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Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



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Change of Address?

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

- Sept. 4:** LARFPA general meeting and elections, 10 a.m. to noon. Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park Dr.
- Sept. 19:** RLACEI annual corporation meeting and elections, 11:30 a.m. Lunch; Noon meeting. Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles.
- Dec. 3:** LARFPA general meeting, 10 a.m. to noon. Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park Dr.
- Dec. 5:** RLACEI holiday party, Noon. Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles.
- Dec. 8:** LARFPA Christmas party, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sportsman's Lodge, 12825 Ventura Blvd., Studio City.

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

It's Michael Wilkinson On the LACERS Board

2010 Club Excellence Award Recipient



Ed Harding

By Ed Harding, **RLACEI President**

There are not enough words to express my appreciation to all the Retired members who voted for Michael R. Wilkinson, who we endorsed to replace Ken Spiker as LACERS Commissioner on the Board of Administration. You all know that Ken Spiker is a very hard man to replace – like no other.

From the time that Michael became an RLACEI director, we have been grooming him to replace Ken. I felt that Michael was a fighter, just like Ken was in protecting the retirees' benefits.

Again, I want to thank all the Retired members in trusting all of the RLACEI Directors and me in voting for Commissioner Michael Wilkinson.

To you Ken, we are very grateful, more than you know, for all you have done in protecting the

benefits of the retirees. *Thank you.*

On a different note, Entertainment Director Americo Garza and his committee met at Stone Fire Grill and signed a contract for a great holiday celebration dinner, to be held Dec. 5 at the Friendship Hall. The menu will consist of lemon chicken and barbecued tri-tip steak, salad, breadsticks and dessert. Don't forget to call to make reservations: (800) 678-4145, x701. See you there!

'Thanks for Supporting Me!'



Michael R. Wilkinson

Pension Law and Policy by Michael R. Wilkinson

I wish I could individually thank each of the Retired members who took the time to vote for me in the LACERS Retired Member election to replace Ken Spiker. This successful election was the result of hard work by many peo-

ple and shows how important it is for Retirees to have a board member who will carry on where Ken left off. This is much more a victory for the ideals shown by RLACEI and its long tradition of defending the rights of Retirees than any personal accomplishment by me.

By the time you read this, I will be serving on the LACERS Board of Administration, which meets the second and the fourth Tuesday of each month at the LACERS Boardroom, 202 W. First Street, Suite 500. This is in the *Los Angeles Times* Building. I encourage you all to come down to a board meeting and follow the open meetings of your retirement plan. The building is very close to the Civic Center station of the Metro Red Line subway.

Although I have not participated as your representative as I write this, I attended a meeting of the Benefits

Administration Committee and the full board as an observer as LACERS considered a vital matter to all of us, the health subsidy amount. This action sets the maximum amount of money available to pay health insurance premiums to retirees who have at least 25 years of service.

The board approved an increase to the maximum subsidy for current retirees to \$1,464 per month, which continues to track the two-party Kaiser amount. In addition it set the Medical Premium Reimbursement Account (MPRP) for members who live outside of California or a LACERS HMO area, and set the retiree dental subsidy at \$42.80 per month. Contact LACERS if the MPRP applies to you since the details are too involved to cover here. Other actions were taken that do not directly affect current retirees, but do impact recent hires that are covered at a different rate.



Welcome, Michael!

Michael R. Wilkinson, newly elected LACERS Board of Administration Member representing Retirees, was sworn in Sept. 10 by Board President Rick Rogers. The ceremony took place during LACERS' regular board meeting. Photo courtesy Armando Bencomo, LACERS.

The Windfall Elimination Provision



Michael Karsch

Legislative Report Pension Law and Policy by Michael Karsch

How many readers have heard about the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) in Social Security (SS) benefits? It's not a benefit, but it reduces a SS monthly benefit if you qualify for SS when you reach retirement. If you are a LA City government retiree (which most of you readers are, or will be) and have never contributed into the

SS system, you should have a sustainable pension from the City. You may, however, have worked for SS-covered employers before your City time, and/or after it while in retirement, picking up an extra job. Once you can add up the requisite 40 quarters of time paying into SS, you should be eligible for a SS monthly benefit. Depending on how much your government pension is, you may see your SS benefit reduced by the WEP. Currently, the maximum reduction of your SS benefit is about \$384; on the SS Website you can check out your

account in SS, how much you have earned, and how much it could be reduced.

