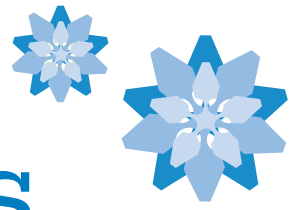


Life's Important Moments



Share your moments!

Did you get married? Have a baby? Get a promotion? We want to hear from you. Share your news with the world! Send all notices and high resolution photos with the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com or send paper notices and print photos to: *Alive!*, 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Welcome New Members!

The Club gives a great big welcome to these new members, who recently joined the Club:

New Members

<p>Airports Thomas Beck Barry Coleman Hector Cortez Xavier Garcia Claudia Johnson Talya Jones Arthur Juliano Jr. Maria Miramontes Charles Oatts Clinton Peterson Patrice Phyll</p> <p>Animal Services Tanya Rodrick Derrick Smith</p> <p>Building and Safety Gennelle Dedek Walter Lauderdale Steven Siani Coquise Stewart Tatia Wade</p> <p>City Attorney Yesenia Hernandez</p> <p>Department on Disability Luis Mata</p>	<p>LAFD Jeffrey Sambar Danny Wu</p> <p>General Services John Abeywardena Christopher Hernandez Darren Lipp</p> <p>Harbor Jayme Truong</p> <p>Housing Linh Lee-Ngo</p> <p>ITA Kilay Maranon Cynthia Simon</p> <p>LACERS Janice Mullins</p> <p>Library Maria Garza</p> <p>Personnel Rolf Parkes</p> <p>LAPD Milena Albert Robert Boyd Beverly Calcote Steven Ching</p>	<p>Cynthia Deinstein Kristan Delatori Margaret Elliott Eduardo Gonzalez Lauraine Harrington Mary Lopez Claudia Miranda Eloy Ochoa William Ontiveros Pete Phermsangngam Aaron Ponce Anna Rivera Michael Rose Kevin White Al-Malik Wilds Marisol Rodriguez</p> <p>PUBLIC WORKS</p> <p>PW-Engineering Paula Carbo Jaime Contreras Richard Fisher Lee Guilbeaux Michelle Jones William Lee Troy Younge</p> <p>PW-Sanitation Edgar Aceituno</p>	<p>Frank Aguilar Alex Aguilas Jerry Avalos III Cal Bradley Victor Carrion Manuel Corral Philip Drummond John Ellico Sebe Francisco Ricardo Garibay Martin Gomez-Marquez David Harrison Allen Johnson Shamond Johnson Emanuel Johnson Sr. Laura Kan Martin Lara Prentice Meeks John Pegg Irma Rizo Juan Rodriguez Arthur Sanchez Anthony Smith Reginald Taylor Tommy Thomas Robert Washington Howard Woods</p> <p>PW-Street Services Louis Clark</p>	<p>Nicholas Lopez Lloyd Matzkin Johnny Rodriguez</p> <p>Rec and Parks Jose Aviles Sonia Carrillo Carmen Cortes Mark Dinisi Bridget LaCour Qiara Lipe Elizabeth Marquez-Vasquez Frank Martinez Rosie Perez Nidia Salazar Clarence Wilson</p> <p>Transportation Barbara Fiero Rosalinda Kornegay Edward Norton Jr. Enrique Salinas</p> <p>ZOO Jean Giraldo-Castro Valerie Watson</p> <p>Retired Patricia Dorsey Christine McDermott</p>	<p>DWP Jamin Camp Timothy Chavez Anthony Daily Daniel Garcia James Grimes Pete Hernandez Reynaldo Palma Roberto Perez Stevie Renfro Keith Stewart Sid Walkman Derek Wert Ronald Zanon Jr.</p> <p>Other Arpa Aghamalian Dean Alexander Fernando Alvarado Adam Bazar Saul Borja Xavier Carbajo Wendfield Carter Tom Crevier Trevor Drake Joel Duran Louise Estes Armando Estrella Eric Furubotten</p>	<p>Alexis Garganta Hovhannes Gendjian Manuel Gonzalez Albert Gonzalez Ava Hacopian Jairo Hernandez Matt Hornschu Chia Yung Hwang Erika Jaramillo Irene Martinez Michael Mondragon Anibal Najarro Calvin Oglesby Jr. Leon Ordorica Ventura Orozco Rosemary Ortega Dorothy Parker Antonio Perez Patricia Richard Flora Rutiaiga Jesse Saenz Joselito Santos Martin Schmitt Jr. Chanel Shorter-Anderson Johnny Texeira Mark Torres Janet Torres-Medina Christian Velasco</p>
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Military Graduations Weddings

