



From left: Jeff Carivau, Club Member, presents Ray Garcia Sr., Retiree, with a certificate on behalf of (then) Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.



From left: Claudius Haynes, EDMS, 31 years of City service, Club Member; Ray Garcia Sr., Retiree; and Kevin O'Toole, EDMS, 29 years.



From left: Renee Blakley, Sr. Clerk Typist/Electric Liaison, 37 years of City service, Club Member; Ray Garcia Sr., Retiree; and Linda Hill, Customer Service Representative, 21 years.



From left: Ray and the "Three Sons": Anthony "Tess" Tessendorf, Dispatcher, 30 years of City service; Tim Landis, Sr. Dispatcher, 30 years, Club Member; and Tony Luevano, ESW, 32 years, Club Member.

DWP

Ray Retires

Ray Garcia Sr. retires from the DWP after more than 36 years of City service.



Story and photos by Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor

On April 30, the DWP's Electric Trouble Division hosted an open house to celebrate Ray Garcia Sr.'s impressive 36 years of City service. Family, friends and colleagues all gathered and enjoyed tamales, pastries and coffee as they wished Ray a fond farewell.

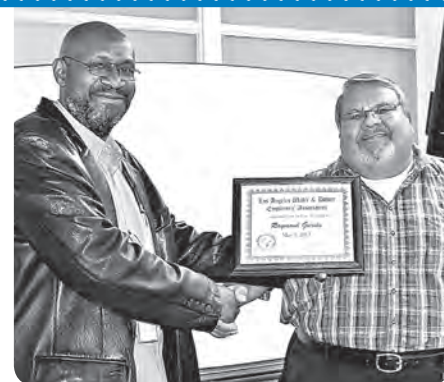
The open house took place in the DWP Electric Trouble assembly room.

Ray, who retired as a Sr. Electric Trouble Dispatcher, thanked everyone and went on to say, "It was a pleasure working with all of you, and I look forward to driving Route 66 from Santa Monica to Chicago, and vacationing in Alaska."

Every time I saw Ray, he always greeted me and had a smile on his face. He is a very genuine individual and I have to say, Ray, it was a pleasure knowing you. You will be missed!



From left: Ray Garcia Sr., Sr. Electric Trouble Dispatcher, 36 years of City service, Club Member; and his wife, Ralph.



Ray Garcia Sr., Retiree, receives a plaque and pen representing his years of service with the department.



Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor, with Ray Garcia Sr., Retiree.



From left: Ron Hilmer, Retiree; and Ray Garcia Sr., Retiree.



From left: Ray Garcia Sr., Retiree; and Jay Puklavetz, Electric Distribution Manager of Operations, 27 years.



From left: Ray Garcia Sr., Retiree; and Walter Veljacic, Air Conditioning Mechanic, 10 years, Club Member.



From left: Ray Garcia Sr., Retiree; and Luz Kalfell, Custodian, 12 years.



From left: Michael Reese, Principal Dispatcher, 33 years of City service; and Ray Garcia Sr., Retiree.



From left: Ray Garcia Sr., Retiree; and Jeff L. Carivau, Superintendent, 27 years, Club Member.

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