The City Parties!

LAFD Administrative Services

Story and photos by Gedina Bergstrom, Club Counselor

The LAFD Administrative Services division held its holiday luncheon Dec. 13 at the Monterey Hill restaurant.

It was a clear crisp morning, and the spirit was warm at the restaurant. Guests were given a goody bag with Christmas hats and goodies.

The event began with a warm welcome by event host Chief Armando Hogan; June Gibson, the new ASB Administrator; and Fire Chief Brian Cummings. Dances were performed and songs were sang.

The Club thanks Committee Members Jennifer Corona, Pamela Gonzalez-Giachetti, Silvia Pena, Maria Lozano, Paul Garcia, and Misha McConnell.

Rigo Ramirez, Plr. Supervisor, 7 years of City service; Mars Castillo, Principal Accountant, 23 years, Club Member; Carmela Espiritu, Department Chief Accountant, 25 years; Marigina "Marie" Dantic, Accounting Clerk II, 24 years, Club Member; Stacey Kim, Accounting Clerk I, 6 years; Esther Rojas, Accounting Clerk II, 14 years; My Banh, Accounting Clerk II, 25 years; P. Sissanayake, Sr. Auditor, 10 years; Robert Nishimura, Sr. Management Analyst, 24 years; and Ed Chua, Fiscal Systems Specialist II, 21 years, Club Member.

From left: Pam Halpin, Clerk Typist, 7 years of City service; Dana Kinney, Clerk Typist, 23 years; Club Member, DonnaLee Norrington, Sr. Clerk Typist, 7 years, Club Member; Anna Areyan, Clerk Typist, 5 years, Club Member; Paul Garcia, Clerk Typist, 5 years, Club Member; Fernando Pecvon, Sr. Clerk Typist, 27 years; Misha McConnell-Todman, Clerk Typist, 6 years, Club Member; Susie Feliciano, Fiscal System Supervisor, 30 years, Club Member; Clarisa Borromeo; and Sally Gonzalez, Sr. Clerk Typist, 25 years, Club Member.

From left: Giselle Federis, Programmer/Analyst, 21 years of City service, Club Member; Katrina Reyes, Clerk Typist, 10 years; Linda Wu, System Analyst, 23 years; Kathy Nguyen, Sr. Systems Analyst, 23 years; Yvonne Lee, Programmer Analyst, 9 years; Su Huynh, Systems Analyst, 5 years; Polly Wong, Accountant, 6 years; and Teresa Tse, Accounting Clerk, 33 years.

From left: Carlos Cuellar, Clerk Typist, 5 years of City service; Don Silla, GIS Specialist, 21 years; Club Member; James Zambrano, Sr. System Analyst, 21 years; Cuong Fan, GIS Specialist, 6 years; Sammy Wong, Clerk Typist, 5 years; Michael Han, System Analyst, 7 years; Jack Huang, System Analyst, 13 years; Winston Song, Programmer/Analyst, 21 years; Club Member; Janos Szaktilla, GIS Supervisor, 13 years; and Mary Reuschel, Management Analyst, 11 years; Club Member.

Fire Chief Brian Cummings.

From left: Sandra Gonzalez, Executive Administrative Assistant, 32 years of City service; June Gibson, Fire Administrator; Sal Martinez, Chief Management Analyst; Avo Davidian, Sr. Management Analyst; Bice Jones, Sr. Management Analyst; Daren Palacios, Chief Deputy, 32 years; Brian Cummings, Fire Chief, 33 years; Phil Orozco, Sr. Management Analyst, 22 years; Estela Urzua, Sr. Clerk Typist, 25 years; and Sylvia Mendoza, Sr. Clerk Typist.

