

The Club



Where No Club Has Gone Before

Excellent service and a solid financial foundation marked the Club for 2013.

Photos by Summy Lam, Club Director of Marketing

The Club's 86th annual meeting, held Feb. 19, was a celebration of everything that the Club is, including membership, service, discounts and fun. A video produced by Summy Lam, the Club's Director of Marketing, highlighted the Club's mission of service and hospitality by looking into the future with "ClubBot."

The annual lunch, held in the Tom Bradley Room high atop City Hall, carried the theme, "Where No Club Has Gone Before."

Strong Foundations

John Hawkins, Club CEO, welcomed everyone and began the business portion of the afternoon.

He introduced Robyn Wilder, Fire and Police Pensions and Club Board Member, who presented the new board, which was accepted unanimously and then sworn in. The Club Board for 2014 is:

- Robyn Wilder, Fire and Police Pensions
- Andrew Virzi Jr., DWP
- Vas Singh, Finance; and
- Terry Carter, LAPD.

Recognition for Great Club Service

The Club is all about great service to City Employees, and the second half of the luncheon was dedicated to recognition of exemplary service.

Congratulations to the Club for an excellent 2013. Here's to an even greater 2014!



From left: John Hawkins, Club CEO, and Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations, welcome everyone to the annual meeting.



Welcoming attendees to the meeting were (from left) the Club's Isabel Marquez, Dalila Vieira, Noelle Kauffman, Arlene Herrero and Angel Gomez.



At the annual meeting were (from left) Club Insurance Board Members Rose Hyland and Marilyn Holley.



Club Rep Tonja Ballard-Evans, Personnel Department, wins an attendance prize from Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations.



Club Partner and *Alive!* insurance columnist Jeff Gelineau (left) receives an attendance prize from Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations.



At the annual meeting were (from left) the Club's Leigh Thompson and Trinh Pham.



Board of Directors



The Club Board for 2014 is, from left: Andrew Virzi Jr., Vas Singh, Terry Carter and Robyn Wilder.



At the annual meeting were (from left) the Club's Megan DeBolt, Mariana Guevara and Megan Evanich.



The Club's board for 2014 is sworn in by Club CFO Brian Trent (right). From left: Andrew Virzi Jr., Vas Singh, Terry Carter and Robyn Wilder.

2014 Awards



Club Excellence Award, given to a Club partner who goes beyond the call of duty:

Hal Danowitz, Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) Secretary and Treasurer, and *Alive!* travel columnist. "For more than nine years, Hal Danowitz has been an integral and key piece to the success of the world-famous *Alive!* newspaper," said CEO John Hawkins. "Every month, without fail, he writes his column detailing his travels around the world with his wife, Evelyn, and reports back with pictures and details of his adventures.

"His writing is so vivid that you can taste the food he's describing. You can feel the weather and even hear the sounds as they jump off the page, tempting you to do some traveling of your own.

"Adventures With Hal' helps make *Alive!* stand out as the best and only newspaper that celebrates the lives of City Employees.

"It is with great honor that I award Hal with the 2014 Club Partner Excellence Award."



Club Excellence Award, given to a Club partner who goes beyond the call of duty:

Mary Jo Diemer and **Thom Wilson**, Rosebud Marketing Group, Inc.

"Rosebud Marketing Group has been a Club Partner since the early years of the Club – both John [Hawkins] and I have known them since when the Club Store was nothing more than a color-coded Excel spreadsheet that we would carry around with us," said Robert Larios, the Club's Vice President of Operations.

"Mary Jo and Thom are constantly thinking about Club Members with their promotional items including the Club bags and pens, and making Club staff look good with the Club-style clothing.

"It is with great honor that I award Mary Jo and Thom the 2014 Club Partner Excellence Award."



Club Rep Award, given to a Club Department Representative who exemplifies excitement and enthusiasm for this great City, his colleagues and the City Employees Club, to:

Alfred Lopez, LACERS. "Alfred has been a Club Member since 2009 and has been a strong supporter of the Club Sports program," said Robert Larios, the Club's Vice President of Operations. "He has organized and recruited members to participate in the team he manages called the Sluggers every year since the Club began the program in 2009. He knows the importance of the Club Sports as a way for employees to stay fit and have fun, and a way to enrich their work lives. He helps make memories that last a lifetime.

"The City Employees Club of Los Angeles is honored and privileged to recognize and award the 2014 Club Rep Award to Alfred."



The Absolutely Award, given to a Club Employee who exemplifies the Club spirit of "absolutely" great customer service, was presented by Club Director of Sales Angel Gomez to:

Megan DeBolt, Sr. Customer Service Associate at the Club Store. "Megan has demonstrated extraordinary enthusiasm for her job at the Club Store," Angel said. "Whether she helps you at the ticket counter, through emails or over the phone, you will immediately know she gives 'absolutely' the best service.

"Megan, you are absolutely awesome... absolutely a model for what the Club stands for... and an example for all others to follow. Thank you for making the Club a better place for all."



At the annual meeting were (from left) the Club's Katie Hesselstine, Monica Zamudia and Jennifer Shackelford.



With Club Vice President of Operations Robert Larios (left) is Jordan Price.



At the annual meeting were (from left) Club Rep Christine Rose of LAPD and the Club's Megan Evanich.



"Where No Club Has Gone Before!" Meeting decorations included the Club's Angel Gomez as "Star Trek's" Scotty, John Hawkins as Capt. Kirk, and Robert Larios as (the alternate universe) Mr. Spock.



Club CEO John Hawkins eyes the annual meeting's popular candy buffet.



David and Marie Jamgotchian of JLA Associates, designers of *Alive!*, create a candy buffet, always a hit with Club annual meeting attendees.