The WEP was placed in the SS law in 1983, a time when reform of SS was enacted to bring federal employees into the SS system. The thinking at the time was that workers should not be entitled to both a generous pension from their government employer, and from SS even when based on work covered by SS.

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LACERS Update



Mary Beetz

By **Mary Beetz,**
RLACEI Publicity
Chair

Reminder: Open Enrollment 2014 for LACERS' Health Plans Starts in October

Don't forget that Open Enrollment 2014 for LACERS' Health Plans will run from October 15 through November 15. If you are thinking about changing health plans starting in 2014, attend an Open Enrollment meeting to hear presentations from each of LACERS' health carriers, which are designed to assist LACERS retirees and/or their eligible survivors in making informed decisions about their 2014 medical and dental coverage. Please save the following dates for

Open Enrollment Meetings

San Fernando Valley

Friday, October 18, at 10:00 a.m.
Sheraton Universal Hotel
333 Universal Hollywood Drive
Universal City, CA

Ventura County

Wednesday, October 23, at 10:00 a.m.
Camarillo Public Library
4101 E. Las Posas Road
Camarillo, CA

Ontario

Tuesday, October 29, at 10:00 a.m.
Double Tree by Hilton
222 N. Vineyard Avenue
Ontario, CA

Las Vegas

Friday, November 1, at 10:00 a.m.
The Orleans Hotel and Casino
4500 W. Tropicana Avenue
Las Vegas, NV

Los Angeles

Wednesday, November 8, at 10:00 a.m.
The Expo Center
3990 Bill Robertson Lane
Los Angeles, CA

San Pedro

Friday, November 8, at 10:00 a.m.
Double Tree by Hilton
2800 Via Cabrillo-Marina
San Pedro, CA

the meeting closest to you.

Additional information about Open Enrollment Meeting locations and times will be included with your September paycheck. You can also check the LACERS website at www.LACERS.org for updates.

Lacers In Motion: Two Free Fitness Classes for October

LACERS In Motion, the new fitness program sponsored by Anthem Blue Cross, continues during October with free exercise classes available to all LACERS retirees. One Square Dance and one Cardio Fitness session will be offered at two Los Angeles County locations, as well as at one location in Riverside, Orange, San Bernardino and Ventura counties. We encourage all interested LACERS' Retirees' to support this fun, unique, and free program created especially for you, by attending these sessions, regardless of your current fitness level.* For further details about the classes and the locations nearest to you, please visit the LACERS *Well* webpage at www.LACERS.org/lacerswell.

Space is limited and registration is required. To register and for more information on *LACERS in Motion* fitness classes scheduled for October – December 2013 visit the LACERS *Well* webpage or call LACERS at (800)779-8328.

* Please consult with your physician before starting this or any other exercise program.

Healthy Eating: A Free Webinar Scheduled for October 15, 2013

LACERS *Well* will host a webinar called *Healthy Eating*, on Tuesday, October 15, 2013, from 11:00 a.m. PT – noon. This free webinar is sponsored by Kaiser-Permanente and will offer participants an overview of healthy eating guidelines for fruits, vegetables, fiber, food portions and much more. Attend this webinar to learn how to develop healthy eating habits; it's easier than you may think. To take part in this special learning opportunity, visit www.LACERS.org/lacerswell on October 15 before 11:00 a.m. to read instructions for signing into the webinar from your personal computer. Questions? Call LACERS at (800)779-8328.

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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

Life After Retirement

Reconnect with Michael

Reconnect with Michael: **Michael Koire**, a Retired City Employee, wants to get in touch with his former colleague, **John Franco**. They both worked for Rec and Parks and also for Public Works/Engineering. Michael's address is 1215 Daytonia Rd., Miami Beach, FL, 33141. He can also be reached by telephone at (305) 864-5068.

