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# Letters to the Editor

LETTER OF THE MONTH

## A Rosie Responds



I liked the article about Laura Biggie very much (*October cover story*) because she is a Rosie the Riveter. The story touched my heart.

Many times I've heard the words "you'll never make it." Years later they stopped because I did make it; 18 years now I've been in a non-traditional role. I have enjoyed every minute of it. That is the key – you have to love what you do. I can't say I do it alone, because together we are better. I work with wonderful people in the Construction and Maintenance Division.

I'm currently a delegate for the State Dept. of Building Trades and Trades Women, Inc., for Southern California. I'm also in the Rosie exhibit in Long Beach, where our names are displayed as Rosies of today.

Being a Rosie is a lot responsibility. You have to represent the past women who made it easier for us, and for the women who we mentor today and the future, as Laura is doing now.

Rosies are here to stay, doing what we love to do. When I started working for the Port, I found it to be the best because of the equality. The Port of Los Angeles is a great place to work. I have been here eight years. My favorite part of the job is everything – the salt air wildlife and the crew itself.

I want to give a special shoutout to all Rosies out there, whatever you do and whatever field you are in. We are women, we are mothers, we are mentors, and we are leaders in diversity in America's revolution. We are Rosies!

Thanks for your story Laura. We Can Do It!

– Sylvia Gordon, Harbor

### Thanks Us for Article About His Retirement

I received the October issue of *Alive!* today, leafed through the pages, and there it is... the article. This is a very nice token of my 35 years of service and retirement from the City. Let me take this opportunity to thank you for your leadership and your staff for including my article in this issue. Please extend my regards to everyone.

– Manny Cajucum, Retired, Public Works

### Wedding Was Really Cooking After *Alive!* Prints His Photo

To all the members of *Alive!*, thank you for the cookbook you sent for my son and daughter-in-law's wedding gift. Both of them were very surprised and appreciative.

Thanks!

– John Gale, Retired, Rec and Parks



FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS ANSWER THE...

## Question OF THE MONTH

– as collected from around the City by your friendly Club Counselors



### What are you thankful for?



**"Family, health, wellness."**

– Officer Shawntrice Watkins, LAPD, 17 years of City service

**"Family and health."**

– Officer III Tamara Marshall, LAPD, 15 years of City service



**"My health all the way."**

– Tom Butler, LAPD, 30 years of City service



**"Family."**

– Divina Malonzo, LAPD, 20 years of City service



**"Definitely my daughter."**

– Det. Maria Singh, LAPD, 18 years of City service



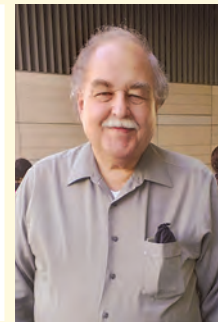
**"This is an easy one... no doubt it is my daughter."**

– Lisa DeRonde, LAPD, 31 years of City service



**"My princess granddaughter, Cheniel, and grateful for my job."**

– Rowena Infante, LAPD, 15 years of City service



**"My great family!"**

– Gary Kotaz, LAPD, 19 years of City service



**"I have one word for you: family."**

– Officer Dale Tongson, LAPD



**"Family, job, friends."**

– Lorean Soo Hoo, LAPD, 28 years of City service

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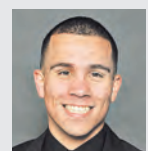
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