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Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



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Contact Mary Beetz, call (800) 678-4145 Ext. 711.

Retiree Upcoming Events

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RLACEI events: (800) 678-4145, ext. 701
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Upcoming dates not available at press time.

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.

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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.
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Will Detroit Bankruptcy Affect LA Pensions?

RLACEI

2010 Club Excellence Award Recipient



Ed Harding

By Ed Harding,
RLACEI President

LACERS CAO Miguel Santana and Assistant CAO Benjamin Ceja attended our Nov. 18 meeting. They spoke on the status of the City and its pension system. Miguel Santana reassured us that any changes that have been made do not affect our retirees' pension.

We discussed two changes that we would like to make for our retirees, which have been in Council Finance Committee for several years:

- **Change in Marriage Clause:** If a retiree remarries after his

retirement, his present wife should be covered medically and receive a pension, if he reduces his pension by an amount that the survey shows. (Amounts vary by retiree.) This change is at no cost to the City.

- **Change in Burial Fund:** From \$2,500 to \$5,000, because no one can be buried for \$2,500.

CAO Santana stated that he would look into our requests.

Our holiday party Dec. 5 was a great success. Director Americo Garza, chairman of the entertainment committee, arranged for a great lunch prepared by The Stone Fire Grill Restaurant. The choir was arranged by Director



From left: RLACEI President Ed Harding and CAO Miguel Santana at RLACEI's Nov. 18 board meeting.

Phil Orland of our music entertainment committee.

LACERS' General Manager, Tom Moutes, installed our Elected Directors. Thank you Tom.

I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Detroit Pensions Open to Reductions, Judge Rules



Michael R. Wilkinson

LACERS Board Update
By Michael R. Wilkinson

A judge has approved the Chapter 9 bankruptcy for Detroit and held that pensions for public employees, even retirees, could be reduced as part of the largest municipal bankruptcy in U.S. history.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Steven W. Rhodes ruled that the Michigan city was entitled to reorganize under bankruptcy law and rejected arguments by unions, civil rights advocates and others attempting to block the bankruptcy. In particular, in a move watched by cities across the country, the judge ruled that the public employees could be required to take cuts to their pen-

sions despite blanket protections in the state constitution.

The city's emergency manager, Kevyn Orr, had earlier made a proposal calling for only a fraction of the \$3.5 billion owed to pension funds to be paid. However, this was likely an opening negotiation offer and not the final settlement of the pension obligations. Even the judge took pains to note that he was unlikely to approve severe cuts to the city's unfunded pension obligations.

Other assets are at risk, including the potential to sell off masterpieces from the city owned Detroit Institute of the Arts to meet part of the massive debt.

The city, which was dependent on the auto industry in good times, fell hard when the recession hit and swamped it with

more than 100,000 creditors.

Now is the time for all of us to take a very deep breath. Los Angeles is not Detroit. The LACERS pension recently reported a stellar return of 18.19 percent for the one year ending Oct. 31, far in excess of our 7.75 percent assumed rate of investment return.

The Pew Research Center recently rated LACERS number one in funding of retirement health benefits among large cities. The local economy is on the rebound. At least one lawyer who represents California cities and counties believes that there are significant differences between the Michigan and California constitutions that would likely produce the opposite result if a similar challenge were posed here.



Michael Karsch

Legislative Report: Pension Law and Policy
By Michael Karsch

Startling headlines in the public pension area make all of us anxious about the soundness of what we have and what changes may come in the future. At least for our own pension system we have a sound financial basis and very strong and careful management of those assets. LACERS earned 14.1 percent on its investment portfolio, significantly higher than CalPERS (at 12.5 percent). The unfunded liability is reduced by more than \$700 million in this year's plan. Still,

this liability figure demands more than that, according to some observers who are responding to increased reporting standards that spring from the rating agencies (such as Moody's) and GASB (Government Accounting Standard Board).

