet (Kevin), the master "shinesman" at Bolt Barbers. For years I have been looking for the ultimate shoeshine, and I finally found it. Go to Bolt Barbers at 460 South Spring St. and let Mr. Happy Feet do his thing. Thanks, Mr. Happy Feet!

– **John Hawkins, Club CEO**

This Retiree Is Happy That *Alive!* Keeps Him Connected

It's great to see that RLACEI has united with the Club to offer *Alive!* to the Retirees. It's a welcomed change because I get to see more news on the friends and coworkers I knew back in the day. The newspaper is very informative, and it is a refreshing difference. I am so happy that there are organizations in the City that haven't forgotten us. Thank you Mr. Harding and Mr. Hawkins.

– **Michael Monroe, Retired, Rec and Parks**

Corrections:

■ In our cover story last month detailing the requirements of RLACEI Retired Members to become Club Members, an incorrect monthly fee was listed. The correct monthly fee for Retirees to join the Club is \$2.50, subject to change. *Alive!* regrets the confusion.

'Seen Around Town' Gets Seen a Lot in This Household

The new column by Jennifer Shackelford called "Seen Around Town" is one I look forward to reading. It reminds me of a verbal fracas I had with my neighbor, Greta, who lived in the Los Angeles area for the last 50 years but knew very little about the city. Los Angeles is a treasure chest of wonderful places like the Ennis House. Keep this column going! Both Fred and I love it!

– **Ruth Gomez, Retired**

It Wore Him Out Just Reading About Baker to Vegas Success

I've spent just a few minutes browsing the Baker to Vegas story, and I am already dizzy. It looked hot out there, and I give much credit to those employees who participated. And it looks like the Club is a lucky charm, since four teams that were sponsored by the Club came home with the mug. I bet they all trained with the Sports Dude to get in tip-top shape. Congratulations to all of you insane runners!

– **Henry Jenkins, General Services**

He Turns Up Nose at Turnips, But Chef Larios Came Through

I wasn't too sure about the recipe on stuffed turnips by Chef Larios. I don't think I have ever used turnips before. But something told me to be adventurous, and I made the recipe just like Chef Larios asked. And I have to say that I enjoyed it very much. It didn't quite look as delicious as the one made in the newspaper, but it was tasty. Chef Larios knows what he is doing. I look forward to the next one.

– **John Gretton, Rec and Parks**

Club Store Delivers Old-Style Charm With Modern Convenience

I had a chance to visit the Club Store on 120 W Second St. a few weeks back and it was a joy! The staff was friendly and had the biggest smiles, ready to help. I wish all stores were as inviting. The store itself was cute and had a vintage feeling to it while still being modern with the big flat-screen TVs. The image of the Discount King at the counter always makes me laugh! I can't wait to visit again.

– **Tim Lawson, LAPD**

FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS ANSWER THE

Question OF THE MONTH

– as collected from around the City by your friendly Club Counselors

? What invention can you not live without? ?



"The cell phone."
– Michael Johnson



"The microwave."
– Mary Carter (left), Sr. CT, 31 years of City service, Club Member

"The cell phone."
– Kumi Suzuki, Sr. CT, 10 years of City service



"Baby wipes."
– Angelica Rios, Accounting Clerk II, 21 years of City service, Club Member



"Matches."
– Clinton Willingham, Rec and Parks, 22 years of city service



"The remote control."
– Wylie Menefee, Public Works/ Sanitation, Club Member



"The back scratcher."
– Dominic Lonigro, Airports, 4 years of City service



"The telephone."
– Jaime Armas, Public Works, 9 years of City service, Club Member



"My iPhone."
– Yuri Zaich, Airports, 6 years of City service



"My car."
– Jose Martinez, Airports, 27 years of City service



"The television."
– Jimmy Sparks, Airports, 22 years of City service

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Representatives from Club partner, United Agencies will be at the Club Store:

July 5	8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Xavier Rodriguez	July 19	8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Xavier Rodriguez
July 12	8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Rosa Calderon	July 26	8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Patty Pulido

Note: The Club Store will be closed Wednesday, July 4, for Independence Day.



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