

# Letters to the Editor

Tell us what you think! [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

## LETTERS OF THE MONTH

### Hal's Personality Shines Through In His Treks Around the Globe



Hey *Alive!* team, can you pass a message to Hal, of "Adventures with Hal." Please tell him that I really enjoy his monthly travel articles. When I read them I feel like I am right there alongside him even though in reality I'm sitting in my comfy Lazyboy recliner. Whether he's petting an African elephant or drinking a glass of *chianti* in Italy, I can practically hear his voice as he's telling Evelyn to be careful with the three-week-old lion cub she was coddling (last month's paper). So I hope he'll get this message and he will know that he has a fan. In fact,

I'm sure he has thousands of fans cheering him on as each month passes. So, thank you, *Alive!*, for bringing his wit and humor to the pages of the best newspaper in the City. *Au revoir!*

— Thomas Lechinski, Retired

### Margarita's Nephew Is A Real Stand-Up Guy

Member Margarita Guevara wrote to *Alive!* to thank us, and share a photo of her nephew. The Club Store staff had given him a used Cars display, and he was delighted.



Thanks for writing, Margarita, and sending the fun photo! You're welcome. — Ed.

### Earth Met Sky When City Employees Moved Endeavour

I had no idea that the space shuttle *Endeavour* was so large! What a historic day in Los Angeles when the space ship landed at LAX, and then one of the most significant moments in the history of the City of Los Angeles happened when several departments from the City teamed up to move the space-craft from LAX to the Science Center near USC. Amazing job, and I tip my hat to you all. Thank you to *Alive!* for documenting this grand effort.

— Margie Jones, Retired

### The Club Saves You Money Even When You're Parked

I used WallyPark when visiting the in-laws for Thanksgiving, and I was pleasantly surprised at the discount I got — 30 percent! That is better than the Auto Club! Loving the Club even more.

— Gwen Jackson, LAFD

### She Just Called to Say Thanks For Great Auto Insurance Deal

Hello, this is **Martha Simeone**, and I just wanted to let you know that I signed up for your Club-sponsored auto insurance with United Agencies. I am going to save more than \$600 a year, so thank you, thank you, thank you. Merry Christmas.

— Received via voicemail

### Thanks Club, for Working While City Has Holiday Fun

I wish to thank all the Club staff who took photos for the holiday parties this month. Can't wait to see them in this issue!

We as employees look forward to seeing these pictures of colleagues and friends every year. But I know how hard it is on your reporters to work these events when there are so many of them. My warmest gratitude and appreciation for doing what you do.

— Hank Mendfield, General Services

### Alive! Brings Best of the City For an Enjoyable Retirement

Hi there. My name is William and I am 87 years old. I worked for the City of Los Angeles for 35 years. Those years were quite possibly the best years of my life. Well, I was writing to you to let you know that I am so glad you switched newspapers to *Alive!* *Alive!* is the best thing that has happened to me during my retirement. I get to live and breathe the active City work force. I look forward to *Alive!* every month and so does my wife. While I used to toss that old paper into the trash, now I actually keep *Alive!* and re-read it over and over. Again, thank you so much. You made a retiree of the City very, very happy.

— William Smithers, Retired, Street Services

FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS ANSWER THE

# Question OF THE MONTH



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

Asking the DWP's Bishop and Lone Pine Yard crews at their quarterly safety meeting:  
**What did you splurge on during the holidays?**



"Christmas decorations."  
— Trish Drake, Sr. Clerk Typist, 22 years of City service



"Hunting and fishing gear."  
— Philippe Pena, Apprentice Lineman, 2 years of City service



"Work hours."  
— Russ Fischer, Power Station Operator, 32 years of City service



"A new car."  
— Ezra Tsosie, EDM, 6 years of City service



"A new RV."  
— Allen Harrison, Lineman, 21 years of City service



"A divorce."  
— Jim Stevens, Lineman, 3 years of City service



"Family time."  
— Jim Cowgill, Patrolman, 29 years of City service



"A kitchen remodel."  
— Michael Conely, EDM, 34 years of City service



"My son's lineman school."  
— Eddie Muniz, Building Repairman, 13 years of City service



"I don't have a dime for a down payment on a hot dog."  
— John Ramirez, ECH, 21 years of City service

This month at the Club Store • 120 West 2nd Street • Los Angeles, CA 90012



Contact Your United Agencies Reps (888) 801-5522

## Get a FREE Quote on Auto and Homeowners Insurance

Now on Thursdays! The United Agencies reps are appearing at the Club Store every other Thursday.

Jan. 10  
8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Rosa Calderon

Jan. 24  
8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Patty Pulido



Xavier Rodriguez  
Personal Insurance Agent



Rosa Calderon  
Personal Insurance Agent



Patty Pulido  
Personal Insurance Agent

Note: The Club Store will be closed Jan. 21 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.