

The City Parties!

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



Food Drive

As part of its holiday celebration, the West Valley Sanitation Yard held a food drive for the Guadalupe Center in Canoga Park. Employees at West Valley Sanitation collected four large barrels of canned food that weighed about 200 pounds each.

This was the fourth year that West Valley Sanitation supported the community food bank. Employees also collect food for Thanksgiving and Easter.

Special thanks go to Brian Sibert and Ken Lampton.



Organizers of the West Valley Food Drive included, from left: Julio Cruz, Maintenance Laborer, 7 years of City service; Miguel Cornejo, RCTO, 6 years; Ken Lampton, Refuse Collection Field Supervisor, 38 years; Brian Sibert, RCTO II, 25 years; James Bell, RCTO II, 26 years; Arthur Hall, RCTO, 6 years; Lee Jackson, RCTO, 9 years; and Santos Duran, RCTO, 6 years.

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

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

Enjoy the memories!

West Valley Sanitation

Story by Isabel Marquez, Club Counselor; Photos by Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations



Holiday Lunch

Public Works' West Valley Sanitation Yard held a number of activities around its annual holiday lunch. The lunch itself was held Dec. 11 at the yard.

Special thanks go to Brian Sibert.



From left: Ron Perez 1 year of City service; Robert Anzini, 11 years; Brian Vansloten, 2 years; Kenny Marti, 16 years; Martin Valadez, 10 years; Jabari Whitake, 13 years; James Bell, 28 years; Richard Guzman, 19 years; Kevin House, 7 years; John Diaz, 19 years; Brian Sibert, 26 years; John Fairbanks, Retired, 30 years; Steve Tennant, 8 years; Marco Tapia, 5 years; Damien Durham, 27 years; and Joseph Martinez, 1 year.



From left: Mike Jenkins, with his friends Lorraine and Joseph Martinez, 1 year of City service.



From left: Gabriel Estevane, 9 years of City service, and Daniel Soto, 8 years.



From left: Kevin House, 7 years of City service, and John Diaz, 19 years.



From left: Richard Guzman, 19 years of City service, and Brian Sibert, 26 years.



Jabari Whitake, 13 years of City service, is happy to see the Club visiting the yard during the holiday season.



These toys eventually made their way to the LAFD Training Center for the Spark of Love toy drive.

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Toy Drive

As part of West Valley Sanitation Yard's holiday festivities, it held a toy drive, benefitting both the Toys for Tots and the LAFD's Spark of Love toy drives. Toys were brought to the lunch Dec. 11 to be part of the drive. About 300 toys were donated. The toy drive was led by Ray Cruz and Ken Lampton. The toys were delivered Dec. 20 to the LAFD Training Center in Elysian Park.



The contributions from West Valley Sanitation employees made a difference to hundreds of children across Los Angeles.



From left: Arnan Martirosian, 12 years of City service; Jaime Garcia, 8 years; Richard Guzman, 19 years; and Ray Cruz, Superintendent, 30 years.



Michael Marquez, LAFD, Firefighter and Toy Program Coordinator, 24 years of City service, has known West Valley toy drive leader Ray Cruz since elementary school.



The toy delivery truck from West Valley Sanitation.



LAFD Training Center was used to store all the toys delivered from all parts of the City – minus the cannon behind the scenes.



From left: Jaime Garcia and Richard Cruz.



It was a dual effort from LAFD and Public Works/Sanitation to deliver toys that West Valley Sanitation Yard was able to contribute to the Spark of Love Toy program.

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Emergency Help

Every year during the holidays, West Valley Sanitation employees help a family that would otherwise not experience Christmas – without a Christmas tree, presents or a holiday dinner. But the employees, within 72 hours of learning the needs of this family, provided them a wonderful Christmas.

Alexis Delucia, a student at Noble Elementary School, wrote a letter thanking people who provided Christmas toys for him and fellow students through a separate toy drive. He revealed in the letter that the gift he received through that program would likely be the only Christmas gift he would receive.

Upon learning this, his fifth-grade teacher, Caryn Day, posted the letter on social media last December and was contacted by a friend who knows Gwen Derby, wife of West Valley Sanitation employee Mike Derby. Mike relayed the information to Brian Sibert, West Valley employee and vice president of the West Valley Employees Chapter. This group focuses on helping the community and organizes picnics and holiday events.

Within 72 hours of Caryn's Internet post, West Valley Sanitation employees brought the family a Christmas tree with lights, seven bags of food including two Honeybaked hams, and \$400.

Caryn said, "It was unbelievable how quickly they brought toys and all the Christmas goodies for Alexis and his family. Brian Sibert and John Diaz and all those at West Valley Sanitation are miracle workers."

