



For Retired Club Members

# The Best Years

## CITY RETIREE ASSOCIATIONS

### Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



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

### Retiree Upcoming Events

#### Reservation Lines:

RLACEI events: (800) 678-4145, Ext. 701  
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LARFPA: (888) 288-5063

**June 4:** LARFPA general meeting 10 a.m. followed by annual barbecue (noon), Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park, Dr. Los Angeles

**June 5:** RLACEI 36th annual golf tournament, 7:30 a.m., Alhambra Municipal Golf Course, 630 S. Almansor St., Alhambra

**Aug. 14:** RLACEI annual picnic, Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park, Dr. Los Angeles

**Sept. 3:** LARFPA general meeting, 10 a.m., Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park, Dr. Los Angeles

**Sept. 18:** RLACEI annual corporation meeting and elections, 11:30 a.m., Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles

**Dec. 3:** LARFPA general meeting, 10 a.m., Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park, Dr. Los Angeles

**Dec. 4:** RLACEI holiday party, noon, Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles

**Dec. 7:** LARFPA Christmas Party, 11 a.m., Sportsmen's Lodge, 12825 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks

#### RLACEI Website

Hal Danowitz asks you to visit the RLACEI Website at [www.rlacei.com](http://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.

#### Contact the LA City Employees Retirement System

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. [www.lacers.org](http://www.lacers.org)

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## April Meeting on Finances Is Well Attended, Has Good Info

RLACEI

2010 Club Excellence Award Recipient



Ed Harding

By Ed Harding,  
RLACEI President

At our yearly general meeting April 10, more than 130 retirees came to the Friendship Hall on Riverside Drive for a great session that covered a lot of financial topics.

The meeting started with a full breakfast between 8 and 9 a.m. Then I introduced Assistant General Manager of LACERS, Lita Payne, and LACERS' Chief Health Benefits Administrator Alex Rabrenovich. Lita talked about the condition of our pension, and Alex talked about our health and dental benefits.

I turned the meeting over to Phil Orland, RLACEI Director, who

introduced Steven Montagna, Manager, Financial Services Section, Personnel. Michael Karsch introduced Michael B. Cox, New York Life and Annuity Corp. Greg Spiker introduced Stu Johnson, Assistant Vice President, First Investors Corporation, and Kevin George, George Group.

#### Topics of Discussion were:

- How the market performed in 2013.
- First quarter of 2014: How did the markets perform and why.
- Deferred compensation update.
- Income distribution.
- Managing retirement investments.
- Reverse mortgages.
- Effective estate planning with

wills and living trusts.

■ Social Security benefit windfall elimination provision and the government pension offset.

The meeting was a great success; many questions of concern were asked, and members were pleased with the information presented. Thank you, RLACEI Directors, for a job well done. Many \$25 gift certificates from the City Employees Club and \$50 Visa cards from First Investors, along with \$20 from RLACEI, were raffled off.

**Reminder:** Don't forget the upcoming annual golf tournament June 5 and the annual picnic Aug. 14. I'm looking forward to seeing you.

## Why Does LACERS Diversify Its Investments?



Michael R. Wilkinson

LACERS Board Update  
By Michael R. Wilkinson

I get questions from time to time from my fellow retirees about the fund's investments and why LACERS puts money in so many different kinds of investments. If it were possible to find one safe investment, shouldn't we be putting all of our money right there?

It is really good question, and the answer is that there is no one safe investment that provides a good return and also an extremely low risk of loss. The search for this one investment is similar to the quest for a zero-calorie chocolate-covered ice cream bon bon that tastes great and doesn't make you outgrow those skinny jeans! The

answer is that it does not exist.

The best that a pension plan, or an individual for that matter, can do is to carefully diversify between very low risk, but low-paying investments, and investments that pay more but are subject to risk of going up and down in value during market cycles. This risk, also called market volatility, is worth taking if the assets provide returns that are high enough to pay a patient long-term investor like LACERS for taking the risk.

LACERS uses a broad array of investments that range from low-paying, but extremely safe U.S. Treasury securities and bank accounts that are used for money that LACERS might need in a short time, to alternative investments that may lock up the asset for as much as 10 years, or longer. In addition

to spreading the risk out for different investments, the investment staff works to pick investments that perform well in different financial conditions. Think of the concept of having flowers that bloom in different seasons.