Good luck, Michael, and let us know if you made contact with John.

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 confidentiality policy, we do not give out any information without authorization.

Mail information to:

Mary Beetz at
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Alhambra, CA, 91801
or Email
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Pension Issues Continue To Dominate



Lee Kebler

By **Lee Kebler,**
LARFPA Director

Our September meeting turned out great. Dignitaries present from the Fire and Police Pension System were that hard-working Commissioner George Aliano, who looks out for our retirees; General Manager Ray Ciranna and Asst. General Manager Bill Raggio; and guest speakers L.A. City Works Comp. Director Dawn Alvarado and Sr. Account Executive Michele Meyers. The ladies discussed changes that are taking place in the care of our members who were injured while working on duty, including patient case loads for the third-party administrators being reduced from more than 300 cases to less than 150 cases; having one Workers Comp Director for sworn person-

nel and one for civilian personnel; proper I.D. cards for workers comp injuries and medication; and faster and proper filling of prescriptions for our members. After Dawn and Michele finished answering any and all questions, they requested suggestions from the members on how they could better serve our members' needs.

We also, learned that Commissioner Sam Dianitto fell and broke a leg. He is at home on the road to recovery. Sam, get well and back to the Board. We need you.

Mayor Eric Garcetti appointed a new Fire and Police Pension System Commissioner, Emanuel Speitez, to replace Commissioner Pedram Salimpour. Mr. Speitez was a mayoral candidate but failed to make the runoff. He stands for pension reform and has a unique idea on

how to correct pensions. Here is the text of some of his campaign rhetoric:

To fix our pension system, I propose a pension buyout plan – the first of its kind in the country. It's a plan that would give City workers money today instead of tomorrow – which is what could happen if we continue to slide towards bankruptcy. To do this, we need to raise the capital to pay our workers today. And we'll need a mayor with the resolve to get this done immediately. I pledge by the end of my first term, I'll have our budget on a sustainable path.

Wow! That should make for some interesting pension meetings.

Hope to see you at our next general meeting Dec. 3 and at our annual Christmas Party Dec. 8. For more information, call our office at (888) 288-5073.

LARFPA

RLACEI:

Officers

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

Committee Chairpersons

Mary Beetz: Publicity
Hal Danowitz: Finance
Americo Garza: Picnic, Holiday Party and Installation
Neil Ricci: Health and Nominating
Helen Salgado: Membership
Ken Spiker: Legal and Legislative
Tom Stemmcock: Audit and Golf

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By Hal Danowitz, Secretary, RLACEI

Rouen, and the Goodbye Begins

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

PART TWELVE



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, we had two days at sea before we reached our last stop in Le Havre, France. The British immigration officials were on board, and we needed to meet with them that morning to clear our entry into the UK. It made it a lot easier when we disembarked in Dover. We were given our passports to keep. Until then the ship had held the passports for all the passengers.

That day included a formal night, but I doubted anyone was looking forward to it. There was a cocktail party, so we could get a free drink, and there was lobster for dinner - again. Life is rough.

We arrived in Le Havre the day before



All dressed up on the last formal night aboard the ship.

we got off the ship, so we needed to pack sometime in the next two days.

The weather was cooler, but the sun was out and the seas weren't too bad. I decided to try to lie out by the pool that afternoon. That meant no bridge game.

We had breakfast with two couples we had not met before, which was enjoyable. We did go to the bridge lesson and then

we were doing the required immigration appearance, which took about two minutes.

Victory at last at trivia as our team finally won. Our prize was a magnetic "clip." You would have thought we had won the World Series, and we had bragging rights for the day.

I'd started to get ready for getting off the ship. I got tip money; the ship adds \$24 a day to our bill for tipping the dining room staff and the room steward. The bar staff gets 15 percent added to your drink bill. We wanted to give a little extra to Nathan and Francesca, our dining room staff, and our steward, Dennis. I used Euros because I had a lot left over from our last cruise and they are not worth anywhere what I paid for them last year. There was no reason to hold them. I checked our bill and I found one problem with a laundry charge. We sent laundry out four times and two of the times cost \$20 for all you can stuff in a bag special, and they gave me credit for only one special and charged regular price for the other three.

