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# Letters to the Editor

## LETTER OF THE MONTH

### Lady Smith, Club's Softball Tournament Are Big Hits



Lady Smith:  
The Commish

Thank you, Lady Smith – the Commish! – for the opportunity to play in the Club softball tournament. I hope to be playing in this year's upcoming league that starts in July!

– Dominick King, Library

Hi Lady Smith! Thank you for inviting our team to play in the softball tournament. We had a blast, even though no one could get out of bed on Sunday since we were all sore! It is how it goes.

– Chris Torres, Harbor

To Lady Smith, Club Softball Commissioner: I just want to write a special thank you to you as I really enjoyed playing with the group. We had a lot of fun, so thank you for the invite. It was a very pleasant experience.

– Kenny Ordoñez, Public Works

#### She Uses Club Facebook Page To Thank Club Store Staff

I just want to say thank you to the staff! I drove from downtown Long Beach through traffic to the City Employees Club (downtown L.A.) and made it on the buzzer! The staff was nice enough to help me right at closing time. Thanks again!

– Trice Bowen, posted on Facebook

*Thanks, Trice! Club Members, have you "liked" us on Facebook like Trice has? You get to see current and breaking Club deals ... Alive! news ... updates on Club Counselors ... and much more. Like us today! – Ed.*

#### Quality, Productivity Innovations Start With Clever City Employees

Congratulations to all the employees and departments that were recognized in the Quality and Productivity Awards! It's great to see innovation and cost savings happening in the City. It is the kind of initiative that is seen by these employees that make them the leaders of the tomorrow. Let's keep an eye their careers! I know I will!

– Lonnie Garrison, LAPD

Dear Club, thank you, thank you, thank you for publishing the story about the City Employee Quality and Productivity Awards. I counted 18 Departments that were represented this year. That's just amazing. I hope other cities get to see how Los Angeles is leading the way in innovation from within. We should all be proud to be employees of the City of Los Angeles. Thanks again City Employees Club!

– Ramona Watkins, loving the Club!

I noticed that ITA won a Quality and Productivity award for its 311 mobile app. And boy to they deserve it! I live in the City of Los Angeles, and this app is amazing. It makes

contacting graffiti removal and sanitation for new trash cans so much easier. I can also upload photos of the graffiti to assist in finding it and cleaning it up. Thanks ITA!

– Willy Sanchez

#### On the Road With the Dodgers, With Club Deal

I got my tickets to all the Dodger games played in Los Angeles, Anaheim, San Diego and San Francisco! It just gets better and better at the Club. Thank you for making these tickets available!

– Joe Sanchez, LAFD

#### Expansion of Club Discounts Is Good News for Members

I wanted to let the Club know that we went to the amusement park in northern California called California's Great America in Santa Clara with the e-ticket I purchased at the Club Website. My family loved it! It is really great to know that the Club is expanding its menu of discounted tickets. We look forward to going back soon!

– Lisa Madalena, General Services

#### Club Featured Business Page Is Place to Start for Referrals

I want to let all *Alive!* readers know that I have worked with Bill Grijalva, the owner of Grijalva Construction, which is featured in the *Alive!*s Club-Featured Businesses section. He's a stand-up guy. I needed a patio repaired and he took care of it. There's no job too small or too big for this guy. The best part is that he had the best price of any other bid I got. Thanks, Club, for screening the people you feature!

– Tom Williamson,  
Club Member for 21 years

### FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS ANSWER THE...

## Question OF THE MONTH

– as collected from around the City by your friendly Club Counselors



### What are your plans for Memorial Day?



*The Club wishes everyone an enjoyable Memorial Day and extends its condolences to the families of all those who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of the United States.*



**"Barbecuing with the family."**

– Officer Nadya Bennyworth, LAPD, 24 years of City service



**"Going to Vegas to play baseball."**

– Officer Frederick A. Russell, LAPD, 17 years of City service, Club Member



**"Spend time with family."**

– Blanca Araujo, Clerk Typist, LAPD, 8 years of City service, Club Member



**"Barbecuing. Isn't everyone?"**

– Stephanie Gonzalez, Security Officer, 2 years of City service



**"At a wedding at a winery."**

– Rob Villeza, Assistant U.S. Attorney, 22 years of service



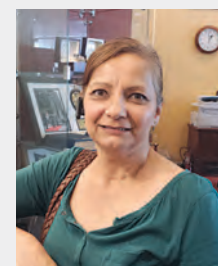
**"Nothing like heading into summer with a tasty barbecue."**

– Det. Stan Evans, 26 years of City service, Club Member



**"Barbecuing all day with my stepdaughter."**

– Wanda Tilley, Public Works/Street Services, 21 years of City service



**"A double celebration – it's also my birthday!"**

– Anita Torres, wife of Oscar Torres, DWP, 8 years of City service



**"Two words: barbecuing ribs!"**

– Francine Sylvia, Rec and Parks, 7 years of City service, with her daughter, Danielle

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**May 8**  
8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Rosa Calderon

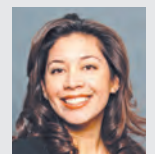
**May 15**  
8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Patty Pulido

**May 29**  
8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
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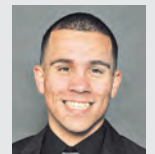
*Note: The Club Store will be closed May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.*



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Personal Insurance Agent



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Personal Insurance Agent



Xavier Rodriguez  
Personal Insurance Agent