Looking beyond LA, there are serious problems that will be addressed more in January. Illinois has finally (after two years of legislative debate) produced a reform package that goes before the governor in December; he is expected to sign it. This package reduces cost of living increases for state and local retirees in Illinois, and moves up the age for current workers to retire. The unions are reportedly going to

sue the state. More details will be released after my press time.

The Detroit bankruptcy is also a major headline in early December; a trial is expected for March in the new year. (See related article by Michael Wilkinson in this *Alive!* issue).

California's San Jose, San Diego, Stockton, San Bernardino and Desert Hot Springs are in varying stages of financial crisis, with the last three close to bankruptcy. Meanwhile, there is an initiative promoted by the mayor of San Jose and four other California city mayors to allow some flexibility in state law to permit changes in pension benefits. This initiative is aiming for the November 2014 ballot.

LACERS Update



Mary Beetz

**By Mary Beetz,
RLACEI Publicity
Chair**

Basic Medicare Part B Premiums To Remain The Same In 2014

Each year, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) sets the Medicare premium rates for the following calendar year. For 2014, CMS announced that the basic Medicare Part B premium will remain at \$104.90 per month. The Medicare Part B deductible also remains at the 2014 rate of \$147.00. Please note that upon turning age 65, all Members and eligible health plan dependents must enroll in Medicare Part B to continue receiving coverage through a LACERS medical plan. Retired members who are enrolled in

Medicare Parts A and B and are enrolled in a LACERS Senior plan or MPRP are reimbursed the basic Medicare Part B premium.

Medicare Parts B & D And Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amounts (IRMAAS)

Social Security assesses higher-income earning Medicare enrollees with an Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) in addition to their Medicare Part B and Part D basic premiums. In order to continue receiving a LACERS medical plan premium subsidy, Medicare enrollees in a LACERS health plan must pay any Medicare Part B and D IRMAAs. LACERS does not reimburse retirees for IRMAA payments.

LACERS

Life After Retirement

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.

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For Retired Club Members

The Best Years

LARFPA Opens Year With New Commissioners

LARFPA



Lee Kebler

**By Lee Kebler,
LARFPA Director**

We had a great time at our annual Christmas Party Dec. 8, held at the Sportsman's Lodge, where more than 400 guests had their pictures taken, enjoyed great food, danced to great music (yes, dancing at our ages), won door prizes and recalled fond memories with our old friends. What a way to start the Christmas season!

Guests included Commissioner George Aliano; General Manager Ray Ciranna of the Pension Department; Attorneys Tom Wicke and Bob Sherwin of Lewis, Marenstein, Wicke and Sherwin's office. And there was one very spe-

cial guest, Harold Sullivan, a retired Deputy Police Chief who celebrated his 101st birthday this past year. He is the oldest sworn member of the pension system.

As of this writing, it looks like we are going to close out this year with a new direction on the Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners with Mayor Eric Garcetti's appointment of new Commissioners Carl Cade, Corinne Tapia and Pedram Salimpour. They will start their terms of Office by the time you read this. The mayor had previously appointed Emanuel Plietetz in August. These new Commissioners are young and politically active, and it will be interesting to see what direction they will be taking in

the coming year with the Pension Reform of 2014 initiative.

At the December General Meeting, we had many health-care representatives in attendance: Tristar, Aim, Express Scrip and the City Workman's Compensation Director, Dawn Alvarado. They were there to resolve any of our members' problems. And Attorney Bob Sherwin gave a outstanding explanation on how the California Legislature is making it more difficult for our members to receive the Worker's Compensation care they deserve.

Our next general meeting will be March 5 at Grace E. Simons Lodge. Hope the weather warms up and you attend our meeting.

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

RETIREES AROUND THE WORLD



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Taiwan



Here's **Debora Fore, Retired, LAPD**, at the Sun Moon Lake, the largest lake in Taiwan.

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



Show Us Your Grandkids!