The seas were rough and that delayed the evening show, a dance production, while they redid some of the dance routines because of the ship's rocking. We had seen the show on a previous cruise, but still it was a good show. It was the last production show by the ship's troupe.

The seas were much calmer the next morning and with the time change we had a late breakfast. There was another lunch with the Cruise Critic group set up for that day; however we decided to skip it and started to think about how to pack our four bags. I wanted to open only two while we were in London.

We then waited in the Tahitian Lounge for trivia; we needed to defend our yesterday win. We didn't win, but had a respectable score. If I could just remember all of the useless information I had heard over the course of all the trivia sessions. I do now know that a Medusa creature is a Gargon and the Simpsons is the longest running show on TV. Now to use that information in casual conversation.

After lunch, Evelyn and I started packing. We got most of it done but would finish up



Inside the Rouen Cathedral.

in the morning. We did leave out what we would wear that night, the next day and then to get off the ship.

We went to the dining room for dinner. We wouldn't go tomorrow because our tour to Rouen came back late. We wanted to say goodbye to our waiter and assistant waiter and give each an extra tip. The waiter was good, but the assistant waiter, Francesca, really was great and made the dining more fun.

The next day was our last day on the cruise, and our tour to Rouen didn't leave until the afternoon, so we had a leisurely breakfast and then finished packing. We managed to get everything in the bags. They were pretty heavy, but I didn't care. We played an hour of party bridge with Don and Myrna and then had lunch.

Our tour to Rouen left at 1:30 p.m. and we didn't get back to the ship until 7 p.m. The drive to Rouen took about an hour (the brochure said 90 minutes). We had a guided tour of the cathedral, which was very impressive. It took more than 300 years to build starting near the end of the 12th century in the gothic style. It was here that Joan of Arc was tried and then burned at the stake. It just so happened that that was the weekend they celebrated the anniversary of her death.

The old town consisted mostly of walking streets, and they were filled with people. When we were inside the cathedral, the organ was accompanying a choir, which made it difficult for our guide to talk. As we left the cathedral to see the site where Joan of Arc was imprisoned, the clock struck 3:30. The church has a collection of massive bells that continued to chime for more than 20 minutes. We stopped at the supposed site

where the burning took place and were able to see the flame that is lit only on this weekend each year. There was also a large semi-modern cross erected on the site with greenery climbing up it.

We then had an hour to shop; Don and I drank beer, and Evelyn found a magnet. We were across from a very modern church and a public square with stalls selling flowers, fruit, fish and other provisions. We sat with an English couple from the ship until it was time to board the bus for the return trip. The old town was a collection of shops like Zara, Burberry and Sephora, mixed with pubs, cafes and tourist shops, all in narrow streets with cobblestones and buildings dating

back to the 14th century. Most of the buildings are multi-story and the style is referred to as "half timber," which is similar to the Tudor style. The original city was walled and, although very little of the wall remains, a small portion remains with a wonderful clock in it. A sculpture of a shepherd and his sheep was carved in the ceiling of the arch we walked through. The sculpture dates back to the 16th century.

It was a lovely tour. Our guide spoke understandable English with a lovely French accent. I got the feeling that she was local to the area.

We got back just before 7 p.m., and I think our tour was the last to return. We had dinner in the buffet and said goodbye to some friends. The ship was supposed to leave at about 8 p.m. Shortly after, there was an announcement from the bridge that a tanker was coming in with the help of tugs, and once they cleared us we could leave. Rush hour at Le Havre.

The next day we were scheduled to dock in Dover and then drive to London.

More next month!



The Rouen Cathedral.



Evelyn outside the Rouen Cathedral.