Take stocks (also called equities) and bonds (also called fixed income) for instance. There are many market cycles that favor stocks, when bonds are not doing well and vice versa. If investors are worried about the economy going forward, they may sell stocks (hurting the stock market), but buy bonds, which boosts the bonds' value. While a long-term investor may still suffer some losses during economic downturns, the losses will be less and the recovery much quicker if diversification is used to limit the risk of loss.



Michael Karsch

Legislative Report:  
Pension Law and Policy  
By Michael Karsch

**Short takes:** The City Council in early March approved a new contract with the union representing deputy city attorneys that gives no pay raises through 2016 and requires a bigger contribution towards healthcare costs; starting pay is lowered by \$2,000 (resulting in a salary of \$73,300), plus removal of four top pay steps, and making it longer to reach the top pay scale of \$172,000 ...

Also of note earlier this year is a state appellate court ruling that retiree health benefits are not vested benefits, as are employee

pensions, and therefore are not subject to the same rules that apply to pension benefits. This ruling involved a retired police officer in San Diego suing that City; the situation in San Diego may involve different facts than might be found in other cities and their ordinances and charter provisions ...

Remember Willie Brown, the long-serving Speaker of the Assembly, and former mayor of San Francisco? Writing in the *San Francisco Gate*, he had this take on the impact of public employee labor unions in municipal elections: "The San Diego mayoral victory by Kevin Faulconer means that the union-backed candidate [David Alvarez] lost not because he was a Democrat [Faulconer is Republican], but because he

was backed by the labor unions." Brown also referred to the Los Angeles race for mayor where the issue of public labor union involvement appeared to be a detriment in Wendy Greuel's campaign. Mr. Brown wrote: "The politicians they're backing aren't exactly winning points by running on platforms of allowing transit strikes and maintaining the status quo on public pensions" ...

And lastly, in Rhode Island: State officials and public union members have agreed on a deal ending that state's pension stalemate, according to a joint statement by Gov. Lincoln Chafee and State Treasurer Gina Raimondo.

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Legislative Report By Michael Karsch – continued

Remember that the treasurer had proposed stringent reforms in 2011 to meet the near default position of the state's pension system. The revised plan will combine defined benefit (DB) with defined contribution plans, and suspend annual

cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs). The original reform in 2011 is changed on the subject of retirement age back to 65 from 67 (the 2011 reform had raised the age to 67). The DB plans are retained with a two percent accrual with higher employee con-

tribution rates to workers with 20 or more years of service. The COLA would remain suspended until the \$8 billion pension plan is 80 percent funded, with occasional COLAs issued every four years, instead of five years.

LACERS Update



Mary Beetz

By Mary Beetz, RLACEI Publicity Chair

Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for 2014

By May of each year, the Board is required to determine the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Los Angeles area in order to provide a COLA to eligible retirees. The Administrative Code states that the COLA cannot exceed 3% annually.

When the CPI is greater than 3%, the difference is "banked"

for future years. When the CPI is less than 3%, LACERS can then use available "banked" amounts to increase the COLA to the maximum 3%. Just how much of a COLA a retired Member will receive depends on their retirement date and how much is "banked" from previous years.

In 2014, the CPI for the Los Angeles area is 1.1%. The Board of Administration adopted the cost-of-living-adjustments for eligible retired members and beneficiaries at their February 11, 2014 meeting. This COLA will be effective July 1, 2014.

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.

Mail information to:

Mary Beetz at 137 Westmont Drive, Alhambra, CA, 91801 or Email: mbeetz4841@aol.com

A Requiem for a Credit Union, A Friend in Need to a Rookie



Lee Kebler

By Lee Kebler, LARFPA Director

On the first of the month I lost an old friend. I met this friend back in 1947 when I joined the LAFD and found out that I had to buy all of my uniforms (work, fatigue, dress and hat), turnouts, boots, helmet and bedding (mattress protector, sheets, pillow, pillow sham and bed spread) by the time I graduated from the drill tower. Wow! That was a lot of money, close to \$300. I would be making \$170 a month and I still had to pay rent, buy gas and eat.