The City Employees Club of Los Angeles salutes the employees at West Valley Sanitation for their commitment to the community and this family.

The Club thanks the employees at West Valley Sanitation for letting us know, including the officers of the West Valley Employees Chapter. This includes Richard Guzman, President; Brian Sibert, Vice President; Feliz Alonzo, Treasurer; and Juan Esquivel, Secretary.



From left: Juan Delucia, Brian Chavez, Alexis Delucia and Wylmar Delucia.

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General Services Construction Forces and Building Maintenance

Story by Maurice Hyett; Photos courtesy Construction Forces/Building Maintenance

General Services/Construction Forces and Building Maintenance Divisions held their annual holiday potluck party Dec. 19 at Piper Tech.

Here's a report from Maurice Hyett:

General Services and its Construction Forces and Building Maintenance divisions hosted their annual winter holiday potluck extravaganza for staff and family, retirees and friends at its Piper Technical Center campus. And this was one holiday event not to be outdone, featuring a scrumptious and festive luncheon and treats, games, contests, raffles, a fire engine, a police squad car and special use vehicles, heliport and helicopter tours, music, Santa Claus and gifts... and food, food, and yet more tasty food!

Special guests this year included Department Manager Tony Royster, LAFD Capt. Alex Gatica, and LAPD Air Support Division Tactical Flight Officer Renee Muro, whose appearances were well received as always. Their participation is especially anticipated – from the always-inspiring words of Tony Royster, to the action-packed tours aboard a working fire engine (compliments of nearby Fire Station 4), to hair-raising excitement delivered by the whirling rotors and aerial flybys of the mighty LAPD helicopters and their fearless pilots! What's not to like?

Department employees joined in on the hosting role as well, and in a big way – by preparing a variety of "family favorite" specialty dishes that all together make for one humongous layout and feast! Staff also

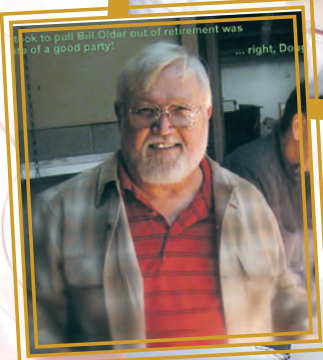
teams together throughout the year selling sodas and snacks, and they recycle cans and bottles to pay for the gifts and extra potluck items. And in the giving spirit of the holidays, not unlike Santa with his gifts for all the children at the party, a long-held tradition continued as employees boxed up and delivered hearty luncheon leftovers to those in need nearby, in downtown L.A.

So take it away and enjoy! Let the pictures tell the whole story. We invite you to have a look and relive the event through images. And if you weren't able to attend, immerse yourself now and let your imagination place you in the moment, December 19, 2013... certainly a day to remember!

Special thanks go to the following, for their generous support and extra help with the event:

- David Paschal, AGM, General Services
- George Yamanaka, LAPD Motor Transport Division
- Mike Goodrich, LAPD Motor Transport Division
- Sgt. George Gonzales, LAPD Air Support Division, Piper Technical Center
- Capt. Patrick Valenzuela, LAFD
- LAFD Fire Station 4 and all its Firefighters and staff
- Robert Larios, Vice President, Operations, City Employees Club

May 2014 be a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year to all!



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From left: Vicky Arujo, 19 years of City service, Club Member; Angelica Harro, 18 years; Mae Ford, 23 years, Club Member; Eva Espinosa, 23 years, Club Member; Julia Cesena, 17 years, Club Member since 1997; and Toni Diaz, 33 years.



From left: Officer Beverly Beasley, LAPD, 25 years of City service and Secretary of LAWPOA, Club Member; and PSR Leona Reed, 25 years, Sergeant-at-Arms, LAWPOA.



From left: Police Chief Charlie Beck and PSR Anthony Rivers.



Rommel Fabella, Sr. Clerk Typist, LAPD, 12 years of City service, Club Member.



Event host Mike Ellington, Club Member.



PST Anthony Rivers starts his travels.



From left: Arlene Herrero, Club Director of Product Development; and Howard Tien, Sr. PSR I, LAPD, 14 years of City service, Club Member.



Angie Romar, Club Member since 1984, at the LAWPOA table.



LAPD Police Chief Charlie Beck.



At the event.

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LAPD Santa Cycle

The LAPD's 2013 Cycling for Santa event, held Dec. 11, raised funds for the newly established LAPD Civilian Employee Memorial Fund. All proceeds from this event went directly into this fund. Those who participated in the Elf Walk and other donors who made a \$35 or more contribution received a free Cycling for Santa T-shirt.

PSR Anthony Rivers departed on his cycle at approximately 9:30 a.m. from the MCDC for the event, which was held at LAPD headquarters.