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The Best Years

CITY RETIREE ASSOCIATIONS

Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



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If you change your address, notify Helen Salgado, Membership Chair, at (800) 678-4145 Ext. 713, or write to her at 8372 Arnett Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92647. Also notify LACERS.

Have News About Yourself?

Contact Mary Beetz, call (800) 678-4145 Ext. 711.

Retiree Upcoming Events

Reservation Lines:

RLACEI events: (800) 678-4145, ext. 701
DWP events: (626) 445-7376 (Dolores Foley)
LARFPA: (888) 288-5063

- Aug. 8:** RLACEI picnic, Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park Dr., Los Angeles. 11:30 a.m.
- Sept. 19:** RLACEI annual corporation meeting and elections, Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles. 11:30 a.m. lunch; noon meeting.
- Dec. 5:** RLACEI holiday party, Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles. Noon.

RLACEI Website

Hal Danowitz asks you to visit the RLACEI Website at www.rlacei.com to find the latest retirement news. If you find it helpful, or have suggestions for improvement, call Hal at (800) 678-4145 Ext. 707.

Contact LACERS

The Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System is at 202 W. First Street, Suite 500, (LA Times Building), Los Angeles, CA 90012. Hours: 8AM-5PM. Phone (213) 473-7200 or (800) 779-8328. Contact them to arrange direct deposit of your retirement checks, change your tax withholding or beneficiary, or for questions about your health plans. www.lacers.org

DWP Retirees Association



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RLACEI

Ken Spiker Resigns as LACERS Commissioner

2010 Club Excellence Award Recipient



Ed Harding

By Ed Harding,
RLACEI President

It is with sadness and regret that I announce Ken Spiker's resignation as Commissioner of the LACERS' Board.

Ken has done much for our Retirees. In fact, most of the retiree benefits that we receive and enjoy are due to Ken's actions and determination at LACERS Board meetings. He will continue to be an RLACEI member.

Our RLACEI Board has endorsed Michael Wilkinson,

one of our board members, to replace Ken. Like Ken, Michael is a fighter, and we have the confidence that he will continue to protect and preserve retiree benefits. When you receive the voting ballots, we urge you to vote for Michael Wilkinson (Read Michael's endorsement acceptance column.)

On June 6, we had our 35th annual retirees invitational golf tournament. Due to Tom Stemnock and his committee, it was a great success and enjoyed by all.

I also wish to thank Lita Payne and Rod June, as well as Alex Rabrenovich, Chief Health Benefits Administrator, for speaking at our golf tournament, reassuring our retirees of a secure pension and medical benefits.

Robert Larios, Vice President of Operations for the City Employees Club of Los Angeles, was busy taking pictures for *Alive!* as well as calling out the numbers for their donated door prizes.

Our next event will be RLACEI picnic at Grace E. Simons Lodge Aug. 8. See you there.

Endorsement Accepted



Michael R. Wilkinson

RLACEI Law and Policy Issues
by Michael R. Wilkinson

Ken Spiker, our long-serving retiree member on the Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System Commission Board Member, recently announced his resignation and endorsed me for his post. I am happy to report that the RLACEI Board has also unanimously endorsed me to carry on Ken's legacy, as a fighter, to continue to protect our vital pension and health benefits.

This election is important to all retirees. As retirees, we get to elect only one retiree seat on the seven-member Board. The mayor

picks four members.

We need our voices to be heard to protect our rights.

I ask for your support in continuing Ken's legacy as a LACERS' Board Commissioner.

I have been deeply involved in retirement issues for many years. With 34 years of City service, and the vast majority as a Deputy City Attorney, my last nine years were spent full time advising the City's three retirement systems (LACERS, as well as the Fire and Police Pension Plan and the DWP Plan) on retirement issues, attending Board meetings and counseling Board members on retirement law, Board procedures, investment management contracting and City and state ethics concerns. As a trial lawyer, I also represented the City's

retirement systems on securities fraud litigation, helping to recover more than \$24 million for LACERS alone.