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For more information, contact the Club:

- talkback@cityemployeesclub.com
- www.cityemployeesclub.com
- (800) 464-0452

Legislative Report Pension Law and Policy by Michael Karsch

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Michael Karsch

The WEP is not eliminating a worker's SS benefit, just reducing it. There is a sliding scale, allowing a worker in the lower income brackets to still get most of his or her SS benefit, but for those making significantly more income from a government job, the reduction would increase.

Several states do not pay into the SS system: Massachusetts, California, Illinois and Alaska are among these states, hence there is stronger support by Congress and from citizen groups

from these states. H.R. 1795 is pending in Congress to repeal the WEP; its lead authors are Representatives Rodney Davis (R-III) and Adam Schiff (D-CA), and there are 85 co-sponsors, including Reps. Janice Hahn and Tony Cardenas, our former members of the City Council.

The bill has not moved since introduced. Similar bills to repeal the WEP have been introduced in earlier Congresses, none of them getting momentum to pass the first commit-

tee. According to the former legislative representative of the City of Los Angeles in Washington, D.C., James Seeley, there is little interest in moving a bill that costs the SS system a lot of money. The Coalition to Preserve Retirement Security estimates the cost to be \$29 billion over ten years. The number of retirees this would affect nationally is between 900,000 and one million (Congressional Research Service). Mr. Seeley recalls that in the 1980s, the WEP issue was part

of a major overhaul of the SS system that attempted to bring in all other government agency employees into the SS system. The City opposed this as it appeared it would become more costly to the City than maintaining our own system. If you would like to urge action on this bill, write to your Member of Congress: Southern California co-sponsors are Adam Schiff, Janice Hahn, Tony Cardenas, Judy Chu and Henry Waxman.