From left: Philip Manalac, Accountant II, 5 years of City service, Club Member; Ariel Austria, Sr. Accountant II, 14 years; Nelson Magtibay, Accountant II, 6 years; Liberty Maglunog, Accounting Clerk II, 12 years; Joan Trujillo, Clerk Typist, 4 years; Carmela Espiritu, Chief Accountant, 25 years; Club Member; Michelle Chan, Sr. Accountant, 7 years; Maureen Wan, Sr. Accountant, 8 years; Cornelius and LaCarol Bailey, Account Clerk I, 6 years; Club Member; and Detra Kelley, PCP II, 26 years; Club Member.

Event Host Chief Armando Logan.

From left: Ramona Hallstead, Sr. Clerk Typist, 23 years of City service, Club Member, and her husband, John; Ingrid Orellana, Management Analyst II, 11 years; Club Member; Cynthia Fletes, Personnel Analyst II, 17 years; Club Member; Elizabeth Torres, Personnel Analyst II, 22 years; and Marge Mendoza, Clerk Typist, 12 years; Club Member, with her son, Josh Delatoree.

From left: Gary Hill, Personal Analyst, 22 years of City service; Cynthic White, Sr. Personnel Analyst, 23 years; Norma Gutierrez, Personnel Director, 21 years; Zina Abram, Sr. Clerk Typist, 17 years, Club Member; Maria Lozano, Sr. Clerk Typist, 12 years, Club Member; Laura Triner, Sr. Personnel Analyst I, 14 years; Sandy Lai, Personnel Analyst II, 16 years; and Tashema Russell, Personnel Records Supervisor, 17 years.

June Gibson.

The amazing room of holiday fun!

Time to get down to Gangnam Style at the holiday party!

Chely Ozuna, guest, Christine Ozuna, Clerk Typist, 7 years of City service; Lydia Luna, Secretary, 15 years, Club Member, Lora Benavidez, Secretary, 23 years, Club Member; Norina Tom, Sr. Management Analyst, 26 years; David Yamahata, Chief Deputy, 35 years; Muriel Gee, Sr. Management Analyst, 17 years; Kurt Sato, Director of Systems, 24 years, Club Member; and Matthew Langel, Clerk Typist, 6 years.

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Special Holiday Party Section

The City Parties!

It's an annual *Alive!* tradition!

Every year, City Departments put aside their hard work and come together for fun and socialization at their festive holiday parties. And *Alive!* publishes as many of your party pics as we can.

Starting this month, we cover the City Parties. And we'll continue in the next months as the photos continue to trickle in.

Happy New Year!

The City Parties!

LAPD

The LAPD held its holiday party Dec. 5 at Almansor Court, Alhambra Golf Course, in Alhambra.

The Club donated City merchandise and Club-discounted movie tickets as prizes for various giveaways at the party.

Alive! thanks Pamela Turnipseed and Manuel Rodarte for their assistance.

From left: Kisha Moreland, Worker's Comp Analyst, Personnel, 13 years of City service, Club Member; Etta Bonner, Retired, General Services, 30 years, Club Member; Pamela Turnipseed, Fingerprint ID Expert, LAPD, 27 years, Club Member; Alice Drisdell, Retired, LAFD, 32 years; Gen Perelman, Clerk Typist, LAPD, 8 years; and Robert Hernandez, LAPD, 19 years, Club Member.

From left: Beverly Pippin, Chief Clerk, LAPD, 33 years of City service, Club Member; D'Anna Markley, Police Administrator, 28 years; and Rosemary Murillo, Retired, Chief Clerk.

Keith Greenwood, Sr. Clerk Typist, 32 years of City service, won $100.

Back row, from left: Leo Samaniego, Acting Sr. Management Analyst, LAPD, 24 years of City service, Club Member; JC Wynne, Clerk Typist, LAPD, 6 years. Front: Mario Valles, Acting Sr. Clerk Typist, LAPD, 7 years, Club Member; Manuel Rodarte, Sr. Management Analyst I, LAPD, 12 years; Veronica Kenney, Sr. Clerk Typist, LAPD, 13 years; John Galitzen, Management Anaylyst II, LAPD, 12 years; and Alma Becerra, Sr. Clerk Typist, LAPD, 23 years, Club Member.