Have a photo of a recent event? Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Peace of Mind

by Tiffany Sy
The Club's Peace of Mind Expert



Pet Insurance... for a Member of the Family

The greatest costs American pet owners incur are medically related. Statistics provided by the American Pet Products Association show that, as a nation, we are spending more on animal care – \$47.7 billion in 2010. According to *USA Today*, the cost in veterinary services has inflated 80.4 percent since 2000, in comparison with 28.1 percent inflation for services in all other industries.

The City Employees Club offers the Pet First insurance plan to alleviate the costs

of veterinary bills for your dog or cat. Your pet is eligible to enroll if up to nine years old and more than eight weeks of age. The plan covers accidents and illnesses with an affordable deductible and reimbursement of claims up to 90 percent. It also covers routine or preventative care including vaccinations, flea medications, physical exams, screenings, dental cleanings, spay/neuter, microchipping, and behavior training with an allowance for reimbursement

of up to \$250 each year and per pet on the Preferred Plan.

One of the greatest features of the plan is the freedom to receive services from any board-licensed veterinarian in the United States. If you have multiple pets, a discount is offered. You can also manage your claims online and track status of receipt and payment.

The countless benefits of pet ownership make pet insurance well worth the cost. You have covered yourself and your

family with health insurance; why not provide insurance to control the cost of your pet's health? If you want to join the other two million dogs and 800,000 cats already insured in America, call me today to sign up.

Let's hear from our Club Member Carlos Gomez and his own experience with Pet First Healthcare.

Contact me at info@cityemployeesclub.com



Brady the Labrador, healthy again with the help of the Club's pet insurance product.

I signed up my three four-legged kids (two male Labs and a female cat) with the Club's pet insurance to provide coverage in case of an accident, and am I ever glad I did. I was pleasantly surprised when I submitted the forms for the shots and dental cleaning, and I received a reimbursement check rather quickly. Then about four months after I purchased your plan, my seven-year-old Labrador tore his ligaments running around the swimming pool (I am always shouting out, "No running around the pool – leave your sister alone!"), trying to fetch his "cat." The pet insurance

policy I purchased from you covered almost the entire cost (\$1,811). In the past I might have worried about the cost of treating one of my canine or feline family members, but not now, not with the pet insurance policy I purchased from your associate. Being as how I take the "boys" fishing, hiking and swimming rather frequently, it is a great feeling knowing that, should any type of accident occur, my worries will be minimal. Thank you yet again for providing another great product and second-to-none service.

– Carlos Gomez

Births

Have a photo of a recent newborn? Send photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Abigail Jean and Andrew Elliott, born March 7 to Officer Stacey Creech, Airport Police, and partner Barbara Carroll. "Everyone is doing well!"



Alejandro Nataniel, born last December to Officer II José Alvarez, Port Police, and his wife, Theresa. "My wife; my daughters, Alexia and Angelina; and I have been blessed with his arrival."

Special Achievements

Have you or your children recently achieved something special? Send to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



"This picture was taken of my husband, Ronald Ayala, on his birthday, Feb. 27, while vacationing on the Big Island of Hawaii on the way up to see Mauna Kea Volcano, where there was snow."
— Jill Woo

Happy birthday, Ron, and thanks for sending it in, Jill!



"These are pics from our 26th anniversary getaway to Tahiti, Bora Bora. We had a wonderful stay at the Sofitel Hotel, where we were treated like royalty!"
— Kimberly Garrett, Airports, and Timothy Mingo, DWP

Happy 26th anniversary, Kim and Tim! Hope you have 26 more.

In Memoriam

Our thoughts and condolences are with the family and friends of the following current and retired City employees who have passed away. The number after the name indicates years of service.

