

Airports

Story and photo courtesy Bettye J. Bailey, Dinosaurs Member

Hooray, Dinosaurs!

Airport Police support group of retirees celebrates its 11th anniversary.

The Dinosaurs – a group of retired Airport Police employees that supports the current staff – celebrated its 11th anniversary Sept. 29. The luncheon was held at the IHOP restaurant in Westchester.

The Dinosaurs is an organization of retired Airport Police, Operations and Security Officers. The Dinosaur organization was formed in 2002. The idea and concept of assisting and mentoring fellow law enforcement officers, active and retired, was in development over several years and came to fruition through the effort and leadership of Sgt. Alfred Turner.

The Dinosaurs' mission is to promote and maintain a close personal relationship with fellow law enforcement officers, retired and active, while sustaining and perpetuating the growth, stability and well being of the group through various initiatives and undertakings.

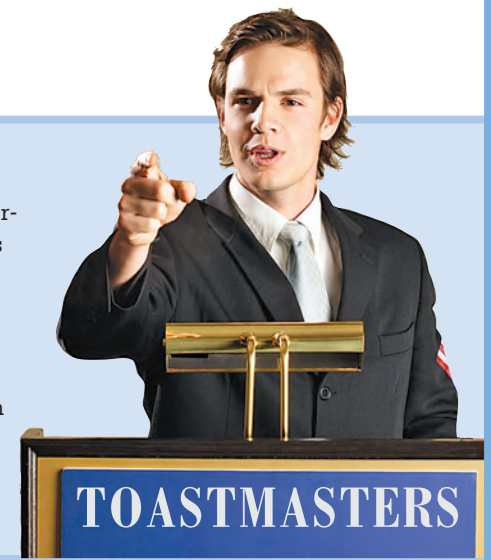
The Dinosaurs have set some goals and objectives, including:

- Research and document the history of the Los Angeles World Airports Police for the benefit of past, present and future officers. The Airport Police has a rich history that began in the 1940s.
- Establish and develop a counseling program for active and retired Airport Police personnel.
- Establish a scholarship fund for the children and grandchildren of Airport Police personnel (active and retired).
- Develop and maintain programs, seminars, lectures, etc., which will provide assistance to the Dinosaurs members that may need information and assistance relating to items such as estate planning and health care issues.



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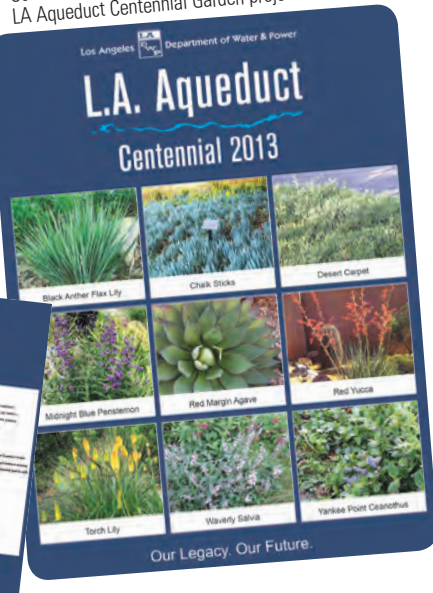
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Some of the native vegetation planted in the LA Aqueduct Centennial Garden project.



Information by Gedina Bergstrom, Club Counselor, and DWP; Photo and renderings courtesy DWP



Happy 100th, Aqueduct

DWP formally opens the Los Angeles Aqueduct Centennial Garden in Los Feliz.

On Oct. 23, Mr. LA, Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Club Member, joined DWP officials to mark the public opening and dedication of the Los Angeles Aqueduct Centennial Garden. The new, enhanced space at the Mulholland Memorial Fountain in Los Feliz is a gift to the City of Los Angeles in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Los Angeles Aqueduct. Special guest Christine Mulholland, great-granddaughter of William Mulholland, community members and

DWP staff joined to cut the ribbon and officially open the garden to the public.

The garden was commissioned to commemorate the Los Angeles Aqueduct's centennial on Nov. 5, while also serving as a showpiece of the beautiful and water-wise benefits of California-friendly landscaping. The new space complements and enhances the recently renovated Mulholland Fountain while highlighting the historic significance of Mulholland's engineering achievement through an interpretive path of the Los Angeles Aqueduct from the Eastern Sierras to Los Angeles, a cross-section of the original aqueduct pipe, interpretive signage and sitting areas.

Councilmember LaBonge said, "We are celebrating the anniversary of the Los Angeles Aqueduct at the home of the William Mulholland Memorial Fountain. I am pleased with the walkways and destinations that memorialize the Los Angeles Aqueduct. In the wise words of William Mulholland, 'There it is, take it.' And to add on to his words, I say, 'Come, take a walk and enjoy it!'"

DWP General Manager Ron Nichols added, "The L.A. Aqueduct Centennial Garden celebrates our water history and serves as a living tribute to William Mulholland and his genius. It also serves as an example of LA's water future – one in which greater water conservation and development of local water supplies through increased storm-water capture, use of recycled water and cleanup of the San Fernando Valley groundwater basin will play an even greater role in our city's water supply."

The Los Angeles Aqueduct Centennial Garden was built entirely by DWP crews, and designed by landscape architectural firm Pamela Burton and Associates.

"In this centennial year, we're proud to have transformed the Mulholland Memorial Fountain site from a public fountain into a living, water-wise garden that pays tribute not only to the man, but to his masterwork – the 233 mile long, entirely gravity-fed, Los Angeles Aqueduct," said Jim McDaniel, Sr. Assistant General Manager, Water System.



Mr. LA, Councilman Tom LaBonge; Christine Mulholland, great-granddaughter of Aqueduct engineer William Mulholland; and DWP officials and local representatives cut the ribbon on the new LA Aqueduct Centennial Garden in Los Feliz.