

Letters to the Editor

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LETTERS OF THE MONTH

Celebrating Creativity Of Members Is a Snap

Dear Mr. Hawkins and other evolved members, I would like to thank you for selecting my photograph as one of "John's Picture Perfect Contest" winners. I would also like to thank you for the generous gift card. It was a nice and appreciated surprise.



I hope you will continue this and other traditions in many future issues and look forward to submitting other examples of my work for the Members' enjoyment. Thank you again.

– John Hicks LAFD

Hi John, absolutely we will continue this tradition. Everything we do is for our Club Members, and as long as the Members find it meaningful, we'll produce it. As you can see by the amazing quality and number of winners we have this month (page 34), there's tons of interest. Keep snapping, and thanks for your letter. – Ed.

Hometown Fans Ignore Ballparks by the Water

I am surprised that no one said that their favorite baseball stadium ["Question of the Month," April] was a stadium other than Dodger or Angel Stadium. In my humble opinion, stadiums near the ocean are the best! I can name two in California, and they are Petco Park in San Diego and AT&T Park in San Francisco. The wonderfully fresh and salty ocean air makes for a terrific ballpark experience.

– Jack Middleton, Retired

Seminar Explaining Healthcare Changes Appreciated by Retiree

I want to thank all the fine people at RLACEI for making the event on Health Care Reform event on April 11 a success. My husband and I were able to learn more about the changes that took place as a result of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and how it affects our medical plan. The meeting had informative speakers and we appreciated the fine prizes sponsored by Robert Larios and the Club.

– Jessica Kwan, Retired

Members Prove That Coloring Is Not Just for Kids Anymore

Wow! The Grownup Coloring Contest winners did a wonderful job coloring the Mayan Calendar. There is so much color and

time spent on them. It is exciting to see the artistry and skill of employees outside of their day jobs! Congratulations to Sara Vega of the Housing Department for her rendition – I showed my family and they all agree that she was the rightful winner. I might try entering the next contest, so watch out!

– Julie Kindell, LAPD

Angel Makes Him Feel He's Right There With Him

That was a great story about the Fullerton Creek Green Belt in Angel's *Be Alive!* This story makes me think about all the great places around the LA Basin to visit. There are many and perhaps too many to visit. But I love seeing the places Angel goes because it is almost as if I am experiencing it there with him. I am sure others feel the same way.

– John Baker, General Services

Club Angels Plays Important Part in Giving to Those in Need

It is great to see Club Angels doing so well and that it is doing its part to keep the homeless warm. It makes me feel better knowing that we as employees of the City can contribute to provide comfort to those who need some.

– Pam Jones, Public Works/Sanitation

FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS ANSWER THE

Question OF THE MONTH



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

What was your first job, and what did it teach you?



"Working at LAX (Air France ticketing). I learned amazing customer service skills."
– Elvira Gallegos, Transportation, 1 year of City service



"Telephone operator. I learned proper phone etiquette and that the City of L.A is large with endless dreams."
– David Lopez, DWP, 25 years of City service



"A mechanic's toolhand. I learned a work ethic and how to work with my hands."
– Victor Vargas, DWP, 27 years of City service



"McDonald's. It taught me responsibility."
– Luis Cervantes, Transportation, 6 years of City service



"Customer service. I learned patience and that the customer is always right."
– Lilia Meza, LAPD, 15 years of City service



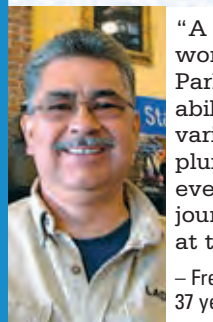
"Working on a UPS loading dock. I learned to get a college degree so I don't have to do manual labor."
– Janice Waller, Transportation, 15 years of City service



"McDonald's. I learned how to work hard for my money."
– Victor Hernandez, Transportation, 15 years of City service



"Sales rep at a shoe store. Networking and customer service."
– Angelica Rios, General Services, 22 years of City service



"A water utility worker for Rec and Parks. I learned the ability to work with various tools in the plumbing trade and eventually became a journeyman plumber at the DWP."
– Fred Torres, DWP, 37 years of City service



"A clerk at an SSA office. I learned to keep documents confidential."
– Greselda Tapia, LAPD, 5 years of City service

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