My vision is clear. I stand committed to:

- Protecting and preserving the benefits promised to retirees, including our health benefits.
- Overseeing the prompt payment of benefits and the efficient administration of the plan.
- Making sure that our pension funds are invested wisely to profitable returns without taking undue risk.

When you get your ballot, please remember to vote for the candidate best prepared to protect your pension rights.



Michael Karsch

RLACEI Legislative Report - Pension Law and Policy
by Michael Karsch

As the nation, state and our City of Los Angeles seem to be slowly improving economically, many of the fiscal problems that impact the public pension systems are becoming less foreboding. But the State of Illinois leads the country as the lowest graded state from the credit rating agencies, Standard & Poors, Moody's Investors Service and Fitch Ratings. The State Legislature has failed three times in the last 12 months to resolve the dismal outlook (in August last year, this January, and last month). According to Bloomberg, Standard & Poors has given several downgrades to Illinois, reducing that state to the lowest credit rating for a state

since California in 2004. The Illinois public pension systems (there are five) are the worst funded at 43 percent, meaning liabilities at almost \$100 billion. The State Senate and State House have collided again and again with different reform packages making different kinds of cuts in benefits to employees and retirees; both are Democrat-controlled, as is the Governor's Office. Bloomberg reports that investors in public debt demand 1.4 percentage points of yield over AAA bonds to own 10-year bonds from Illinois.

Another report on nationwide pension plans by state governments by PlanSponsor.com says that reducing or eliminating cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) are one way to reduce liabilities. The report says that elimination still leaves most state plans with roughly \$1.5 trillion less than needed. Some states, such as

Colorado and Minnesota, have also faced lawsuits for reducing their COLAs.

Our City of Los Angeles is finishing this fiscal year in good shape. The CAO reports that the City ends this year "in a stronger financial position than when it started... 2012-13 has proven to be the turning point for the City on its road to recovery." Obstacles remain for the City, namely the proposed savings from labor concessions assumed in the budget. This refers to last year's agreement with the Coalition of Los Angeles City Unions for a general wage increase (a COLA) of 5.5 percent in January 2014. The new budget assumes that this agreement "will not be implemented." The CAO is instructed to initiate discussions with labor and will report on progress to the Executive Employee Relations Committee.

LACERS Update



Mary Beetz

By Mary Beetz,
RLACEI Publicity Chair

Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for 2013

By May of each year, the Board is required to determine the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Los Angeles area in order to provide a COLA to eligible retirees. The Administrative Code states that the COLA cannot exceed 3% annually.

When the CPI is greater than 3%, the difference is "banked" for future years. When the CPI is less than 3%, LACERS can then use available "banked" amounts to increase the COLA to the maximum 3%. Just how much of a COLA a retired Member will receive depends on their retirement date and how much is "banked" from previous years.

In 2013, the CPI for the Los Angeles area is 2%. The Board of Administration adopted the cost-of-living-adjustments for eligible retired members and beneficiaries at their February 12, 2013 meeting. This COLA will be effective July 1, 2013.

LACERS in Motion Wellness Workshop Scheduled for July 18, 2013

LACERS will host a wellness workshop on Thursday, July 18, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon to launch *LACERS in Motion*, a new fitness program sponsored by Anthem Blue Cross (Anthem). This event will take place downtown at LACERS headquarters at 202 West First Street, Suite 500, Los Angeles, CA, and validated parking will be available. Space is limited for this event and reservations are required. Sign up for this fun and informative event beginning on Monday, July 1 by visiting the LACERS *Well* webpage at www.lacers.org/health-webpage/index.html or by calling LACERS at (800)779-8328.

