

# The City Parties!

Part 2

Special Holiday Party Section

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All across the City, you celebrated the holidays. And *Alive!* was there!

Here in February, *Alive!* continues its coverage of the City Social Season 2013, with stories and photos from Club staff... and sent in by you, too.

Enjoy the memories!



Story by Harold Johnson, Airports; Photos by Jay Berkowitz, LAX Photographer, and by Harold Johnson

## LAX Community Relations

On Dec. 13, Airports/Community Relations hosted Santa Claus, who took a break from his work at the North Pole to visit preschool and kindergarten students from Hawthorne's Zela Davis Elementary School and Wiseburn's Cabrillo and Anza Elementary School. Santa greeted the students at the Flight Path Museum, where the young students were treated to holiday goodies and entertainment.

"We hold this holiday event every year for local students," said Maria Tesoro, LAX Community Relations director. "It's an important part of our outreach program to bring young travelers to the airport and expose them to the wonderful world of aviation at the Flight Path Museum. A visit to the airport during the holidays is especially exciting since the children met Santa and leave the airport with a handful of goodies."

The students were entertained by the Hawthorne Police Department's K-9 Scotty and Gaby, the Talking Car. They were also greeted by Silly Sally the clown and an LAX Airport Police officer, who talked about safety tips. Finally, Santa read *The Night Before Christmas* to the students.

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From left: Officer Mike Dear, 15 years of City service, Club Member; Ericka Bonilla, LAUSD; Helen Dear, spouse of Mike Dear, and Patty Assayag, guest.



From left: Officer Gerard Kilayko, 10 years of City service, Club Member, with his wife, Anna.



From left: Officer Lawrence Scottini, 10 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer Rodolfo Bojorquez, 10 years, Club Member, with his wife, Lina.



Ernie Garcia, PO, 10 years of service, Club Member with his daughter Mia and son Isaiah.



From left: Officer Gregg Iwamiya, 11 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer Alfredo Funes, 11 years, Club Member, with his wife, Angela.



From left: Officer III Oscar Gatewood, 23 years of City service, Club Member; LAAPOA Board Member Det. Bruce Autry, 13 years, Club Member; and FTO Shawnee Rogers, 10 years, Club Member.



Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Director of Product Development

## Airport Police Activities League

On Dec. 7, the Airport Police Athletics and Activities League (LAAPOA) held its "Mistletoe Memories" holiday party. More than 100 people came to celebrate, enjoy the food and win prizes at the event, which took place at the Embassy Suites hotel near LAX.

Special thanks go to LAAPOA President Marshall McClain and LAAPOA Secretary Michael Dear.



From left: Officer Ericka Holliday, 7 years of City service, Club Member; and Adela Lopez, Drill Instructor, 7 years, Club Member, with her husband, Martin.



From left: Michael Dear, LAAPOA Secretary, Club Member; LAAPOA President Marshall McClain, Club Member; and LAAPOA Treasurer Rupert Staine, Club Member.



From left: LAAPOA Assistant Secretary Julio Aparicio, Club Member, with his wife, Beverly.



From left: Mike Manahan, K9 Handler, 14 years of City service, Club Member; Luis Zenteno, K9 Handler, 12 years, Club Member; and Officer Andrei Soto, 9 years, Club Member.



From left: Officer Aaron DuBoise, 11 years of City service, Club Member, with his wife, LaWanda, and son, Anton.



LAAPOA Board Member Member Steven Bradford is presented with a commemorative plaque.



From left: Officer Andrew Allen, 25 years of City service, Club Member; and LAAPOA Vice President Det. Julius Levy, 23 years, Club Member.



From left: Officer Fernando Farias, 7 years of City service, Club Member; Officer Maria Duenez, 7 years, Club Member; and Officer Roxanna Mendez, 7 years, Club Member.



Officer Randy Armenta, 7 years of City service, Club Member; with his wife, Elisha; son, Julian, 1, and daughter, Melia, 3.