Andrew Balladarez, SCT, LAPD, 9 years of City service, Club Member, receives the Employee of the Year Award.

Principal Clerk Amoree Aguilar's (Club Member) daughter, Bella, was a karaoke singer.

From left: Daniel De Lang, guest; Jon Blaine, APCPI, LAPD, 13 years of City service; Shirley Malcolm, PCP, LAPD, 33 years; Sylvia McGee, PCP, LAPD, 24 years, Club Member; Emilia Santana-Mendez, Sr. Clerk Typist, 24 years; and Ruby Lopez, PCP, LAPD, 12 years.

$50 prize winner Ana Castro, Sr. Clerk Typist, 13 years of City service, Club Member.

Police Administrator Rhonda Simms-Lewis.

Fingerprint Identification Expert Nina Kaminsky, 7 years of City service.

Singing karaoke, from left: Leo Samaniego, Acting Sr. Management Analyst, 24 years of City service, and Manuel Rodarte, Sr. Management Analyst 12 years.

Errol Lawson, Sr. Management Analyst, with Pamela.

Front, from left: Shannon Balladarez, wife of Andrew Balladarez; Naomi Pantoja, SCT, LAPD, 12 years of City service; Debra Avery, Chief Clerk, 30 years; Joyce Holland, SCT, LAPD, 32 years; Andrew Balladarez, SCT, LAPD, 9 years; Mary Ellen Vallierge, SCT, LAPD, 4 years; Efren Samarin, Principal Clerk, SCT, LAPD, 26 years; Rosalyn Cavanaugh, SCT, LAPD, 4 years, Club Member; Teresa Massey, SCT, LAPD, 10 years, Club Member; and So Jung Oh, SCT, LAPD, 23 years.

The holiday party committee.

From left: Debbie Ramsey, Sr. PSR, 17 years of City service; Larry Cardinas, Sr. PSR, 22 years; Berta Ugas, Sr. PSR 1, 22 years; and Sean Durden; Sr. PSR 1, 24 years.

From left: Janice Williams, PSR II, 15 years of City service, and Elijah Shelton, guest.

From left: Isabel Gonzalez, PSR, 30 years of City service, and David Gonzalez.

Maria Moreno, PSR II, 9 years of City service, and her husband, Jerry Paredes.

Mike and Julia Cesena, Sr. PSR I, 16 years of City service.

LAPD Communications

The Police Dept.'s 911 Operators and administrators held their festive annual holiday party Dec. 9 at the Castaway Restaurant in Burbank.

This year's party carried a casino theme.

Special thanks to Jean Sarfaty, Club Rep, and the holiday committee for their assistance.

From left: Paulette Stanton, PSR III, 18 years of City service; Ira Williams, guest; Charlene Johnson, PSR III, 18 years; Danny Johnson, LA County Probation; and Leslie Allen, PSR III, 27 years, and her husband, Garry.

From left: Jason Cline, PSR II, 5 years of City service; Lt. Vic Dennis, 29 years; James Sumbi, PSR II, 10 years; and Jacqui Dreben, PSR II, 11 years.

From left: Jean Safarty, PSR II, 15 years of City service, with her husband, Ron; and Lt. Gloria Vargas, 21 years.

From left: Officer Curtis Handford, 24 years of City service; and Iona Handford, Sr. PSR I, 26 years.

From left: Cpt. Joel Justice, 28 years of City service, and his wife, Margie.

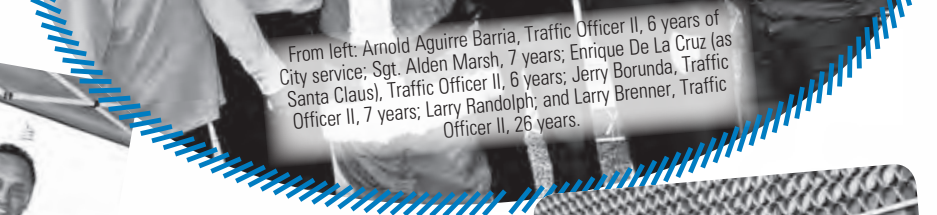
From left: Frank Zaragoza, guest; Lourdes Coronado, PSR2, 5 years of City service.

