



From left: Joe Navarrete, Steam Plant Maintenance Mechanic, 23 years of City service, Club Member; Ernesto Manacop, Electrical Mechanic, 21 years, Club Member; Gilbert Madrid, Sr. Electrical Mechanic, 33 years, Club Member; Vic Bustillos, Steam Plant Maintenance Mechanic and Retired Master Sergeant, U.S.M.C., 28 years, Club Member; Jerry Gomez, Institute Tech, 28 years; Cliff Matias, Steam Plant Maintenance Supervisor, 27 years, Club Member; and Gregg Kushimer, Sr. Plumber/Planner, Public Works/Sanitation, 22 years, Club Member.



From left: Barry Poole, Administrator STI, 27 years of City service; Dan Scorza, Administrator STI, 31 years, Club Member; Mike Ross, Retired, DWP, 33 years, Club Member; Scott Lager, Superintendent, LAX, 25 years; Gary Cuesta, DWP, Retired, 35 years; Bernard Rogers, DWP, 34 years, Club Member; Daniel O'Neil, DWP, Haynes, 15 years; and Hank O'Neil, DWP/IBEW Local 18 Retired, 25 years, Club Member.



From left: Valente Jimenez, A/C Mechanic, 26 years of City service, Club Member; Mario Carillo, A/C Mechanic, 23 years; Tony Pertersz, Retired, 28 years; Corinne Pietersz, Retired, 32 years; Scott Beswick, A/C Mechanic, 23 years, Club Member; Glenn Carlisle, A/C Mechanic, 33 years, Club Member; and Alfonso Avalos, Landscape Supervisor, 22 years, Club Member.



From left: Richard David, Superintendent, 27 years of City service; Nancy Farro, Utility Administrator, 23 years; Barbara Matlock, Utility Administrator, 27 years, Club Member; Martin Villegas, Sr. Machinist Supervisor, 31 years, Club Member; Gloria Ortega, Principal Clerk Utility, 28 years, Club Member; Jen Gacad, Sr. Clerk Typist, 11 years; and PJ Gagajena, Management Analyst, 8 years. Not pictured: George Skarmas.



Al Sosa, Retiree, with wife, Sharon, and daughter, Tamara.

DWP

# Aloha, Al



Retiree Al Sosa performs a Hawaiian dance.



Al proves his love of visiting Hawaii in this photo from the *Alive! Around the World* archives.

## Al Sosa, Club Member, retires from the DWP after 41 years of City service.

Story and photos by Gedina Bergstrom, Club Counselor

Friends, family and coworkers gathered April 25 for a retirement party for City and Club legend Al Sosa, Club Member, who retired from the DWP as Construction and Maintenance Superintendent after 41 years of City service.

The party took place at Castaways in Burbank.

Al began his City service with Rec and Parks in 1972 as a Recreation Assistant.

In 1978, he moved over to the Convention Center as a Plant Attendant. 1979, he transferred to the DWP as a Steam Plant Assistant, and began his climb at the DWP from there. Further titles at the DWP include Steam Plant Maintenance Mechanic and Steam Plant Maintenance Trainer.

In 1990, he transferred to Public Works/Sanitation, where he was the Wastewater Treatment Maintenance Manager at the Hyperion Treatment Plant in HR. He began Sanitation's first in-house maintenance training program. After he got that up and running, he transferred to Hyperion's Maintenance Division, overseeing all of Hyperion's maintenance needs.

In 2000, he transferred back to the DWP as the Construction and Maintenance Superintendent, a title he had at retirement.

Al says he plans to spend his retirement traveling to Laughlin, Nev., and especially to Hawaii, from which he has submitted several entries to *Alive! Around the World*.

The Club congratulates Al on a great City career, and keep sending us those travel photos!



Retiree Al Sosa receives a plaque of appreciation from Robert Larios and the City Employees Club.



From left: Marty Sosa, brother of Retiree Al Sosa; sisters Susan Goldenberg, Lisa Tomlin, and Gina Meza; brother, Bryce Sosa; and Bryan Thierry.



From left: Bob McCann, Manager, ESM, 29 years of City service; Gary Hays Jr., Manager, ESM, 25 years; Billy Deweber, Sr. Electrical Supervisor, ESM, 23 years, Club Member; and Jeff Liatt C&M, 28 years.



From left: Michael Mundo, Asst. Director, ISS, 28 years of City service; Dennis Meister, Manager, ISS Construction, 28 years, Club Member; Brianna Thrasher, 28 years; Nelson Liu, Manager ISS/Test Lab, Club Member; Dennis Hibbs, CIM ISS Construction, 29 years, Club Member; Shawn Ivers, Mechanical Craft Helper, ISS Construction, 24 years; and Vernon Lucero, Corporate Safety, ISS General Construction, 26 years, Club Member.



From left: Sandra Bingham, Sr. Clerk Typist, 22 years of City service; Greg Goetz, Equipment Repair Supervisor, 27 years; Tom Anderberg, General Services Manager, 29 years; Tom Hokinson, Asst. General Manager, 35 years; Karen Lomeli, Retired, 42 years, Club Member; Tom Patzlaff, Fleet Services Manager, 20 years, Club Member; and Gail McFarlane, Management Analyst, 27 years, Club Member.



From left: Tom Well, Sr. Steam Plant Maintenance Supervisor, 32 years of City service, Club Member; Milton (Woody) Tate, MCH, 28 years, Club Member; Greg Torres, BC&M Superintendent, 25 years; Mihran Sarkisian, Sanitation Manager, 38 years, Club Member; Hiddo Netto, Sanitation Manager III, 38 years; and Lance Vincent, Sanitation Manager II, 29 years.



From left: Monique King, Sr. Custodian, 8 years of City service; Henley DeJone, 25 years, Club Member; Bill Warren, Custodian Supervisor, 25 years; John Viado, Plumber Helper, 23 years; Rose Viado; Ken Henderson, ISS Plumber, 28 years, Club Member; and Luis Trevino, 12 years, Club Member.



From left: Steve Torres, Water Utility Superintendent, 26 years of City service, Club Member; Boyd Roberts, A/C Mechanic Supervisor, 27 years; Marilyn Redd, Retired, 38 years; Sandra Arellano, Custodian, 10 years, Club Member; and Shane Generoso, Custodian, 7 years, with his mother, Louise Gant.