Officer Fritz Corros, 6 years of City service, Club Member, with his wife, Cathy.



From left: Maria Vargas, LA County; and Barbara and Joe Flannagan, Director of PORAC Los Angeles Chapter North.



From left: Officer Ruth Avalos, 6 years of City service; Jose Delgado, guest; and Christina Ocon, wife of Officer Eleuterio Ocon, 6 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Alda Duran, ITC, LA County; Officer Joe Villalobos, 11 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer Rob Yanez, 13 years, Club Member.



From left: Officer Jackson Muchiri, 6 years of City service, Club Member; and Motor Officer Julio Aparicio, 8 years, Club Member.



From left: Tamara Staine, Traffic Officer, Transportation, 1 year of service; and LAAPOA Treasurer Rupert Staine, 20 years, Club Member.



Back, from left: children Malysa, Ethan and Shawn. Front: Michelle and K9 Officer Efen Orlanes, 23 years of City service, Club Member.



Diego Vasquez, PO, 7 years of City service, with his guest, Suky.



Officer Lisa Lane, 10 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Vicki Iseman, Partner, Alcalde and Fay; Tatanya Szeliga, Partner, Alcalde and Fay; and Marshall McClain, LAAPOA President, Club Member, with his wife, Yvette.



Ashley Wilson, guest, and Officer Frank Shin, 10 years of City service, Club Member.

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Gary Glade, Photographer II, 15 years of City service, Club Member.



Melissa Kramer-Sarrett, Criminalist II, 8 years of City service.



From left: Meghan Cirivello, Criminalist, 11 years of City service; Kristina Takeshita, Supervising Criminalist, 18 years, Club Member; Guy Holloman, Criminalist, 13 years; and Jessica Valles, Criminalist, 8 years.



Janet Sanchez, Lab Technician, 8 years of service.



From left: Stacy Vanderschaaf, Criminalist, 7 years of City service; Shannon Kelly, Criminalist, 6 years, Club Member; Jessica Valles, Criminalist, 8 years; Meiling Robinson, Criminalist, 6 years; and (in back) Chris Lopez, Lab Technician, 1 year.



From left: Victor Palomino, Systems Analyst, 13 years of City service; Erol Ergun, Criminalist, 5 years; Sue Rinehart, Criminalist III, 19 years; and Alexa Calderaro, Criminalist, 11 years.



From left: Brad Tom, Criminalist, 4 years of City service; and Bryan Kim, Criminalist, 3 years.



Lisa Schliebe, Criminalist II, 5 years of City service; and Gabe Mueck, Criminalist II, 3 years.



From left: Robert Broderick, Criminalist, 8 years of City service; Janet Sanchez, Laboratory Technician, 8 years; and Jeff Lowe, Criminalist, 13 years.



From left: Stacy Vanderschaaf, Criminalist, 7 years of City service; Shannon Kelly, Criminalist, 6 years, Club Member; Liz Sholl, Criminalist, 4 years; Guy Holloman, Criminalist, 13 years; and Meiling Robinson, Criminalist, 6 years.



From left: Anna Madrid, Forensic Specialist, 13 years of City service; Belinda Kui, Forensic Specialist, 8 years; and Nicole Osborn, Forensic Specialist, 10 years, Club Member.



From left: Francine Segura, Clerk Typist, 8 years of City service; Yuli Cotango, Architectural Drafting Technician, 5 years; Kim Fletes, Management Analyst, 7 years; Jennifer Sanchez, Criminalist, 2 years; and Angela Zdanowski, Criminalist, 12 years.

## LAPD Crime Lab

The LAPD's Scientific Investigation Division gathered at noon Dec. 13 at XLanes downtown to celebrate the holiday season. Guests could partake in some or all of the fun activities available, including bowling, karaoke, and arcade games. Lunch was provided and a number of prizes were raffled.

*The Club thanks Kim Fletes, Management Analyst, for assisting us in the production of this article.*

Story by Dalila Vielma, Club Counselor; Photos by Isabel Marquez, Club Counselor



Art Sanchez, Supervisor, 28 years of City service, Club Member, with Herminio Garcia, guest.