This was a common problem for many of the recruits. One of

the Drill Tower instructors suggested that we visit the Fireman's Credit Union on the third floor of (old) Fire Station 28 at Wilshire and Figueroa Boulevards. I took his suggestion went to the credit union and met Thelma Cumberworth, who approved a personal loan of \$300. Then she introduced me to the rest of the staff – Doris Zuckerman and Oscar Malm. This was my introduction to the Los Angeles Credit Union Fire Family. They catered and cared for their members.

The credit union continued to grow and expand over the years until the LAFD became fully manned. To continue its growth, the credit union allowed family members to join and graduated into recruiting fire depart-

ments from other jurisdictions in the state. As this growth increased, the credit union made a decision to terminate the Los Angeles Fireman's Credit Union and become a state-wide credit union called Firefighters First.

My lifelong friend, the caring and considerate fire family of the Los Angeles Fireman's Credit Union, just passed away. Now the Firefighters in Los Angeles are just one part of a 265-unit bank.

Don't forget to make your reservations for the LARFPA barbecue June 4 at Grace E. Simons Lodge. We have a great speaker, Ray Ciranna, General Manager, Fire and Police Pensions. See you there!

LARFPA

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
Adenwala, Drupad	Management Analyst II	Airports	33
Alcantara, Antonio	Event Attendant III	Convention Center	10
Almada, Graciela	Accounting Clerk II	Airports	13
Alvarez, Robert	Truck Operator	Zoo	25
Burciaga, George	Storekeeper II	General Services	25
Carey, William	Supt. of Operations III	Airports	44
Chaleff, Gerald	Administrator III	LAPD	22
Cheng, Raphael	Geotechnical Engineer II	Building and Safety	12
Chavez, Maria	Custodian	Airports	10
Chmielewski, Thomas	Welder	Zoo	26
Cruz, Luis	Civil Eng. Assoc. IV	Public Works	25
Daley, James	Security Officer	Airports	18
Dall, Marjorie	Rec Coordinator	Rec and Parks	30
Delupio, Teodoro	Sr. Accountant II	Building and Safety	25
Diles, Joatrice	Custodian Supervisor	General Services	7
Dyson, John	Housing Inspector	Housing	10
Feldman, Michael	Dep. General Manager	Airports	33
Finley, Stephen	Rec Coordinator	Rec and Parks	31
Garcia, Carmen	Crossing Guard	Transportation	3
Garcia, Jesus	Parking Attendant II	Convention Center	6
Garcia, Robert	Refuse Coll. Truck Op. II	Public Works	35
Gardner, Joe Allen	Systems Programmer	ITA	33
Greiner, Paul	Chief of Operations II	Airports	29
Holmes, Jerome	Traffic Officer II	Transportation	27
Hom, Raymond J.	Accounting Clerk II	Economic Workf.	33
Ighani, Anthony F.	Cable TV Product Ma. II	ITA	22
Johnson, Tommy	Maintenance Laborer	Transportation	15
Jones, Edward A.	Systems Analyst II	ITA	23

NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS
Keys, Cameron	Video Tech II	ITA	11
Kinaga, Patricia	Deputy City Attorney II	City Attorney	8
London, Jacquelyn	Clerk Typist	LAPD	7
Lopez, Roxanne	Sr. Personnel Analyst II	Personnel	12
Lorenzo, Manuel	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	7
Luther, David D.	Assistant General Ma.	Personnel	30
March, Eugene	Wastewater Coll. Worker II	Public Works	24
McGrew, Vivian	Sr. Workers Comp Analyst	Personnel	32
Monroe, Ronald E.	Safety Officer	Airports	34
Nguyen, Tien	Wastewater Treat. Op. III	Public Works	29
Nunes, Faaeseina	Legal Secretary II	City Attorney	32
Perez, Manuel	Management Analyst II	Public Works	42
Perez, Sergio	Wastewater Coll. Worker II	Public Works	30
Pierce, Karen Sue	Crime Intelli. Analyst II	LAPD	25
Ramirez, Ramon	Refuse Coll. Truck Op. II	Public Works	29
Ramos, Mary Ellen	Secretary	Economic Workf.	39
Randolph, Larry	Traffic Officer II	Transportation	24
Richardson, Shirley	Animal Keeper	Zoo	25
Sanchez, Edward	Paralegal I	City Attorney	11
Scully, Diane	Public Relations Sp. II	Aging	6
Shahidi, Houshang	Architectural Associate IV	Public Works	22
Slaughter, Brenda	Detention Officer	LAPD	32
Ten Brink, Robin	Electrical Craft Helper	Airports	32
Thompson, Augustine	Rehab Project Coord. II	Housing	20
Thompson, Stanley	Street Services Worker III	Public Works	16
Tribble, Sidney	Sr. Management Analyst II	Airports	34
Uyehara, Enid	Clerk Typist	Finance	29
Witte, Richard	Emerg. Prep Coord. II	Airports	16

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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 LAFCU. For information on problems, activities, meetings or membership. Each officer's extension is listed below.

Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System: (800) 779-8328

RLACEI Retirement Counselors and Retiree Helplines (800) 678-4145

• Mary Beetz	Ext. 711
• Cliff Cannon	Ext. 715
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• Edward Harding	Ext. 703
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• Phillip Orland	Ext. 709
• Neil Ricci	Ext. 714
• Helen Salgado (membership)	Ext. 713
• Ken Spiker	Ext. 705
• Tom Sternnock	Ext. 708
• Michael Wilkinson	Ext. 712

Questions: Ext. 0  
RSVP: Ext. 701

DWP Retirement Plan Office (213) 367-1722

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2013 Club Excellence  
Award Recipient



By Hal Danowitz,  
Secretary, RLACEI

## D-Day and Downton

Hal and Co. enjoy a cruise from London to New York, with plenty of stops.

PART FOUR



*My wife, Evelyn, and I took a cruise on the Caribbean Princess from London (Southampton) around the British Isles and then crossed the pond to New York City.*

*The ports were Southampton, Guernsey (Saint Peter Port), Cork (Ireland), Dublin (Ireland), Liverpool (England), Glasgow (Scotland), Belfast (Northern Ireland), Edinburgh (Scotland), Invergoron (Scotland), Le Havre (France), Southampton (England), Bergen (Norway), Shetland Island (United Kingdom), Faroe Island (Denmark), Akureyri (Iceland), Isafjordur (Iceland), Reykjavik (Iceland), Nanortalik (Greenland), St John (Newfoundland, Canada), and New York City. It was two cruises back to back; the first part took 12 days, and part two took 16 days. We departed Aug. 14 and returned Sept. 15.*

As we continue story, our ship docked in Le Havre, France early on Aug. 27 as our land tour to Normandy left at 7:30 a.m. Our first stop was Arromanches, where the Canadians landed on June 6, 1944 at Juno Beach. The Americans landed at Utah and Omaha Beaches, and the British landed at Gold and Sword beaches. These were not the French beach names; they were the Operation Overlord code names, but now the names are associated with the areas. Arromanches was also the location of one

of David of young men and women (four female nurses were killed) who gave their lives for freedom is quite moving. Also buried there are American servicemen who were part of the European campaigns either before June 6, 1944 or after the initial battle as late as December 1945. The entire cemetery is considered United States soil and is maintained by the US government.

We then had a photo stop at Omaha Beach. There are a number of memorials honoring the units that fought here. It is also an active beach area, and there were a number of people on the beach and in the water. The weather was clear and sunny, with the temperature in the mid 70s, but it felt warmer.

Our last stop was Pointe du Hoc, where three companies of US Army Rangers scaled the 100-foot cliffs on D-Day to capture this strategic position.

It was another two-hour ride back to the ship, but the trip was well worth it to honor those who fought and died for our freedom.

Le Havre was our last port on the first half of the trip. Lanny and Elaine would be



Winchester Cathedral.

The restaurant has won numerous annual awards for the best floral landscaping of a pub in Westminster. Then we stopped to take a picture of the Winchester Cathedral. The earliest parts were built before 839 when the then-King of England was buried there. Most of the "newer" parts date back to the 11th century. For many years Winchester was the capital of England. It is where King Arthur held court and where the Knights of the Round Table met. We didn't see Sir Lancelot or Lady Guinevere, but we did see a statue of King Arthur. Oh the days of Camelot! I could almost see Lancelot slaying a dragon.

Both Winchester and Southampton offered plenty to see, and I could have easily spent two days at each.

Trevor returned us to the ship a little after 3 p.m.

The next day was a sea day. The itinerary for the next part of the cruise starting Aug. 29 included: at sea, Bergen (Norway), Shetland Island (UK), Faroe Island (Denmark), at sea, Akureyri, Isafjordur, Reykjavik (Iceland), two sea days, Nanortalik (Greenland), two sea days, St. John's (Newfoundland), two sea days, New York City.

