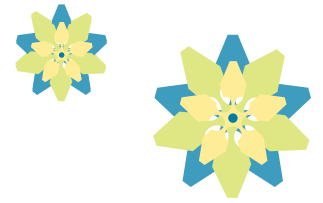




Life's Important Moments



Share your moments!

Did you get married? Have a baby? Get a promotion? We want to hear from you. Share your news with the world! Send all notices and high resolution photos with the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com or send paper notices and print photos to: Alive!, 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Welcome New Members!
The Club gives a great big welcome to these new members, who recently joined the Club:

New Members

Airports

Bertha Cruz
Alberto Davalos Jr.
Michael Stevens

Animal Services

Eugene Rodriguez

Building and Safety

Donald Gallagher

City Attorney

LaShon Simmons

CDD

Tanisha Wilson

Controllers Office

Donald Peabody

Cultural Affairs

Jose Cabrera
Leah Chu

Finance

Julie Ann Aguila
Shahid Chaudhry
Alfredo Del Real
Rosetta Goff
Khia Moore
Christina Saman
Adrine Temuryan

LAFD

Dennis Adkins
Brian Brooks
Brent Dalton
Richard EGGLESTON
Oliver Fry
Juan Guerra
Michael Hayes
Cory Jackson
Carlos Limon
Andrew Makshanoff
Joe Manzo
Robert McCloud
Daniel Mehterian
Raul Miranda
Victor Oseguera
Robert Paez
Andrew Ramirez
Anthony Randolph
Harold Reyes

General Services

Bernard Salazar
Omar Serrano
Russell Shields
David Spence
Sean Williams
Emile Williams
Joel Williams
Ljubomia Zagorac

Harbor

Ashley Ingram
Robert Parral
Meagan Sestich

Housing

Liliana De La Torre
Dalana Gonzalez
Maria Gutierrez
Edmund Hernandez
Lydia Pena
Anita Sibayan
Lashonza Spates
Julia Sutton
Mike Wang
Gabriela Zarate

ITA

Richard Nicely

Library

Joshua Linton

Neighborhood Empowerment

Sevak Palamazian

Personnel

Jimmy Jones

LAPD

Luis Alarcon

Public Works

Laura Astorga
Azain Bautista
Jeff Beck
Nathan Benson
James Blocker
Tanya Bobo
Sharon Brady
Randy Canister
Jamie Carganilla
Christian Carrillo
Joseph Carter
Roberto Cerecer
Joe Chavez
Oscar Cordoba
Lourdes Coronado
David Crew
Laura Crockett
Rosalind Cummings
Ternika Dailey
Jerry Earl
Bernard Fitchpatrick
Heather Gageby
David Garrido
AnneMichelle Green
Michael Hall
Brian Harden
John Hill
DeWana Hubbard
Brent Johnson
Paul Jordan
Mi Kim
Kim Ko
Stacey Kunch
Gloria Kurey
Brady Lamas
Jose Lara
Mark Lauderdale
Jedd Levin
Robert Lona
Frank Lopez
John Luk
Noel Magpoc
Leslie Mariscal
Antonio Martinez
Ramon Martinez
Victor Martinez
Karrie McCamish
Carshie Moss
Ignacio Murillo

Public Works

Sam Oh
Emma Pangilinan
Erik Pena
Elida Pena
Tony Perez
Robert Phan
Martin Preciado
Kenneth Pritchett
Gloria Reyes
Bret Richards
Laura Romero
Luis Romero
Armando Romero
Frederick Russell
Salvador Sahagun
Vanessa Sanchez
Abegaye Scianni
Carlos Silva
Trevor Silvera
Scott Smith
Kenneth Smith
Elisha Smith
Elva Soriano
Alejandra Soto
Timothy Swift
Adrian Torres III
Marco Tovar
Paul Vernon
Erin Weeks
Renee Williams
Chris Yzaguirre

PUBLIC WORKS

PW-Engineering

Aaron Jenks
Daniel Ortega

PW-Sanitation

Jonathan Baxter
Peter Cardenas
Jose Chicas
Culver Gibson
Rasheid Merriman
Geraldine Patten
Gabriel Viado
Gerald Watson

PW-Street Lighting

Joe Villarreal

PW-Street Services

Ivan Cortina
Victor Garcia
Jorge Garcia
Joaquin Herndon
Byron Jenkins
Juliet Segee
Darrelton Smith

Rec and Parks

Jose Hernandez
John Lopez
Guillermo Lopez
Cristina Lovett
Gerardo Mora
Sarah Ramirez
Robert Rodriguez
Salvador Sosa