Active

- Castro, Jose, Airports, 8
- Chapman, Charles, Public Works, 24
- Lau, Roy, ITA, 28
- Martinez, Vincent, DWP, 29
- Mendez, Joseph, City Attorney, 29
- Miller, Diane, Airports, 24
- Rafaiell, Robert, CDD, 29
- Shelby, Doris, DWP, 5

Retired

- Atkin, Richard, Public Works, 22
- Bagley, Charles, DWP, 22
- Bandel, Lillian, DWP, 20
- Banks, Peter, General Services, 46
- Batiste, Garland, DWP, 41
- Brown, Verl, Building and Safety, 23
- Calzade, Alex, DWP, 33
- Chambers, Norah, Public Works, 36
- Chang, Kenneth, Public Works, 27
- Dam, Tu, Community Development, 23
- Dole, Walter, DWP, 31
- Donley, John, Public Works, 14
- Durazo, Ruben, General Services, 26
- Festa, Doris, DWP, 18
- Gair, Rachel, LAPD, 16

- Gordon, Robbin Patricia, Aging, 28
- Greenfield, Marlene, LAPD, 60
- Hamilton, Ronald, Public Works, 11

- Hele, Leonard, Building and Safety, 12
- Hentzen, Clyde, DWP, 29
- Hill, Charles, DWP, 29

- Madrigal, John, Airports, 9
- Manzanares, Mercedes, City Council, 10
- McKeller, Robert, DWP, 21
- Meza, Arthur, Animal Services, 10
- Millard, Lillian, Not Disclosed, 11
- Mitchell, Russell, LAFD, 27
- Morris, Ronald, DWP, 25
- Mosier, Ronald, DWP, 21
- O'Donnell, Daniel, DWP, 13
- Owens, Joe, Airports, 32
- Pea Jr., Jesse, DWP, 58
- Perlmutter, Alan, Rec and Parks, 30
- Pruitt, William, DWP, 16
- Richardson, Silva, Library, 14
- Rodriguez, Guadalupe, Rec and Parks, 23
- Schneider, Leonard, Harbor, 28
- Smith, Harold, DWP, 24
- Thorpe, M.J., Building and Safety, 6
- Tindle, Aubrey, DWP, 30
- Totty, Charles, DWP, 31
- Williams, Charles, Environmental Affairs, 5
- Wise Jr., Jesse, DWP, 33
- Wright, William, DWP, 32,

A new *Alive!* feature

It's Time to Tell Their Story

Every month, *Alive!* publishes the names of those current or retired City Employees who have died. But who were they? Did you know them? If you worked with any of these people, knew a story or two about them or were related to them, consider writing to *Alive!* and letting us know. *Tell their story!*

- Write a few sentences or paragraphs
- Send in a photo, if you have one
- Let us know your name and connection to the deceased
- Send your memories to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Subject line: *Tell Their Story*

- Hatanaka, Tilly, Harbor, 26
- Haversat, Judith, LAPD, 34
- Hayes, William, LAPD, 35

- Jones, William, DWP, 40
- Kaya, Shizuo, DWP, 21
- Landi, Gloria, Library, 28

Their Stories

Club Members share their memories of City Employees listed in our In Memoriam section, or others who have died recently.



Jack Mathews
~ Died Feb. 8, 2013 ~

Remembering Jack Mathews

General Services

During the late 1950s thru the '60s, I played basketball in the Nisei Athletic Union League held at local parks and schools. I was later employed with Public Works/Engineering. Some years ago, I heard this voice in the lobby of City Hall, "Foul on number nine, two free throws." I looked back and saw Jack Mathews. He remembered me, and I remembered him.

He refereed many of our games. He'd blow the whistle on me and smile; I knew he enjoyed the game. We didn't know names, but I remembered his friendly face. After that, we would bump into each other at various times, and always enjoyed seeing his smiling face and friendly handshake. I missed seeing him at the last retiree golf tournament.

The news of his passing brings back fond memories.
— Ed Itagaki, Public Works, Retired

Kevin Alvarez
~ Died Aug. 1, 2005 ~

Remembering Kevin Alvarez

Public Works/Sanitation

My son, Kevin Alvarez, will be admired for his love of family and friends and co-workers. Kevin was a lead man for Waste Water Collection for 21 years. I will deeply miss him all the days of my life. Love, Dad.

— Tony Alvarez, General Services, Retired