From left: Naomi Alexander-Young, PSR III, 28 years of City service, with her husband, William.

Transportation North Hollywood Yard

The good folks at Transportation's North Hollywood yard celebrated the holidays with a party at the yard Dec. 12.

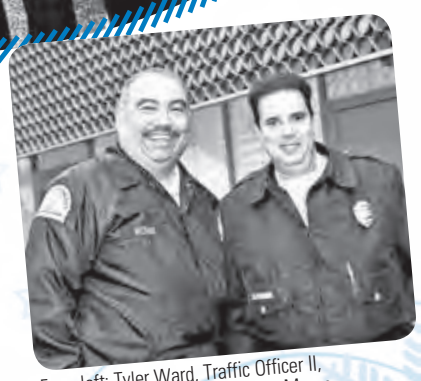
The Valley Social Club with Nikki Ezhari, Field Deputy for Councilmember Paul Krekorian.



From left: Arnold Aguirre Barria, Traffic Officer II, 6 years of City service; Sgt. Alden Marsh, 7 years; Enrique De La Cruz (as Santa Claus), Traffic Officer II, 6 years; Jerry Borunda, Traffic Officer II, 7 years; Larry Randolph; and Larry Brenner, Traffic Officer II, 26 years.

From left: Dean Alexander, Traffic Officer II, 23 years of City service; and Also Andrade, Traffic Officer II, 4 years.

From left: George Marquez, Traffic Officer II, 11 years of City service; Emanuel Contreras, Traffic Officer II, 4 years; and Alex Acosta, Traffic Officer II, 10 years.



From left: Tyler Ward, Traffic Officer II, 24 years of City service; and Bob Moran, Traffic Officer II, 31 years.

From left: Jerry Cervantes, Traffic Officer II, 11 years of City service; Carlos Naranjo, PT, Traffic Officer, 6 months; Richard Moreno, Traffic Officer II, 11 years; and Sgt. Brian Hartman, 13 years.

From left: Lt. Sylvia Vasquez, 24 years of City service; and Lt. Peter Hilton, 13 years.

From left: Austin Collins, Traffic Officer II, 13 years of City service; Charles Nero, Traffic Officer II, 14 years; Steve Banks, Traffic Officer II, 10 years; and Dormin Jones, Traffic Officer II, 17 years.

From left: Greg Rodgers, Traffic Officer II, 10 years of City service; Larry Randolph, Traffic Officer II, 23 years; Troy Bregel, Traffic Officer II, 10 years; and James Randall, Traffic Officer II, 11 years.

From left: Florin Cotriscau, 4 years of City service; Peter Reth, 4 years; Rebecca Vicente, 4 years; Chris Angeles, 5 years; and Emily Bohn, 4 years.

The City Parties!

Transportation

Transportation employees provided a holiday lunch and toy giveaway for students at local schools on Dec. 10.

Employees provided pizza, fried chicken, mac and cheese, cookies, pie, etc., for the kids to enjoy. The students came from the local schools. Each child received a stocking from Santa Claus, and presents were handed out.

Santa and first-, second- and third-grade students from the Charles Barrett Elementary School.

From left: Mykia and Wynton hug Santa Claus.

Rosetta Moore, Traffic Officer II, 22 years of City service.

From left: Kimie Rayford, Traffic Officer, 24 years of City service; and Joyce Walker, Traffic Officer II, 24 years, Club Member.

Alva White, Traffic Officer, 27 years of City service, Club Member, carries presents.

Daphany Robinson, Traffic Officer II, 24 years of City service, Club Member.

