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— John Hawkins, Club President & CEO

Hynda Sails Into *History*

***Alive!* bids farewell to Hynda Rudd, who’s retiring as popular history columnist.**

With this issue, *Alive!* bids adieu to one of its favorite columnists and people, Hynda Rudd. As she retired from the City as the first City Archivist years ago, she now retires from her *Alive!* regular writing duties. She has written “78 or 79 columns for *Alive!* I can’t be sure; there might have been a vacation in there,” she laughs.

“One of the most exciting experiences of my professional life has been writing the historical articles on the City of Los Angeles for *Alive!*,” she recounts. “To me, as always, my interest has been the treasure trove of records and information, in every imaginable form, that tells the story of this magnificent megalopolis and its unknown mysteries of rising from a one-horse town into one of the most renowned cities in the world today.

“I was born and raised in Salt Lake City, Utah. I am not a Mormon, but my respect for them and their dedication and commitment to their history has always given me the incentive to do what they have accomplished. My dream came true in moving to Los Angeles. I became the first Archivist for this City in 1980. I realized that this was the most incredible community of unknown historical documents that I could have ever hoped for. To begin to share, in a small way, this overwhelming joy of enlightening all of you to this impressive City’s growth and development, is all I had always hoped for. It has been a sincere pleasure, for all the many issues presented by me, to be continued by others, who love this history as much as me. Thank you.”

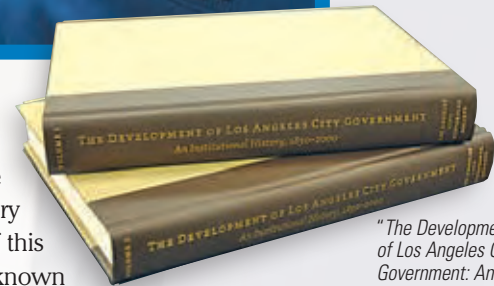
“Hynda and her column have been one of the great joys of producing *Alive!* each month,” says John Hawkins, Club CEO who first met Hynda at an RLACEI meeting. They chatted, and Hynda was recruited as an *Alive!* columnist soon thereafter. “I’ve learned a lot about the city I was born in and now work in. It’s been an education and a pleasure. Of course we wish her the best, but I suspect we haven’t heard the last of her.”

Hynda reports that she will continue working on other long-term projects involving the history of Los Angeles, and she vows to write occasional “History Comes *Alive!*” articles for this paper as she has the time. Plans for the continuation of the “History Comes *Alive!*” column will be announced soon.

“Along with her thousands of readers, I say a sincere thank-you to Hynda,” John Hawkins continues. “We’re grateful for your awesome service and hard work.”



Hynda Rudd, Retired City Archivist



“The Development of Los Angeles City Government: An Institutional History, 1850-2000,” a project Hynda helped produce with the Los Angeles City Historical Society.



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The City Archives team in 2005, when *Alive!* announced the Hynda Rudd column: Jay Jones, Acting Archivist; Todd Gaydowski, Records Management Officer; and Hynda Rudd, retired City Archivist.



From September 2007: Club CEO John Hawkins and *Alive!* columnist Hynda Rudd look over a volume of “The Development of Los Angeles City Government: An Institutional History, 1850-2000” at the Los Angeles City Archives.



From November 2007: Councilman and Club Member Tom LaBonge (right), announces and delivers announces and delivers “The Development of Los Angeles City Government: An Institutional History, 1850-2000” to the City Council to the City Council Sept. 26, and presented a Council proclamation to city historian Dr. Doyce B. Nunis Jr. (left) and *Alive!* columnist and Retired City Archivist Hynda Rudd (center).