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	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS
Alatorre, Cecelia M.	Council Aide IV	Council	16	Hanna, Barbara E.	Wareh. Worker II	General Services	17	Schulte, Victor A.	Deputy City Att. IV	City Attorney	27
Alba, Daniel	–	DWP	–	Hatcher, Freddie A.	Tra. Pai. Sign Post III	Transportation	29	Seyedroudbari, Moh.	Civil Eng. Asso. IV	Public Works	15
Anocibar, Andree J.	Custodian	Airports	15	Head, Kevin	–	DWP	–	Sharpe, Elga A.	Legislative Rep.	Mayor's Office	11
Aquino, Mary Jane	Chief Accoun.IV	Conv. Center	21	Hoffmann, Shirley	Pr. Public Rel. Rep.	Airports	20	Shawan, Josie	Man. Analyst II	Public Works	19
Arias, Richard	Deputy City Att. IV	City Attorney	13	Holland, Peter O.	Sr. Gardener	Rec and Parks	22	Shell, Denise Hirsch	Delivery Driver II	Rec and Parks	<1
Asam, Allen	Sr. Sys. Analyst II	Transportation	45	Horwitz, Howard J.	Council Aide IV	Council	8	Sibenick, Jerry	–	DWP	–
Benza, Alma Gsell	Mayoral Aide V	Mayor's Office	13	Inez, Richard	Motor Swe. Ope.	Public Works	28	Souvinette, Jacqueline	–	DWP	–
Bermudez, George	Sr. Detention Officer	LAPD	44	Keyser, Sharon J.	Council Aide VI	Council	10	Smith, Lacy	Supt. of Oper. III	Airports	24
Blayney, Randall	Police Sgt.	Airports	30	Landsaw, Joel	–	DWP	–	Stevenson, Douglas	Traffic Officer II	Transportation	31
Bloomquist, Lara	Asst. City Attorney	City Attorney	31	Long, Keith	–	DWP	–	Swancy, Marlene L.	Sr. Pol. Serv. Rep II	LAPD	31
Brown, Louis Jr.	Recreation Assis.	Rec and Parks	4	Martin, Judith L.	Pr. Detention Officer	LAPD	22	Tan, Perpetuo	–	DWP	–
Bruce, Donald	–	DWP	–	Macfarlane, Allan	–	DWP	–	Tatum, Hermon	Ref. Coll. Tru. Ope. II	Public Works	34
Bruinsma, Richard	–	DWP	–	Ma-McGee, Rewanda	–	DWP	–	Thomas, Paul	Sr. Const. Inspector	Public Works	30
Butler, Ruben	–	DWP	–	Mendly, Elizabeth J.	Messenger Clerk	Library	5	Toomes, Edgar	Garage Attendant	General Services	26
Capati, Ren Mariano	For. Print Spec. III	LAPD	30	Molette, Anthony	Mana. Analyst II	Transportation	33	Torres, Fred	–	DWP	–
Cheng, Suellen	Curator	El Pueblo His. M.	29	Montoya, Robert	Motor Swe. Ope.	Public Works	26	Vassar, Barbara N.	Corr. Nurse III	Personnel	7
Clingmon, Thurston	Spec.Prog. Assis. II	Rec and Parks	1	Mostella, Willie L.	Wast. Tre. Oper. III	Public Works	28	Walker, Audrey D.	Sr. Comp. Operator II	ITA	30
Davis, Robert	Accounting Clerk II	Conv. Center	7	Myers, Robert B.	Police Sgt.	Harbor	30	Walker, Tommie	–	DWP	–
Diciolla, Carlo	–	DWP	–	Munoz, Diosdado	Sr. Data Pro.Tech II	ITA	26	Warren, Alice Ann	Property Officer	LAPD	30
Dickerson, Brian	–	DWP	–	Munoz, Richard	–	DWP	–	Williams, Vanessa L.	Clerk Typist	Public Works	25
Dukes, Kirk	Street Ser. Worker III	Public Works	26	Olano, Miguel	–	DWP	–	Wong, Collins	–	DWP	–
Dutton, Paul C.	Police Sgt.	Airports	30	Palangio, Leonor F.	Manag. Analyst II	Rec and Parks	25	Yakerson, Martin	–	DWP	–
Eick, Kevin R.	Geo. Info. Sys. Spv. II	Public Works	27	Pearl, Jonathan	Sr. Clerk Typist	Personnel	18	Yu, Young Mo	Witness Ser. Coord.	City Attorney	15
Endo, Douglas M.	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	16	Pennington, Harold	–	DWP	–	Zine, Dennis P.	Councilman	Council	12
Fann, Jacqueline	Sr. Rec. Director II	Rec and Parks	26	Riley, Debra Ann	Tax Comp. Officer	Finance	37				
Fariss, Joseph	–	DWP	–	Rivera, Leonard	–	DWP	–				
R.Fitchpatrick, Laponda	Police Capt.	Airports	32	Rodgers, Ann M.	Legal Assistant	City Att. Office	17				

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RETIREES AROUND THE WORLD



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Philippines



Here are **Pablo Ninofranco, Harbor, Retired**, and his wife, Josie, at the Hands of Jesus Shrine in Lucban, Quezon, Philippines, in July.

Take the Club with you, wherever you go!



Club members are a well-traveled bunch. Bring your recent copy of *Alive!* with you. Snap a **high resolution** photo with you **holding a copy**, send it in, and we'll publish it. Send to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

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Alaska & Canada



Here are photos from an Alaska cruise by **Leticia Yapana, DWP, Retired**. These were taken at the Yukon Suspension Bridge, Yukon, Canada. "We traveled by motor coach from Skagway, Alaska."

In Juneau, Ak. "It was an unforgettable whale-watching experience."

Show Us Your Grandkids!

Retirees: *Alive!* wants to show off your grandkids! In an upcoming issue, we intend to begin running a small section of retirees and their grand-kids. So send 'em in!



Here's how:

1. **Make sure to have permission from their parents.** If you send in a photo, *Alive!* assumes you have already received that permission.
2. Photos with you in them are better... but if not, that's okay, too.
3. Make sure you list the names of your grandkids.
4. Tell us, in a sentence or two, a little bit about them – their school, their accomplishments, what they love to do, how proud you are of them, etc.
5. Digital photos are best! Send them to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Print photos can be sent to:
Grandkids
City Employees Club of Los Angeles
120 W. Second St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(800) 464-0452



If you want the print photo returned, make sure you write your name and phone number on the back.