From left: Officer Ellis and Yolanda Barnes, Club Member.

From left: Sgt. Sedrick Moore, Club Member, Lt. Iral Turner, Club Member, as Ms. Claus, and Mr. Claus.

LAX

Airports/LAX held its annual elegant holiday party Dec. 15 at the Westin Hotel in Westchester.

Derek Jodzio and Irina Mironova, HR Clerk Typist, 3 years of City service.

From left: Michael MiKane, Chief, 4 years of City service; Judith Wylynda, guest; Rick Connolly, Director II/Airport Maintenance, 33 years; and Stephanie Connolly, guest.

From left: Jose Del Rio, Sr. Clerk Typist, 9 years of City service, Club Member; Maria Iniguez, Clerk Typist, 5 years, Club Member; Eddie Garcia, Personnel Analyst, 12 years, Club Member; Letty Ortiz, Personnel Analyst, 20 years, Club Member; Minnie Gutierrez, Sr. PA, 24 years, Club Member; Arthur Palomar, Clerk Typist, 10 years, Club Member; and Ebony Harper, Sr. Clerk Typist, 12 years, Club Member.

Alison Joiner, Sr. Communications Operator, with Victor, guest.

Ana Pacheco, guest, and Miguel Tejada, Custodian, AC Shop, 7 years of City service, Club Member.

From left: Buffie Rickett, Clerk Typist, 10 years of City service, with Adonis Williams, guest.

The party committee.

From left: Irene Ortiz, guest, and Alicia Garcia, Gardner Caretaker, 14 years of City service, Club Member.

Onelia and Melvin De Leon, Management Assistant, 11 years of City service, Club Member.

From left: Twanda Yarbrough, guest; Tiffany Anderson, guest; Darlene Fuller, Traffic Officer, 10 years of City service; Toya Johnson, Security Officer, 14 years; and Crystal Jackson, Security, 14 years, Club Member.

Mikiam and Jaime Pasaye, Security, 10 years of City service, Club Member.

From left: Motor Officer Morgan Evans, 6 years of City service, Club Member; and Rebekah and Officer Nathan Blair, 5 years, Club Member.

From left: Susan Edwards, wife of Ralph Edwards; and Sgt. David Clemens, 10 years of City service, Club Member; and his wife, Selynda.

Yolonda and Officer II Travis Zoebisch, 6 years of City service, Club Member.

John Mulvey and his wife, Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., 11 years of City service, Executive Director, Harbor, Club Member.

Port Police

Harbor's Port Police held its annual elegant holiday dinner Dec. 8 in San Pedro. Thanks to the holiday committee for their assistance and great work.

From left: Al Garcia, Planning, 25 years of City service, Club Member; Precious Palle, guest; and Sgt. Nathan Ewet, 16 years, Club Member.

Sgt. Rosario Ferrara, Club Member, 10 years of City service, Club Member.

From left: Barbara Carroll, guest; and Officer Stacey Creech, 5 years of City service, Club Member.

Lt. Ken Hawkes, Port Police, 25 years of City service, Club Member; and Sue Hawkes.

From left: Jessica Labray, guest; and Officer Justin Sebe, 6 years of City service, Club Member.

From left: Officer II Danny Meadows, 5 years of City service, Club Member; and Crystal Marques, guest.

Terminal Island

Public Works' Terminal Island Sanitation Plant held its family holiday party Dec. 13. Sanitation Waste Water Manager Harold Geis said, "This is the best group of people I've ever worked with. Thank you for making my job and enjoyable experience."

AMC gift certificates were provided to the children present.

Special thanks to Shirley Crawford for her assistance.

The Benefits Committee is responsible for putting together fundraiser events for Terminal Island. The Benefits Committee, back row, from left: Karl Breitenstein, Waste Water Treatment Mechanic Supervisor, 28 years of City service; Jose Garcia, Carpenter, 5 years, Club Member; Richard Bara, Painter, 8 years; and Barbara Kauppi, Instrument Supervisor, 29 years. Front: Shirley Crawford, Sr. Clerk Typist, 21 years, Club Member; "V" Harold Gies, Sanitation Waste Water Manager; and Sandy O'Brien, Gardener, 10 years.