Your Strong and Healthy Back Class Scheduled for July 30, 2013

LACERS *Well* will host *Your*

Strong and Healthy Back, on Tuesday, July 30, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. This is the first in a series of six free health education classes sponsored by Kaiser Permanente and open to all LACERS retirees. Learn about maintaining a healthy back and avoiding back injury through good posture, proper lifting techniques, back-friendly stretches, fall prevention techniques, and more. This class will be held at Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027. Free onsite parking is available. Space is limited for this event and reservations are required. Sign up for this fun and informative event beginning on Monday, July 15 by visiting the LACERS *Well* webpage at www.lacers.org/health-webpage/index.html or by calling LACERS at (800)779-8328.

Questions? Send us an email at LACERS.Health@lacity.org, or call us at (800) 779-8328.

TO ALL RLACEI MEMBERS:
If you received a membership application card in the mail, please discard, it was sent in to you in error.

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RETIREMENT HELPLINE

Who to call? Call the Helpline and reach the officers of the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. If you move or change your address, contact Helen Salgado. Also notify LACERS, ACEBSA and LAFUCU. For information on problems, activities, meetings or membership. Each officer's extension is listed below.

City Employees Retirement System: (213) 473-7200

RLACEI Retirement Counselors and Retiree Helplines (800) 678-4145

- Mary Beetz Ext. 711
- Cliff Cannon Ext. 715
- Hal Danowitz Ext. 707
- Americo Garza Ext. 710
- Edward Harding Ext. 703
- Michael Karsch Ext. 704
- Gary Mattingly Ext. 702
- Phillip Orland Ext. 709
- Neil Ricci Ext. 714
- Helen Salgado (membership) Ext. 713
- Ken Spiker Ext. 705
- Tom Stemmcock Ext. 708
- Michael Wilkinson Ext. 712

Questions: Ext. 0
RSVP: Ext. 701

DWP Retirement Plan Office (213) 367-1722

RLACEI:

Officers

Edward Harding: President
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Tom Stemmcock: Second Vice President
Hal Danowitz: Secretary/Treasurer

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Mary Beetz: Publicity
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Neil Ricci: Health and Nominating
Helen Salgado: Membership
Ken Spiker: Legal and Legislative
Tom Stemmcock: Audit and Golf

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Life After Retirement

As a reminder:

If you have news about yourself, family or other retirees that you would like to share with our readers, send it and we will publish it.

If you would like to contact a former city employee that you met

or worked with, send your contact information and we will publish it so they can contact you.

Note: Due to our Confidential Policy, we do not give out any information without authorization.

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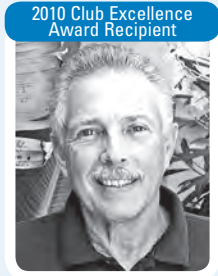
Retirements

Here's a listing of all those who retired from the City this month. To all we say, welcome to the Best Years!

NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS
Abdelkerim, Twefik	-	DWP	-	Kelly Tobin, Karen A.	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst II	Neigh. Empower.	14
Anderson, Bill	-	DWP	-	Kernes, Howard	-	DWP	-
Aston Jr., Charles	-	DWP	-	Labio, Lourdes	-	DWP	-
Baca, Albert V.	Mech. Helper	Harbor	22	Lambert, Robert	-	DWP	-
Bates, William	-	DWP	-	Legaspi, Noli	-	DWP	-
Behiz-Teherani, Shirin	-	DWP	-	Luck, Elicia	-	DWP	-
Bennett, Brian K.	Off. Engr. Tech III	Public Works	23	Marucut, Guido C.	Dept. Chief Acct. IV	Transportation	28
Billesbach, Donald	-	DWP	-	McDaniels, Fred	Equip. Operator	Public Works	32
Blucher, John	-	DWP	-	Morabbi, Ali	-	DWP	-
Bowe, Julius L.	Fore. Print Spec. III	LAPD	31	Morzov, David	-	DWP	-
Brandt, Mark	-	DWP	-	Nersessian, Harmik	-	DWP	-
Burgess, Warren	-	DWP	-	Odum, Cornelia A.	Custodian	Airports	10
Cadena, Carlos	-	DWP	-	O'Hearn, Robin	-	DWP	-
Carrasco, Rudy	Park. Enforc. Mgr. II	Transportation	32	Olson, Lee E.	Sr. Detention Officer	LAPD	32
Cartmill, James	-	DWP	-	Patton, Christopher L.	Marine Envir. Mgr.	Harbor	12
Chang, Fang D.	Civil Engr. Assoc. IV	Public Works	31	Plummer, Ronald G.	Ref. Coll. Truck Op. II	Public Works	25
Cheatham, Georg J.	Elec. Engr. Assoc. III	Building & Safety	31	Perez, Imelda A.	Sr. Clerk Typist	Transportation	30
Clay, Jack S.	Pr. Const. Inspector	Harbor	26	Porter, Kevin W.	Sr. Build. Inspector	Building & Safety	26
Collins, Portia L.	Manag. Analyst II	Aging	31	Riordan, Daniel A.	Manag. Analyst II	Public Works	10
Cruz, Virgilio V.	Constru. Inspector	Airports	23	Roberts, Andrea L.	Sr. Librarian	Library	14
David, Lorna S.	Manag. Analyst II	LAPD	13	Roberts, Michael	-	DWP	-
Destouet, Donald	-	DWP	-	Rodriguez, Janitzio M.	Vocational Worker	Rec and Parks	7
Eguia, Candelario	Civil Engr. Assoc. IV	Public Works	32	Salazar, Louis	-	DWP	-
Esquero, Gilbert	Security Officer	Airports	23	Skinner, David H.	Gardener Caretaker	Zoo	14
Eubanks, Yvone	-	DWP	-	Smith, Jr., James	Ref. Coll. Truck Op. II	Public Works	23
Everett, Gary	-	DWP	-	Solamo, Teofilo L.	Electric Pump Plt. Op.	Public Works	31
Ferber, Robert A.	Dep. City Attorney IV	City Attorney	32	Soriano, Corazon A.	Manag. Analyst II	CDD	25
Garcia Sr., Raymond	-	DWP	-	Sosa, Alfred	-	DWP	-
Garza, Jose A.	Dep. City Attorney IV	City Attorney	34	Steward, Thomas	-	DWP	-
Glaze, Stephan	-	DWP	-	Terrat, Hugh R.	Procurement Supv.	Airports	22
Goodale, Peter	-	DWP	-	Tondreault, Korla G.	Pr. Clerk	Harbor	33
Griggs, Sara M.	Investment Officer	LACERS	10	Townsend, James R.	Sfty. Engr. Elevators	Building & Safety	14
Hano, George W.	Wtwtr. Trmt. Oper. III	Public Works	30	Tsosie, David	-	DWP	-
Haroldsen, Michael	-	DWP	-	Tyner, William	-	DWP	-
Hashemi, Yadollah	Transp. Engineer	Transportation	23	Vatanpour, Bina	-	DWP	-
Hernandez, Melissa M.	Secretary	LAFD	31	Velasco, Manuel	Custodian	Airports	10
Hicks, Milton J.	Auto. Supervisor	General Services	47	Wilk, Mary	-	DWP	-
Holtz, Glenn E.	Sr. Detention Officer	LAPD	21	Williams, Kenneth C.	Refuse Coll. Supv.	Public Works	23
Horn, Kim	-	DWP	-				
Infuso, Glen	-	DWP	-				

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By Hal Danowitz, Secretary, RLACEI

Cape Verde Island

Hal and Co. continue their cruise from Cape Town to England.

PART NINE



Hal and Evelyn Danowitz invite you to:

Travel to Cuba!

Havana - Trinidad - Cienfuegos

April 29 - May 10, 2014

12 Days \$4,995 per person*



Join Grand Circle Foundation and Hal and Evelyn Danowitz in our mission to break down the cultural barriers between Cuba and the U.S.—at a pivotal moment in history for the people of Cuba, who are in the midst of major government reforms.