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Here's how:

1. **Make sure to have the 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

Send Prints To:
Grandkids
City Employees Club of
Los Angeles
120 West 2nd 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.



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Neil Ricci: Health and Nominating
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By Hal Danowitz,
Secretary, RLACEI

Savannah, then Atlanta

Hal and Evelyn explore the Old South.

PART TWO



Evelyn and I have always wanted to visit Charleston, S.C., and Savannah, Ga., and the time had come. We spent four nights in Charleston, five nights in Savannah and two nights in Atlanta during the last two weeks of October 2012. We flew Southwest Airlines to Charleston and drove the rest of the trip, returning from Atlanta.

As we pick up the story, we were finishing our stay in Charleston and getting ready to drive to Savannah. We decided to pass on the Embassy Suites' big breakfast and walked over to Starbucks. The day before, I called the taxi driver who drove us in from the airport and scheduled her to pick us up at 9:30 a.m. to go back to the airport to pick up our rental car.

After we picked up the car, we headed for Beaufort, S.C., which had been recommended as a nice place to visit on our drive to Savannah. It was also close to Parris Island, where the Marine Training Base is, and I wanted to stop there to visit the museum. At Parris Island, they train all Marine recruits east of the Mississippi and all women Marines.

There wasn't much to see in Beaufort, but we did have a nice lunch at a place called Plums (904 Bay St. in Beaufort).

I brought my own GPS from home, but the Hertz rental car had its "Never Lost" GPS, so we used it. A problem occurred when it couldn't find Parris Island. I didn't want to get the other GPS out, and then I remembered my cell phone had a navigation app, which we used to find the island. Once we got on the base, it did take a while to find the museum, but we both enjoyed our visit.

After we left Parris Island, it took about 90 minutes to get to Savannah and the Westin Resort (1 Resort Dr. in Savannah). The resort was across the river from the historic district and we needed to take a short five-minute ferry ride to cross the river.

We took the ferry over to River Street for dinner. We finally found a place and I had oysters on the half shell, which I enjoyed. The name of the restaurant was the Cotton Exchange Tavern (201 E. River St. in Savannah). River Street is right on the Savannah River and has recently gone through a significant gentrification with shops and restaurants moving into the old cotton warehouses.

We slept in the next morning and didn't leave the hotel until 10 a.m. We had a food tour scheduled to start at 11:30 a.m. We found a Starbucks and had coffee while we waited for the tour to start.

We booked with First Squares Food Tour. The company was started at the beginning of 2012 by two brothers who moved to Savannah from Chicago. Stu, our guide, was

an attorney who decided he wanted to be able to spend more time with his kids as they were growing up. The tour took about three hours and we had six different tastings. We started out with oysters on the half-shell, stuffed shrimp and hush puppies at Bernie's Oyster House. The next stop was "She Crab" soup at the Boar's Head Grill, then a cupcake at Mabel Francis Potter's Cupcake Emporium. We then tasted a lot of different honeys at the

around the historic district to work off our lunch. This area was divided into squares with houses built around the square, which were like a small park.

We had dinner at The Old Pink House (23 Abercorn St.), a very upscale restaurant in the historic district. There was a mixup with reservation and we ended up eating in the downstairs bar area. The table was too small and the service was spotty, but everyone enjoyed the food. We were there almost two-and-a-half hours.

The next morning, we left the hotel around 10 a.m. to visit the Oatland Wildlife Reserve (711 Sandtown Rd., Savannah), which had a number of animals and birds native to the area.

First we stopped for breakfast at the Matthew's Eatery (325 E Bay St., Savannah). The breakfast was excellent, but we did have to have the coffee heated up.

The Wildlife Reserve is just a short distance from the historic district. The main buildings were built to house retired railway workers, but wasn't very successful. It was then used as a testing facility for a cure for VD, but was stopped when penicillin was discovered. It was then the home to the Centers for Disease Control until it relocated to Atlanta.