Reanna Cantu, Clerk Typist, 7 years of City service, with her husband, Anthony.



Laura and David Barragan, RCTO, 11 years of City service.



Salomon Galvez, RCTO, 11 years of City service, with son, Cesar, and daughter, Wendy.



Maura and Richard Guzman, RCTO, 20 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Sergio Playo, Driver, 14 years of City service, with Julia Playo, guest.



From left: David Barragan, RCTO, 11 years of City service; and Basilio Llamas, RCTO, 13 years, Club Member.



North Central Committee, from left: Carlos Romo, RCTO II, 6 years of City service, Club Member, Treasurer; Mario Macias, 9 years, Sergeant at Arms; Jesse Valdez, RCTO II, 13 years, President; and Andy Morales, RCTO II, 28 years, Club Member, Vice President.



Lety and Joe Castillo, Retired.



From left: Dina Navarro, Secretary, 24 years of City service; and Anthony Cardenas, Maintenance Laborer, 13 years of service, Club Member, with his wife, Denise.



Robert Morales, RCTO II, 10 years of City service, Club Member, with his wife, Johanna.



Javier Reza, RCTO II, 16 years of City service, with his wife, Lucille.



From left: Michael Powell, Maintenance Laborer, 2 months of City service, Club Member; and Steven Hall, Supervisor, 23 years, Club Member.



Desiree and Jesse Valdes, RCTO II, 13 years of City service, Club Member.

Oscar Vargas, RCTO, 14 years of City service, with his wife, Rosario.



From left: Robert Alarcon, guest; Heidi Gonzalez, Clerk Typist, 6 years of City service; and Cathy Moreno, guest.



Patty and Antonio Garcia, RCTO, 14 years of City service.



Juan Galvez, RCTO, 13 years of City service, with his wife, Beatriz.

## N. Central Sanitation

On Dec. 21, Public Works' North Central Sanitation Yard held its annual holiday party at Maggie's Pub in Santa Fe Springs. The employees from North Central and their families dressed in their Christmas best to enjoy an evening full of music, dancing, good food, raffles, and of course good company.

*Thanks to the North Central Committee and the Sanitation Department for inviting us to their successful event.*

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From left: Marisela Caraballo DiRuggiero, Director of Legislative Affairs, 11 years of City service, Club Member; Cecilia Moreno, Community Affairs Advocate, 7 years, Club Member; and Erika Velazquez, guest.



From left: Mary Ramos, Clerk Typist, 8 years of City service, Club Member; and Christine Pina, Clerk Typist, 8 years, Club Member.



Joseph Maldonado, Student Worker, 1 year of City service, with guests.



From left: Jessica Bautista, Management Aide, 17 years of City service, Club Member; and Vanessa Guillen, Clerk Typist, 9 years, Club Member.



From left: Rafael Diaz, Maintenance Labor, 7 years of City service, Club Member, with his wife, Mariana.

## Harbor Employees Club

On Dec. 14 the Harbor Employees Club held its holiday party at the Ports O Call Restaurant. Members celebrated the holidays with a Masquerade Ball. They enjoyed an evening with food, prizes and dancing.

Thanks to the Harbor Employees Club for a wonderful party, and thanks to Jessica Bautista, Club Member, for inviting us.



Story and photos by Isabel Marquez, Club Counselor



From left: Daniel Alanis, guest; and Beverly Monroy, Student Worker, 6 months of City service.



From left: John Posadas, Structural Assistant, 9 years of City service, and Dale Posadas, guest.



From left: Cynthia Ruiz, Deputy Executive Director, 10 years of City service; Rodney Bolten, guest; Stephanie Holloman, Training and Career Development Officer, 8 years, Club Member; and Guy Justin Holloman, Criminalist III, 13 years.



From left: Christopher Trinidad, Project Construction Manager, 9 years of City service, Club Member, and Faith Olivares, guest.