We will center our journey around three Cuban cities: the bustling capital of Havana (5 nights), including both 3 nights in the historic Old Town and 2 nights in the vibrant, downtown Vedado neighborhood; the harbor town of Cienfuegos (2 nights), and the colonial gem of Trinidad (3 nights). Throughout our journey, we will focus on meaningful cultural exchange with the people of Cuba—who you'll find to be warm, welcoming, and eager to interact with Americans. It's a rare, authentic view of daily life in Cuba today.

Basic included features:

- A full schedule of People-to-People exchange meetings
- Roundtrip airfare from Miami
- All accommodations: 1 night in Miami, 5 nights in Havana, 2 nights in Cienfuegos, and 3 nights in Trinidad
- 24 meals: 10 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 9 dinners
- Services of an English-speaking Cuban guide and a Foundation representative from the U.S.
- Transportation aboard a private, air-conditioned motor coach
- Cultural discoveries, including discussions with locals, museum visits, musical performances, and many more
- Maximum 20 people

For reservations and information call:

Grand Circle Foundation
(855)422-2825, option 2, code G4-25126

*\$500 Deposit per reservation
*Cancellation date: February 21, 2014 - 100% refund

Evelyn and I took a 38-day trip, which included four days at the Botlierskop Safari Resort near George, South Africa; a 28-day cruise on the *Ocean Princess* from Cape Town, South Africa, to London; and four days in London at the end. Don and Myrna, our cousins, took the cruise with us.

The itinerary was as follows: Cape Town; Lüderitz and Walvis Bay, Namibia; Cotonou, Benin; Lome, Togo; Dakar, Senegal; Mindelo, Cape Verde Islands; Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary Islands; Casablanca, Morocco; Cadiz, Spain; Lisbon, Portugal; Le Havre, France; and Dover, England.

As we continue the story, our ship docked at 7 a.m. at Mindelo, Cape Verde Island. We were about 300 miles west of Dakar in the Atlantic, but the prevailing breezes were from the east and were considered sub-Saharan. The islands had been in a drought for the past few years. This seemed cyclical in the archipelago's history. We took a half-day tour of the island that

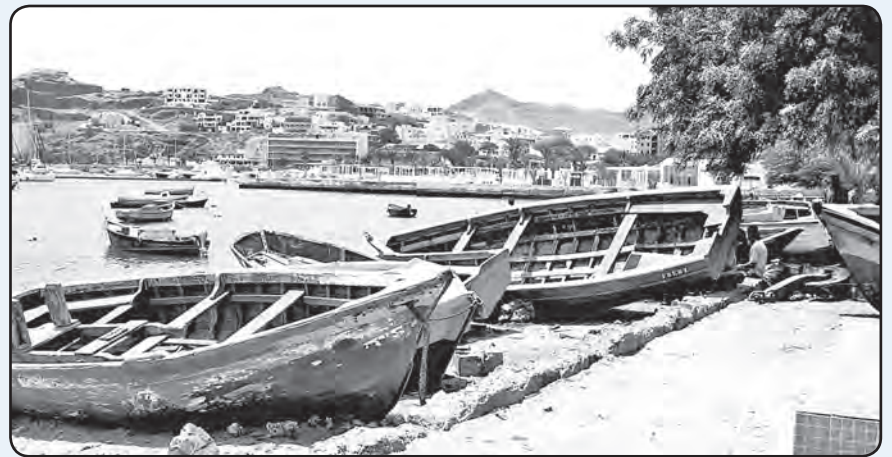
We took a city and cultural tour. The bus held about 30 people, but there were only 18 of us plus the guide and driver. The bus had no A/C, but a nice breeze kept the temperature in the mid-70s. Our guide was a young woman who just graduated from college and had a two-year scholarship to get her Master's degree in English at Bridgewater College in Virginia. She spoke great English and was very knowledgeable with a good sense of humor. We told her to get a warm coat as she had never been in cold weather.