We walked the trails through the wooded area and saw bobcats, cougars, red fox, a den of gray wolves, lots of owls, hawks and a pair of bald eagles. It was good exercise, and most of the animals were active.

We then drove to Tybee Island, a beach resort area, and stopped for a drink.

Our friends had some work to do, so Evelyn and I started dinner on our own. We decided to return to Bernie's Oyster House, which we enjoyed on the food tour. We again had the raw oysters, something Evelyn had not liked prior to this trip, with saltine crackers and seafood

empty dishes. After you are finished, they ask you to take your plate to the kitchen. The cost is \$18 per person. They start serving at 11 a.m. I got there at 9:45 a.m. and was second in line. We were the first group in, and when we finished the line was still long. It took about 45 minutes to an hour to eat, and they have six tables for ten. They set two tables first and then 15 minutes later two more tables and they keep doing that until 2 p.m. The rule of thumb is if you want to be seated in the first groups, you have to be in line by 10:15 a.m. The food was outstanding and should not be missed when visiting Savannah.

We spent the rest of the day just walking the city.

The next day we were to drive to Atlanta. If our luggage would fit into our friend's car, we would drop our luggage at the airport.

After our big lunch we decided to eat a little less for dinner. Vinnie Van Go-Go is a pizza place in the City Market, a short walk from the riverfront. It was the best pizza I'd had in a long time with the correct combination of cheese, sauce and thin crust.

The weather on the whole trip was very good. We had a little rain the night before, and the sun had come out again. It was in the mid-70s to low-80s the whole time. It looked to be a little cooler in Atlanta.

A word about the sand gnats (also the name of the Savannah baseball team) that bit me nearly to death: They are so small you can't see them (also called no-see-um). They bite like small mosquitoes. They come out in the early morning and at sundown. They were just in Savannah and not in Charleston.

We left Savannah the morning of Oct 19. We dropped the car at the airport and drove to Atlanta with our friends. It is about



On the ferry to cross the river.

Savannah Bee Company and lots of different salts at the Salt Table. We ended the tour with a Scottish pudding at Molly Macpherson's Pub. As we walked to each tasting, Stu provided information about Savannah, so we got to taste a lot of local food and learned a lot about Savannah. You can find them at www.SavannahTasteExperience.com.

We then walked to the Mercer-Williams house (429 Bull St., Monterey Square). Mercer is a relative of Johnny Mercer the songwriter and Jim Williams, a local antique dealer made famous in the book *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*. The house was one of the restored old mansions and is still owned by the Williams family. The tour cost \$12.50 and took about 30 minutes.

Believe it or not we got hungry again, so we decided to eat at a hamburger place called D&J (13 E Broughton St., Savannah), which was recommend by our guide Stu. The hamburger was cooked very well and tasted good, too. Evelyn said her sweet potato fries were the best she had.

The next morning, Evelyn and I stopped by Starbucks for coffee and a sweet roll instead of a large breakfast because our friends from Atlanta were arriving that day and I was sure we would be having a big lunch.

After Starbucks, we walked to Congregation Mickve Israel, the third oldest Jewish congregation in America. The first Jews arrived here in Savannah only five months after James Oglethorpe founded Savannah in 1733. Compared to the Temple in Charleston, we thought this one was more striking in its appearance. They had a very interesting museum that provided a timeline of the Jewish citizens of this area. They also had what was said to be the oldest Torah in the new world written on deerskin.

On our way back to the ferry dock we walked through Colonial Park Cemetery. The cemetery has graves from the late 1700s, most of which were so weathered that the headstones couldn't be read.

We met our friends (Val and Robert) at the ferry dock and then had lunch along the River Walk. We had not seen them in four years, so it gave us a chance to catch up.

After lunch, we took a walk



The line at Mrs. Wilkes Café.

sauce. Then we had the crab cakes, which were very good. By the time we finished, our friends showed up and we sat with them while they ate.