We lost an hour the previous night so the next day we slept in until 8 a.m. We had a bridge lesson at 10 a.m. and then played duplicate bridge from 1 to 4 p.m. That was to be our routine for most sea days. The bridge instructor and his wife seemed like good teachers, so maybe we would learn something. There were 13 tables of duplicate, and we played two boards each in about two and a half hours. We didn't play too badly, but still ended up on the bottom.

Tomorrow we were scheduled to visit Bergen, Norway. I hoped the weather was good as we were planning to take the Hop-On Hop-Off bus. More next month.



The remains of a Mulberry harbor at Arromanches.



Hal and Evelyn at lunch at the Hotel Ferme de la Ranconniere.

of two Mulberry artificial harbors, and you can still see remnants of one of the artificial harbors. Without them, the Allies would not have been able to provide the supporting materials and equipment to maintain the beachhead.

We visited the D-Day Museum in Arromanches, which gave us an overview of the battle of Normandy. The drive to Arromanches from Le Havre took about two hours.

We then had a very good lunch at the Hotel Ferme de la Ranconniere. It was an old French farmhouse, and really lovely.

We then drove to Colleville-Sur-Mer, home to the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial. It is just above Omaha Beach and is the resting place for nearly 10,000 servicemen who died during the Normandy campaign. This was a very emotional visit for a lot of us. The rows of crosses and Stars

leaving for home and we were to continue to New York.

It is only 80 miles from Le Havre to Southampton, where we docked about 6 a.m. Aug. 28, and where some passengers left and others boarded the ship.

We were picked up for our visit to Highclere Castle at 9 a.m., so we did not have to rush. Highclere is about 40 miles from Southampton, near Newbury and Berkshire. Our tour tickets were for 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The castle has been the home of the Earls and Countesses of Carnarvon for more than 300 years. It is also used in the British TV series Downton Abbey, and that's why we visited it.

Our driver, Trevor, picked us up on time, and we reached the castle by 10 a.m. We were in one of the first cars to arrive there, and we able to take some pictures before it became too crowded. For whatever reason they opened the castle at 10 a.m., so we really were lucky to beat the crowds. We saw most of the first and second floors, and there were guides in each room to answer questions.

The Fifth Earl of Carnarvon, together with his colleague Howard Carter, discovered the Tomb of Tutankhamen in 1922. There is an exhibit at the castle to commemorate that achievement. Sadly the Earl was the first victim of the "curse of Tut" and died less than a year after the discovery. His wife, Lady Almina, was the illegitimate daughter of Alfred de Rothschild. The current Countess number eight has written a book about that

period. Both Evelyn and I have read the book, and we found it very interesting. A lot of what is depicted on Downton Abbey also occurred in real life.

After we finished with the inside, we toured the Egyptian Exhibition and walked around the expansive gardens and fields.

The castle is open only from mid-July to mid-September, Sunday to Thursday. It's also open for a few days in December. Tickets go on sale in February, and when I tried to get tickets in May they were sold out. They do have walk-up sales, but you cannot be sure of a ticket. Luckily the company I hired (West Quay) to drive us had a pair of tickets for Aug. 28. They were purchased Feb. 14.

We left the castle and drove to Winchester for lunch at a very refined pub called the Red Lion. It had the most beautiful blooming plants in front, along the drive and around the back patio.



Pointe du Hoc, where US Army Rangers scaled the cliffs to fight the German defenses.



The Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial at Colleville-Sur-Mer.



An Omaha Beach memorial.



Evelyn at Highclere Castle, site of the modern-day Downton Abbey.



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- **The cheapest tickets in the City – UP TO 60% OFF**
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- Club-exclusive events
- E-mail notices about upcoming events and promotions
- Access to Club Website
- And much more!