We stopped at the fish market and the produce market, then the town square. This island had a population of 80,000, of which 90 percent lived in the city. The town is a little like New Orleans, with brightly colored building with balconies and a lot of metalwork. We visited a handicraft museum, which had some interesting pieces. Evelyn bought a magnet. Of the six West African countries that we visited, this was the first magnet since South Africa. Our last stop

was out of the city at a resort beach, about a 25-minute ride over a cobblestone road. We had a wine tasting excursion and were entertained with some local dancing at a venue that is the site of a music festival put on every August, which attracts more than 50,000 visitors. In addition to using some vacation homes, the festival-goers pitched tents. Sounded like Woodstock. The tour



Our group on the beach.



The fishing port area on Cape Verde.

afternoon, so we had the ship to ourselves in the morning. Evelyn and I worked out and then had breakfast with Don and Myrna. We then played party bridge for a couple of hours. The ship was really deserted, especially the fitness center. It was like having a giant yacht all to yourself.

When we got back to our cabin, the crew was putting up new drapes. It seemed that, need it or not, all replacements were done on schedule.

Cape Verde is a group of 14 volcanic islands, nine of which are inhabited. When the Portuguese first came here in 1456, there were no inhabitants. The island received its independence in 1975 from Portugal. The official language is Portuguese, but a Cape Verdean Creole is also spoken.

was fun and entertaining. We got back to the ship a little after 5 p.m., sat in the Tahitian Lounge and had a drink as the ship sailed.

We had dinner in the buffet and called it a night.

We had been getting hors d'oeuvres delivered to our cabin every day on this cruise (and the previous cruise, too). Sometimes we didn't eat them, and I had the room steward take them away. Myrna told Don had asked to stop the delivery on days that we were in port, but to have them delivered instead on sea days. It seemed that they were no longer getting them on any day, and then Myrna wanted Don to call and get them started again. Part of the problem was, we didn't really know what department ordered

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- **The cheapest tickets in the City – UP TO 70% OFF**
- Great Club apparel and gifts
- Group-rated insurance products for purchase
- Club-exclusive events
- E-mail notices about upcoming events and promotions
- Access to Club Website
- And much more!

The *Alive!* Newspaper

Your own personal edition of *Alive!*, delivered to you each month. (Sent to all RLACEI members in good standing). Stay connected to RLACEI, and to all your Retired City friends, read about exciting City projects, take full advantage of free *Alive!* classifieds, and much more.

For more information, contact the Club:

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- (800) 464-0452

them. Maybe public relations, maybe catering, we just didn't know who was sending them. They just showed up with no note.

The next day was the first of two sea days. We turned the clock forward last night one hour. Because of the change, we didn't get up until after 8 a.m. That night was a formal night, with a cocktail party for Captain Circle members (passengers who have sailed

on any Princess ship before), of which I would guess included about 90 percent of the passengers on our cruise.

The weather was overcast, and the seas were running a little higher, which gave the ship a little roll. I figured it would stay that way until we got into the Mediterranean. The temperature may not get above the low 70s. We'll see if my weather prediction was any

better than the TV.

In trivia, we got 19 out of 20 and still came in second. Evelyn knew the 20th question, which was, "What is the all-time best-selling movie." Not box office. The answer is *ET*, but she didn't have the courage of her conviction. Anyway, we would have lost the tie breaker anyway.

We were in the dining room for lunch, and there was a mix-up. Myrna didn't get her meal until after the rest of us, and then she wasn't happy with the sandwich. As we all say, "It's only one meal."

It seemed I was wrong about the percentage of returning passengers; it was 89 percent, and only about 75 passengers were first time with Princess. At the party, the staff said that there were more than 10 million Captain Circle members. They had a drawing at the party, and we won a bottle of Champagne. I had it sent to our table in the dining room and we had it with dinner. It was on the sweet side but okay. That night was lobster night, and we all enjoyed the meal.

Afterward, we listened to music in the Casino Lounge. We moved the clock forward one hour again that night. We were now on GMT.