Before we began our trip, we had a recommendation for Mrs. Wilkes Café (107 W Jones St.). The place is open only from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. Patrons sit at tables of 10 and the food is served family style. The fried chicken was the best ever and there were at least 20 other dishes on the table: meat loaf, pulled pork, rice and sausage, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, cream corn, black-eyed peas, collard greens, lima beans, cornbread, chicken and dumplings, ice tea, and peach cobbler and banana pudding for dessert. You can eat as much as you want, and they refill

250 miles from Savannah to Atlanta, about a three-and-a-half-hour drive. We stopped at a Waffle House for breakfast. Waffle Houses are on every corner and serve a good inexpensive meal. I like their waffles, which are the old fashioned kind.

We stayed two nights at our friend's house in the Buckhead area of Atlanta. We really didn't do much but relax and have dinner with a number of our Atlanta friends.

Sometimes the actual experience is not what you imagined when you plan a trip, but I would say that our stays in both Charleston and Savannah did not disappoint either of us, and seeing our good friends made it even better.



Hal in Savanna.



Evelyn on the food tour.



From left: Hal and Evelyn, and Val and Robert.

RETIREES:

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Celebrating the Lives of City Employees

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- Great Club apparel and gifts
- Group-rated insurance products for purchase
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- E-mail notices about upcoming events and promotions
- Access to Club Website
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For Retired Club Members

As a member of the City Employees Club of Los Angeles, you'll enjoy these amazing benefits:

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LACERS

Story by Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor; Photos courtesy Linda Aparicio, Public Information Director, LACERS



Health Fairs

Retirement system hosts open enrollment health fairs for retirees.

In October and November, LACERS (Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System) packed their bags as they traveled to multiple locations throughout Los Angeles and even crossing neighborly borders to Las Vegas, Camarillo, San Pedro, San Fernando Valley and Ontario to raise awareness regarding health benefits during Open Enrollment within our retiree communities.

Tom Moutes, LACERS General Manager and Club Member, kicked off the events by keeping our retirees abreast of benefit developments for 2014. He passed the microphone to Alex Rabrenovich, Health Benefits and Communications Division Manager, who addressed legislative updates and the effect of the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) on upcoming health, dental and vision insurance changes.

The events gave retirees an opportunity to meet directly with insurance carriers including Anthem Blue Cross, United Health Care, Kaiser, Scan, Met Life Dental, VSP, and Silver Sneakers. Each carrier gave thorough presentations on retiree benefit coverage and updates. Intermittently between speakers, LACERS integrated some fun as staff members raffled off nice prizes donated by vendors and supporters of City retirees – the Club included. The event was also attended by RLACEI (Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc.) and the City Employees Club to provide information on the benefits offered to City Employees and Retirees. One health fair concluded with an exhilarating workout given by guest speaker Rona Lewis as she shared simple yet effective exercises to keep our retirees in good physical shape for many years to come.

If you were unable to attend these six events, you may find more information regarding your benefits by contacting LACERS at (213) 473-7200 or checking out its Website: www.lacers.org