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36th Annual Retirees Invitational Golf Tournament

The 36th Annual Retired Los Angeles City Employees Invitational Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2014 at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course with a "Shotgun Start" at 7:30 a.m. The course is located at 630 South Almansor Street, Alhambra, CA 91801. Check-in is at 7:00 a.m. **SOFT SPIKES MANDATORY!**

- The tournament is open to retired and active employees and friends. The cost is \$67 for R.L.A.C.E.I. and City Club Members (\$77 for all others) and includes green fees, carts, prizes and lunch at the Almansor Court restaurant. Lunch only is \$25.
- Those interested in participating must complete the reservation form and mail it with their check payable to **"R.L.A.C.E.I." by May 23th** to: Tom Stemnock, Chairman, 4040 Vineland Avenue, Suite 108, Studio City, CA 91604. For any questions, call Chairman Tom Stemnock at (818) 487-6789.

2014 Golf Tournament Reservation Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Included \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$67 for R.L.A.C.E.I. and City Club Members (\$77 for all others)

Luncheon Only: \$25

Make checks payable to **R.L.A.C.E.I.**

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<b>(check all that apply)</b>			
Name			
1. _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Reservation deadline: Friday, May 23th. Mail completed reservation form and check to:  
**Tom Stemnock, Chairman**  
4040 Vineland Avenue, Suite 108, Studio City, CA 91604 • (818) 487-6789

Show Us Your Grand-kids!



Retirees: *Alive!* wants to show off your grandkids! So send in those photos!

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 grand-kids.
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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## RETIREES



## AROUND THE WORLD

### 1 Philippines



Here's **Pablo Ninofranco, Retired, Harbor**, at the PAL golf tournament in the Philippines.

### 2 France



Here's **LACERS Retired Board Member Mike Wilkinson** at the Louvre Museum in Paris.

### 3 Mexico

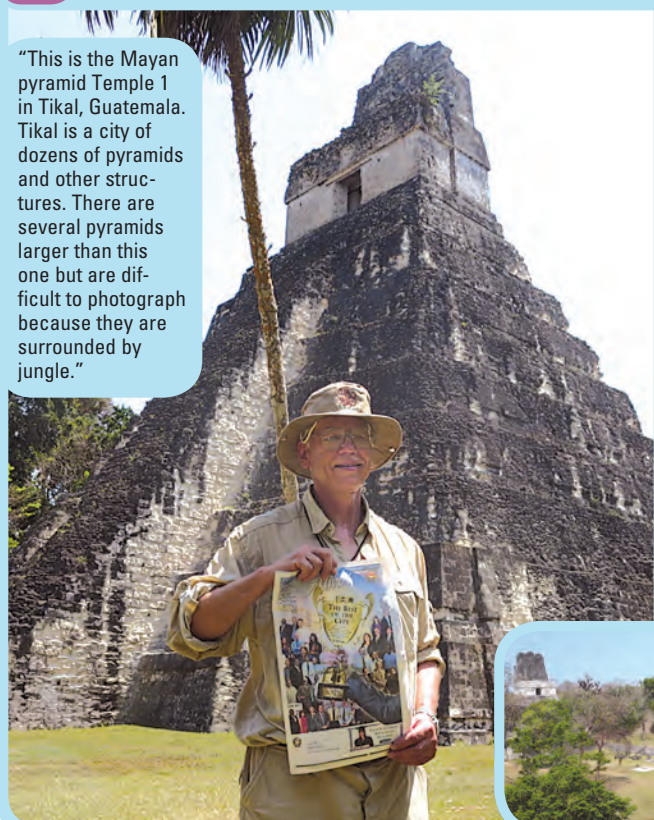


Here's **Debra Redwine, Retired, Airports**, visiting Chichén Itzá in the Yucatán Peninsula, Mexico.

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### Guatemala & Channel Islands

"This is the Mayan pyramid Temple 1 in Tikal, Guatemala. Tikal is a city of dozens of pyramids and other structures. There are several pyramids larger than this one but are difficult to photograph because they are surrounded by jungle."



Club Member **Richard Radmacher, Retired, DWP** has been busy traveling!

"I spent three days and nights on a boat with a hiking trip to the Channel Islands. The first picture is cruising into Santa Cruz, the largest island in California. The next is from the top of Santa Rosa Island. Last is the Cabrillo monument on top of San Miguel Island, where Cabrillo died in 1543, shortly after he discovered the islands. The main highlights of the trip were major sightings of humpback whales, elephant seals on shore, a sea lion feeding, hundreds of porpoises going somewhere fast, 'forests' of coreopsis in bloom, fantastic painted cliffs, and of course, the boat ride itself. There's nothing else like it on the mainland."



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