Again we slept in the next morning because of the time change. We did not play bridge that day. We all needed a break. Also, the band Hyperion Knight was to give a special afternoon concert at 3 p.m., which we wanted to attend. We were looking to arrange our next cruise, so I'll spend some time on that.

Evelyn and I wanted to sign up for a future cruise that went to Iceland and Greenland (we found one that does the U.K. and around the top of the world to New York). Myrna didn't want to fly and wanted to take a round trip from Los Angeles or San Diego (there were either 14-day Hawaii or 28-day Tahiti cruises available). The Tahiti cruise stopped at four of the Hawaiian Islands for one day



Our guide on Cape Verde.

each. Evelyn considered the LA to Hawaii leg as a waste of time. And besides, the 28 days included 19 sea days. We may be looking for new travel buddies.

The concert was very good. Then we changed our clothes for Friday night services and for dinner at Sabatini's. We had a good turnout for services, picking up some new people. Before we had dinner, we stopped at the suite party for drinks.

The ship had two specialty restaurants, Sterling's Steakhouse and Sabatini's, the Italian restaurant. Each had a cover charge of \$20 per person. We both had vouchers for a free dinner at Sabatini's and a bottle of Champagne from our travel agent because we booked using the American Express Platinum card.

Between the two, I liked Sabatini's better. It featured one of the best veal chops I've eaten. Nelson, the maitre'd, remembered everyone's name and was very personable. The restaurant served a lot of food, but I had learned to pace myself and eat only half the appetizer and the pasta course, saving myself for the veal chop. Others in our party ate too much and complained that they did not have a restful night. Instead of the Champagne (provided by American Express), we were able to get a nice bottle of Chianti, the first time they have allowed us to make the switch.

Our next port was Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary Islands, which we will cover next time.

More next month!



The Cape Verde Government House.



Evelyn at the produce market.



Buildings on Cape Verde.

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Dolores Foley, President of the DWP Retirees Association.



From left: Dario Miralles, 33 years of City service; Johnny Clark, 34 years; James Wilson, 35 years; and Pedro Guerra, 26 years.



Lloyd Harvey, 32 years of City service.



From left: Ann Kolacinski, and Michelle Kolacinski, 35 years of City service.



Sam Smith, 37 years of City service; and Jonetha Smith, former Club Representative, 34 years.

From left: Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor, Retirement Specialist; and Theresa Heilgeist, daughter of Arturo Aguilar, DWP, 37 years of City service.



Bob Vera, 33 years of City service, and his wife, Virginia.



From left: Barney Jimenez, 30 years of City service; Richard Durado, DWP, 32 years; and Frank Durado, DWP, 30 years.

DWP RETIREES Picnic Time

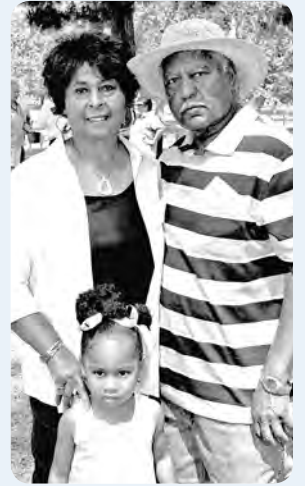
DWP Retirees hosts annual summer picnic.



Story by Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor; Photos by Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations

The DWP Retirees Association, under the direction of President Dolores Foley, held its 60th annual summer picnic June 1 in Whittier.

A good time was had by all! Thanks to all the DWP Retirees who invited and welcomed us.



From left: Gladys and Joseph West, DWP, 35 years of City service, with their granddaughter, London Lomax.



Leon Murillo, DWP, 35 years of City service, with his daughter, Pat (left), and wife, Juliet.



Arturo Aguilar, DWP, 37 years of City service, and his daughter, Theresa Heilgeist.



Althea Stevertson, 25 years of City service (right) with her sister, Donna Bush.



Adolfo Garcia, 34 years of City service, with his wife, Yolanda.