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
Acosta, Antonio	Street Ser. Worker III	Public Works	26	Hernandez, John	–	DWP	–	Murphey, Denise M.	Clerk Typist	Library	16
Allen, Stephanie D.	Recreation Asst.	Rec and Parks	4	Hernandez, Mike	Council Aide VII	Council	22	Paz, Rigoberto	Mech. Helper	Public Works	10
Ancajas, Victoria M.	Chief Internal Auditor	Controller's Office	28	Hill, Cynthia	Assistant Manager	DWP	33	Ponce, Danny F.	Hvy. Duty Trk. Op.	Harbor	13
Astorga, Peter H.	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	10	Huntoon, Pamela	Council Aide IV	Council	13	Purvis, Henry Jr.	Security Officer	Airports	14
Bradley, Colette	–	DWP	–	Hurley, Giles M.	Stores Supervisor	General Services	28	Quiles, Anthony	–	DWP	–
Calvin, Edward G.	SMS Payment Clerk	General Services	33	Hurtado, Roberto	Special Prog. Asst. II	Rec and Parks	4	Rios, Rito Jr.	–	DWP	–
Cazares, Pauline B.	Project Assistant	El Pueblo His. Mon.	3	Kokoska, John	–	DWP	–	Rivera, Miguel	Foren. Print Spe. III	LAPD	22
Chiu, Ching Bing	Sr. Sys. Analyst II	Public Works	24	Krecu, Milijan	Const. Inspector	Public Works	14	Savre, Randal	–	DWP	–
Dillion, Robin Francis	Helicopter Mech.	General Services	10	Lazaris, Spiridon A.	Civil Eng. Assoc. IV	Public Works	12	Schweinbold, Charles	–	DWP	–
Esquivel, Josue H.	Heli. Mech. Sup. II	General Services	25	Lindberg, Mary	–	DWP	–	Shute, Norman	–	DWP	–
Evans, Roxie M.	Rec Facility Director	Rec and Parks	44	McPhillips, Michael	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	25	Sims, Roy L.	Security Officer	General Services	4
Flores, Jose	–	DWP	–	Meister, Dennis	–	DWP	–	Smith, Sterlyn L.	Street Ser. Worker III	Public Works	27
Fong, Fleur	–	DWP	–	Miller, Gloria Marie	Police Service Rep	LAPD	14	Trieschmann, Michael	Build. Op. Engineer	Airports	37
Foster, William	–	DWP	–	Mojica, Epifanio P.	Wstwt. Treat. Op. III	Public Works	25	Washington, Marilyn	–	DWP	–
Gonzalez, Arturo	Council Aide V	Council	12	Montiel, Tommy	Ref. Coll. Trk. Op. II	Public Works	23	Welch, Timothy	–	DWP	–
Guzman, Louie B.	Auto Painter	LAFD	24	Morse, Kent	–	DWP	–	Yanes, Robert	–	DWP	–

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For Retired Club Members

The City Parties!



The RLACEI Board of Directors is sworn in.



RLACEI Directors Phil Orland and Mary Beetz.



Ron Black, Retired, Building and Safety and Housing, 28 years of City service.



Victor Aprea, Retired, Transportation, 32 years of City service, and his wife, Pat.

RLACEI

Holiday Party Fun

Retirees Association hosts annual holiday party.

The Retired Los Angeles City Employees Inc. (RLACEI) celebrated the holidays with its annual holiday party. Longtime friends and past co-workers had a chance to catch up, share a meal, and win prizes.

The party was held Dec. 5 at the Friendship Auditorium.

The party was preceded by an official RLACEI meeting in which its newly elected Board of Directors was sworn in.

The Club was honored to be in attendance and connecting with all the retirees. Special thanks go to RLACEI President Ed Harding for his invitation and assistance.



Marilyn McPherson, Public Works/Engineering, 20 years of City service.



Lee Burrell, Retired, General Services, 33 years of City service.



RLACEI Director Helen Salgado and Roobik Gorjian.



Jimmie Wright, Retired, Public Works/ Street Maintenance, 25 years of City service, with Janet Veladez, guest.



From left: Cynthia Hill, Retired Assistant Customer Service Manager, DWP, 33 years of City service; and Beverly Kelly, Retired, LAUSD, 32 years.



Rose and Julian Torres have been married for 59 years! Julian retired from Building and Safety.



RLACEI President Ed Harding (right) with his wife, Martha, and son.



From left: Samuel Hochberg and his son, Steve Hochberg.



George Shaad, Retired, General Services, 36 years of City service; and Arlene Stephens, Cultural Affairs, 19 years.



The RLACEI Board of Directors is sworn in.