Chris Burt, HVAC Supervisor, 8 years of City service, Club Member, with Lisa Burt, guest.



Robin Jackson, Management Analyst, 30 years of City service.



From left: Jacqueline Powell, Maintenance Construction Laborer, 7 years of City service, Club Member, and Gina Thompson, guest.



Don McLaurin, Management Assistant, 6 years of City service, Club Member, with Christine Lo, guest.



From left: Guillermo Perez, Roofer, 6 years of City service, Club Member; and Armando Godinez, Mechanical Helper, 6 years, Club Member.



From left: Beverly Monroy, Student Worker, 1 year of City service; Maria Ambriz, Student Worker, 1 year; and Kristy Ambriz, Student Worker, 6 months.



From left: Nicole Vennis, guest; and Natalie Valenzuela, Secretary, 12 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Melissa Westby, guest; and Crystal Lee, Civil Engineering Associate III, 7 years of City service.



Maurice Jacobs, Construction Equipment Service Worker, 16 years of City service, Club Member, with Michelle Ward, guest.



From left: Tracy Zuliani, Transportation Planning Associate II, 14 years of City service, and Michael Booher, guest.



From left: Pablo De La Torre, Construction Maintenance, 1 year of City service; Maria Ruiz, Construction Maintenance, 2 years; and Irma Flores, Custodian, 4 years.



Top, from left: Mariana and Rafael Diaz, Maintenance Labor, 7 years of City service, Club Member. Bottom: Luz Ortiz and Julio Ortiz, guests; Lizette Flores, guest; and Marcos Rosales, guest.

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Story and photos courtesy Harold Johnson, Airports

## Airport Employees Association

The LAX Association of Airport Employees (AAE) held its annual Children's Holiday Party Dec. 7 at Golf N' Stuff in Norwalk.

More than 840 attendees came out in the rainy weather to attend the festivities, which included a visit with Santa. Santa was there to pose with the children and take notes on their holiday wishes.

"It's always a great feeling to see families come together and enjoy the holiday season," said Amylou Canonizado, Environmental Services Specialist, Airports, and the event chairperson. "We chose Golf N' Stuff because there were various activities that people could participate in. This was our first year at Golf N' Stuff, so it was a new experience for everyone."

Golf N' Stuff has vast amenities to entertain children and adults. The adventures begin in the game room then proceeds into the yard where miniature golf, bumper cars and boats, a miniature railroad, and real racecars awaited.

At the end of the day, the AAE raffle offered more than 50 gifts including Beats headphones, Magic Mountain tickets for families of four, and the top prize, an Apple iPad Mini.

"All the committee members put an enormous amount of effort putting the event together, so I would like to thank them," said Jimmy Sparks, Mechanical Helper, Airports/Facilities Engineering Division, and AAE branch president. "Despite the rain, the event turned out to be successful. We hope everyone had a great time."



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Officer Jamey Stearns, 5 years of City service, Club Member, and his wife, Ronya.



Officer III Dong Lee, 10 years of City service, Club Member, and his wife, Sooji Lee.



From left: Officer III Art Kurkowski, 7 years of City service, Club Member; Officer Nathan Blair, 5 years, Club Member; Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor; Officer III Ish Flores, 7 years; and Officer III Roberto Redondo, 7 years, Club Member.



Jessica Labray, guest, and Officer Justin Sepe, 7 years of City service, Club Member.



Tracy and Motor Officer Mike Gilmorse.



From left: Officer Cheryl Morris, 19 years of City service, Club Member; Bianca Nalls, guest; and Tamara Armstrong, Dispatcher, 10 years, Club Member.



From left: Officer Francisco Nunez, 5 years of City service, Club Member; Officer Alfred Moya, 7 years, Club Member; and Officer Guillermo Lopez, 6 years, Club Member.