With music playing in the background, Shirley Crawford called all the women employees to receive token of appreciation since there are just a small and select few working at the Terminal Island plant.

Vijai Seeram, Club Member, with his wife, Sandra, and Karina, 9.

Lance Thibodeaux, Engineering Associate, 7 years of City service, with his wife, Michelle, and Sofia and Naomi.

"V" Vijai Seeram, Instrument Mechanic, 5 years of City service, Club Member.

John Ellico, Waste Water Treatment Mechanic I, 4 years of City service, and Lisa Longo, guest.

Winston and Pat Chang, Warehouse Tool Room Worker, 10 years of City service.

The City Parties!

From left: Pepe Garcia, Superintendent for North Central, 25 years of City service; Art Sanchez, RCTO Supervisor, 27 years, Club Member; David Carlson, Acting Supervisor, 24 years, Club Member; and Felix Sanchez, Crew Instructor, 22 years, Club Member.

From left: Juan Galvez, RCTO, 11 yeas of City service; Beatrice Galvez, guest; Julia Pelayo, guest; and Sergio Pelayo, RCTO, 15 years, Club Member.

Front, center: Gerald Lopez, RCTO, 28 years of City service, Club Member, with his family: Deja, Peter, Brecious, and baby Jordan.

Ray Cruz, Superintendent of East Valley Sanitation, 25 years of City service, Club Member; and Sandra, guest.

From left: Andy Morales, RCTO II, 27 years of City service, Club Member; and Gild Valdez, Chief of Staff, 35 years.

Joanna Morales, guest, and Robert Morales, RCTO II, 5 years of City service, Club Member

Desirie Rosas, guest, and Jose Rosas, RCTO II, 12 years of City service, Club Member.

From left: Jesse Valdez, President; Andy Morales, Vice President; Carlos Romo, Secretary; George Senteno, Vice Treasurer; and Jose Rosas, Treasurer.

North Central Yard

Story and photos by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor

On Dec. 15, Public Works' North Central Sanitation Yard held its annual holiday party at Maggie's Pub in Santa Fe Springs. North Central employees and their families dressed in their Christmas best to enjoy an evening of music, dancing, good food, chances to win raffle prizes, and of course good company.

Special thanks go to Adriana Nunez and Jesse Valdes for their assistance.

Elisa Zapeda, guest, and Mike Zepeda, RTCO West LA, 15 years of City service, Club Member.

Patricia Garcia, guest, and Antonio Garcia, RCTO, 13 years of City service, Club Member.

From left: Rosi Mares, RCTO, 7 years of City service; and Tony Mares, RCTO, 12 years, Club Member

Lidia Escarcega, guest, and Frank Sanchez, RCTO, 13 years of City service.

Richard Guzman, RCTO West Valley, 19 years of City service, Club Member, and Maura Guzman, guest.

Mayra Fregoso, guest, and Victor Fregoso, RCTO from West LA, 5 years of City service, Club Member.

Jesse Valdes, North Central Chapter President, 12 years of City service, Club Member; with Desiree Valdes, guest.

Nancy Llamas, guest, and Basilio Llamas, RCTO, 12 years of City service, Club Member.

Laurel Harris, guest; and Russell Harris, RCTO, 26 years of City service, Club Member.

Anthony Cantu, guest; and Reanna Cantu, Clerk Typist, 7 years of City service.

George Senteno, RCTO, 6 years of City service, Club Member, and Georgina Senteno, guest.

Stephanie Lopez, Clerk Typist, 2 years of City service, and Nick Cacho, guest.

From left: Pete Vega, RTCO, 12 years of City service, and Beatrice Bermudez, guest.