

A Message From the CEO

A Man Who Is Truly Stellar

by John Hawkins,
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We here at the Club have a superstar in our midst. In fact, everyone in the City does.

He's well known in local media and throughout the world in his profession. He's led his division for more than 30 years to be one of the best in the world. The City spent many millions on his dream a few years ago, and it's nothing short of a major success.

As a speaker and researcher he's much in demand. Everyone wants to talk to him when he's in his element. He's a blur of activity until you say hello, in which case he's happy to stop and say hi in return.

And yet with all that acclaim, he couldn't be nicer, or more humble, or more personable.

And he's a bona fide and passionate Club Member!

I'm speaking of **Dr. Ed Krupp**, Director of Griffith Observatory, who has graced our cover a few times now, including this month. And he frequently contributes *Alive! Around the World* entries that are both fun and educational.

A few months ago we mentioned to him that we wanted to emphasize how families can enjoy the City's attractions at a reasonable or no cost, and to do that we wanted to have our intrepid *Be Alive!* man himself, **Angel Gomez**, bring his family to the observatory for a tour. It took about two millionths of a second for Dr. Krupp to agree to host the tour, as if he had nothing else to do. But that's the kind of superstar he is.



Dr. Ed Krupp documents his many interesting travels by submitting "Alive! Around the World" entries, as he does in this above photo.

Of course it's not reasonable to expect him to be able to lead tours for everyone – or even us again – at any given hour, so it's good that we've captured one here in our pages this month. We hope Club Members enjoy the great things that the City has to offer. The observatory is one. Dr. Krupp is another. Thanks, Dr. Krupp. We owe you, again.

Which brings me to mention a hero of a very different sort. You'll see him on page 26. Now I'm talking about **Ranger**, a world-renowned search and rescue dog that finally succumbed to cancer. We had him on our cover, too, along with great Club Member, Inspector/Paramedic **Deresa Teller**, Ranger's owner. You might wonder why we note Ranger's passing. Well, it's all about public service, and Ranger was a very dedicated public servant, having saved lives here in Los Angeles and in many national disasters. But with this tribute, we also pay tribute to Deresa, and all those who train and care for these very special heroes. Here's a nod to all of you.

I was very pleased to read the wonderful thank-you letters sent to us from two recent winners of our **Joannie Mukai** Club Scholarships. Is it any wonder why these two young women are such winners? To Ashley and QueJonné, you're very welcome.

And now, a quick production note: We are inundated with entertainment reviews! We were lucky to print about half of everything we received, and we tried to print at least one review from each Club Member submitting an entry. We have some very passionate arts lovers here at the Club! All I can say is, keep sending them in, and we'll keep printing as many as we can.

By looking at some of our Club specials – Knott's Scary Farm, Universal, Legoland, and the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium's Sea Scare – I can tell that Halloween is right around the corner. This year is moving fast, isn't it!

Enjoy your fall.

—JOHN

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MARTÍN CHAVEZ
~ 1959-2012 ~

IN MEMORIAM

Martín Chavez, Human Resources Division Officer at the Harbor Dept., LACEA Board Member and passionate Club Member, died over the weekend of Sept. 22-23. Details are still coming in at press time. We'll report more on this loss in the next issue of *Alive!*