Bottom, from left: Officer Nathan Blair, 5 years of City service, Club Member; and Sgt. Rosario Ferrara, Club Member. Top: Officer Michael Canlas, 8 years, Club Member; Officer III Philip Heem, 6 years; Officer Frank Huang, 6 years; and Officer III Danny Rodriguez, 8 years, Club Member.

Story by Jackie Causillas and Isabel Marquez, Club Counselors; Photos by Isaac Burciaga

## Port Police Association

On Dec. 7, the Port Police Association gathered at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in San Pedro for its "Great Gatsby" holiday party. Employees and their guests arrived in their 1920s attire, and the evening consisted of dinner, dancing and casino games.

*Special congratulations go to the organizing committee for their excellent work.*



From left: Samantha and Sr. Lead Officer William Yocham, 13 years of City service, Club Member; and Rudy Meza, Retired, 32 years, Club Member, with his wife, Moe.



Diana and Sr. Lead Officer Ismael Flores, 8 years of City service, Club Member.



Rebecca and Officer Nathan Blair.



From left: Sonia Solis, LAPD, 13 years of City service; Ofelia Zuniga, award recipient; and Maria Peneche, guest.



From left: Patty Magdelon, guest, with Alex Mayagoitia, Mechanical Helper, DWP, 14 years of City service.



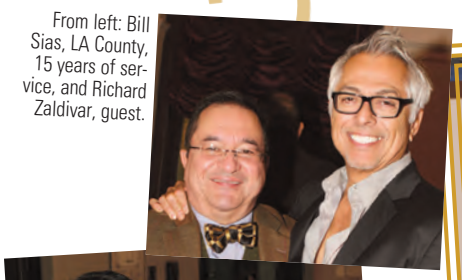
Dan Chavez, City Attorney's Office, 33 years of City service; and Sophia Chavez, City Attorney's Office, 24 years.



Eddie Hinojosa, DWP, Retired, 32 years of City service; with Kathy Chavez, guest.



Joanne and Gilbert Najjar, LAPD Communications, PSR II, 25 years of City service.



From left: Bill Sias, LA County, 15 years of service; and Richard Zaldivar, guest.



From left: Stella Sias, President of LACECA, DWP, 26 years of City service; Marcues Gutierrez, DWP, 30 years; and a guest.

Story and photos by Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations

## LACECA

The Los Angeles City Employees Chicano Association (LACECA) held its annual holiday party Dec. 5 in the Tom Bradley Room high atop City Hall.

Entertainment was provided by DJ Mickey. Christmas carols were performed by Laura Lares-Hernandez, Margie Garcia and Fernie "Elviz" Ramirez. The toys collected in a holiday drive were donated to the York Neighborhood Leadership group.

*Special thanks go to Laura Rangel and the entire LACECA Board for inviting the Club to the party.*



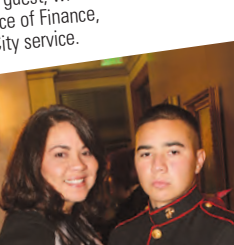
Maria Lucero, DWP, Legal Secretary, 25 years of City service, with Randy Ares, guest.



Raymond Garcia, DWP, Retired, 36 years of service, with his wife, Ralph.



Ramon Vega, guest, with Andrea Ocampo, Office of Finance, 13 years of City service.



Alderine Martinez, niece of Club Member Lupe Durazo, with her son, U.S. Marine Eric Martinez.



Patrick Sanchez, Welder, DWP, 14 years of City service, with his son, Gabriel.



From left: Veronica Mendez, Utility Administration, DWP, 25 years of City service; Margarita Flores, Legal Division, 10 years of service; Gloria Ortiz, Assistant Claims Representative, DWP, 25 years; Gil Cisneros, Electrical Mechanic, DWP, 24 years; and Felicia Frericks, Legal Secretary, DWP, 33 years.



Front, from left: Katherine Valenzuela, CTE Career Tech Education; Mimi Walker, Second Vice President, DWP, 25 years of City service; and volunteers Cynthia Tellez and Cynthia Velasquez. Back: Eric Martinez, U.S. Marine.



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