From left: Fred Ige, Planning, 30 years of City service; Charlie Rausch, Planning, 35 years; Carmen Cisero; and Gerald Carrido.



From left: Gaile Garnish, guest, Paul Witt, Public Works/Sanitation, 19 years of City service; Dennis Van Der Hook, Public Works/Sanitation, 36 years; and Joe Mundine, Public Works/Sanitation, 30 years.



From left: Gail Draper, LAPD, 26 years of City service; Jim Hamilton, LAPD, 32 years; and Norm Sechvist, guest.

RLACEI

Golf Galore

RLACEI hosts annual golf tournament.



From left: Billy Johnson, guest; Oliver Cunningham, Public Works/Sanitation, 30 years of City service; Emmet Pouncil, guest; and Steve Hill, Public Works/Sanitation, 37 years.



From left: Greg Telles; Richard Telles, Rec and Parks, 35 years of City service; Ray Reyes, husband of Carmela Reyes, LAPD, 30 years; and Mike Santoyo.

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations

The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) held its 35th annual invitational golf tournament June 6 at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course. Winners included David Cunningham, Bernard Anderson, Carmen Cisero, G. Lopez, Norm Sechvist, Richard Sanchez, Cathy Bushey and Betsy Melancon.

Special thanks go to RLACEI President Ed Harding for his invitation and assistance.



From left: E. Tate, Building and Safety, 39 years of City service; G. Lopez, guest; Dominic Rescineto, Building and Safety, 33 years; and R. Gutierrez, guest.



From left: Maria Tellez, volunteer; and Mary Beetz, 30 years of City service, RLACEI Director.

2013 RLACEI GOLF TOURNAMENT	
1	DAVID CUNNINGHAM
2	BERNARD ANDERSON
3	CARMEN CISERO
4	G. LOPEZ
5	NORM SECHVIST
6	RICHARD SANCHEZ
7	CATHY BUSHEY
8	BETSY MELANCON

The tournament scoring chart.



From left: Roy Yoshioka, guest; Jerry Jessee, guest; Ed Itagaki, Public Works/Engineering, 32 years of City service; and Bob Henderson, guest.

The Best Years

RETIREES AROUND THE WORLD



1

Europe



Passau, Germany.



U.S. Embassy in Bratislava, Slovakia.

"My wife and I took a trip to Eastern Europe and sailed down the Danube River with stops in Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, and Germany."
 - **Michael Lehron, Retired, DWP**, 39 years of City service, and his wife, Patsy



On the chain bridge in Budapest, Hungary, on the Buda side.



The Old Royal Palace in Budapest, Hungary, on the Pest side.



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2

United Kingdom



"Here is a picture of my wife, Suzy, and I aboard the Queen's Royal Yacht, the *Britannia*, in May, when we visited Scotland and England."
 - **Larry Cronk, Retired, DWP**

3

British Columbia



"After cruising in Australia last month, I ended my cruise from Mexico into Canada. This is the Emperor Hotel in Victoria, the capital of British Columbia."

- **Richard Radmacher, Retired, DWP**

4

Alaska



Here are **Retirees Gail Staugaard, Sharyn Gunter, Civilian LAPD; and John Staugaard, Sworn LAPD;** at Iditarod headquarters in Wasilla, Alaska. They were en route to watch the re-start of the 2013 Iditarod.

5

Hawaii



On the golf course at Kaanapali, Maui.

Paul and his lovely bride of 24 years, Lydia, on their windy lanai at Kahana, Maui.

"Aloha!" says **Paul Hernandez, Retired, Public Works/Contract Admin**, 36 years of City service, from Hawaii. "Mahalo nui loa!"

6

China



In the Terra Cotta Warriors museum.



Temple of Heaven.



Tiananmen Square.



The Great Wall of China.



Three Gorges in the Yangtze River.

The Bund, in Shanghai.

Pablo Ninofranco Jr., Retired, Harbor, went on a tour to China in the beginning of April for 14 days with his wife, Josie, and 16 other people.