

A Message From the CEO

Persistence and The Can-Do Spirit

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We all know how the saying goes: If at first you don't succeed, try again.

Doug Scarborough knows it. Does he ever. And he's proof that there's a ton of truth to that saying. Persistence is way underrated.

Two years ago, Airport Police Officer Doug Scarborough, a born adventurer, tried to get to the top of Mt. Everest. He came an agonizing 900 feet short and then came home more than a little frustrated. But that kind of effort deserved our April 2012 cover. Having the guts to try is always celebrated in my book.

Maybe you can imagine my *whoa!* when I opened an email a few weeks ago from Doug. I saw it was from him, and I clicked as fast as I could.

Unbelievable. He made it! And he brought *Alive!* with him this time. My head started spinning!

His successful climb fulfills a kind of dream we've had around the Club office for a long time. When we first started the fun feature *Alive! Around the World*, and dozens and dozens of awesome Club Members started sending in their photos, we were really blown away. We let ourselves dream just a little. What would be the most amazing location from which a Club Member would send us an entry? We thought Antarctica would be incredible. Maybe even from under water. (Both of which have happened, by the way.) But then someone – maybe me – suggested Mt. Everest. I thought, no possible way. And then it came true, thanks to Doug! Maybe outer space is next!



Airport Police Officer (and Mt. Everest veteran) Doug Scarborough (left) with Club CEO John Hawkins.

I'm fascinated by Doug's journey, both in terms of the trails he's hiked to get to the top of the world, and the personal sacrifice he has made to see it through. I am such a fan of the combination of dreams and hard work. Dreams without it go nowhere; hard work alone is tedious and dispiriting. Together, they're awesome, if we take both of them seriously. And Doug, despite being one of the most polite, humble and pleasant people you'll meet, does. While not every Club Member has the wherewithal to make it to the top of Everest, the truth is, the City Employees Club is filled with people who know how to dream, and who know how to put in a hard day's work. Every month we chronicle amazing City projects and programs. Doug is at the head of, but by no means alone on, that list. Here's to celebrating the Club Members who dream, and the Club Members who work hard. Incredible things can happen when you put them together.

Well, let me catch my breath. Speaking of hard work, I congratulate all those City Employees who took part in this year's annual Baker to Vegas foot race through the desert. Nice job! And I also want to give a small shout-out to **Arlene Herrero**, Club Products Manager, and the Club staff that works hard to bring you the Baker to Vegas results every year. Kudos all around.

I'm glad to see the good folks at the Central Library (we have lots of Club Members there) are putting together a cool retrospective on sheet music written and created right here in LA. In this digital age, some might think that libraries are less relevant. Hardly. We found that out a few years ago when we chronicled all the new library branches that were being built or refurbished. They were, and remain, packed. This exhibit is the kind of long-range project that great libraries ought to be doing. Nice job!

Please welcome our new *History Comes Alive!* contributor, **Michael Holland**. Michael is the Acting Archivist for the City, and he's off to a strong start this month. He knows he has major shoes to fill in taking over for the beloved Hynda Rudd, who retired from her *Alive!* column last month. I have a sneaking suspicion Michael's going to do just fine, and then some. Welcome, Michael!

I don't know about you, but I'm looking forward to the Fourth of July. As a United States veteran, I hold Independence Day in high regard. With all the celebrations, let's pause a moment and be truly thankful for our hard-fought liberties and freedoms.

Club Members, enjoy your families, your friends, your Fourths, and the rest of your summers!

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