Transportation

David Abrego
Anthony Argomaniz
Patricia Barrios
Jose Castillo
Edwina Chism
Walter Greene
Leia Griffin
Shawn Grissom
Margo Hamlin
Ryan Holbrook
Dwight Johnson
Lan Nguyen
Samuel Rios
Joshua Roberson
Michael Suarez

Retired

William Buchanan
James Jones
Julie Wang

DWP

Brandee Bereal
Miike Cahill
Daphne Evangelista
Alicia Madrid
Andrew Perez
Louie Puentes
Elliot White

Other

Daniel Aispuro

Other

Shalon Barbee
Teresa Barboza
Racquel Baronio
Robert Barrios
Charleston Beard
Linda Boyol
John Burnes
Sonia Caballero
Erika Campos
David Carranza
Norma Castro
Alva Chavez-Rios
Brandt Clark
Jack Clemens
Mario Dalangpan
Robert Dolan III
Martha Dorado
Shaun Drees
John Durkak
David Franco
Steven Garcia
Carlos Garrido
Lucas Gomes
Francis Gosun
Priscilla Gray
Shanelle Guy
Lorena Hernandez
Glenn La Grange
Alberto Mares
Antonio Mejia
Mario Menchaca
David Mendoza
Brian Miller
Tiffany Ortiz
Alexander Partida
Sandra Pritchard
Janet Recendiz
Lauren Rendon
Thomas Rice
Emma Roublow
Jorge Rubio Jr.
Kay Ruse
Elizabeth Sandoval
Raymond See
Amy Silvie
Catherine Stinson
Camille Tucker
Norair Vertanus
Anita Ward
Dawn Williams

Peace of Mind

by Tiffany Sy
The Club's Peace of Mind Expert

The Importance of Cancer Coverage

The American Cancer Society reports that in 2014, there will be an estimated 1,665,540 new cancer cases diagnosed and 585,720 cancer deaths in the United States. Cancer remains the second-most-common cause of death in the United States, accounting for nearly one of every four deaths.

Some folks have asked me why they need cancer insurance if their health plan covers treatment? My response: You will still need to pay for items not covered by health insurance, including out-of-pocket medical costs/co-insurance, home health-care, travel to treatment facilities, and childcare. Also, who's earning the paycheck when you're off work and recovering?

The Club's group-rated Cash Cancer plan will pay you a lump sum, nontaxable benefit of up to \$50,000 to protect you from all the associated costs of dealing with cancer not covered by your health plan upon first diagnosis of internal cancer or malignant melanoma.

Now, let's say that you've enrolled in the Club's cancer plan and it covers your family for the next 20 years, and everyone is healthy and free of cancer 20 years from now. Here's the kicker: You get all your premium dollars back. All the

payments you've made to the insurance company to insure you for the past 20 years will be returned. And the icing on the cake, say goodbye to payments and keep the coverage for a lifetime! (These are options offered on 20-year, ROP plan.)

You are automatically approved if you've never been diagnosed with cancer. It doesn't matter whether cancer is prevalent in your family history, nor does it matter if you are a tobacco user or work in a high-risk environment that exposes you to carcinogenic chemicals. You will qualify for the plan as long as you are a Club Member in good standing and

actively working for the City. (Must enroll by age 64.) This plan is portable so you can take it with you when you retire or leave the City.

You have the option to apply for benefits in increments ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000 per person in your family. Rates are locked in to your age at the time of enrollment. So, what are you waiting for? C'mon, get started today!

Contact me at
TSy@cityemployeesclub.com

Graduations



Congrats, Robert!

Alive! is delighted to report that the Club's Vice President of Operations, Robert Larios, graduated from the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business with a Master of Business Administration on May 1st. Michigan's program is ranked by the *Financial Times* number 2 in general management, number 4 in corporate strategy, and number seven by *Fortune* and *U.S. News and World Report*, and number 10 overall by *Bloomberg Businessweek* in its ranking for best MBA program in the United States. The select few executive MBA candidates have an average of 10 to 15 years of experience with more than five years of supervisory experience. Congratulations, Robert!

Robert Larios (left) with John Hawkins, Club CEO, in Ann Arbor, Michigan.



Robert Larios (center) celebrating with David Jamgotchian, JLLA Assoc. (designers of *Alive!*) and John Burnes, editor of *Alive!*



Rufus Gray V graduated from Gahr High School in Cerritos. He's the grandson of Brenda R. Edwards, DWP.



Kasey Stokes graduated from Cal State Northridge with a degree in photography. He works for Rec and Parks, and both his parents, Betty and Thomas Stokes, worked for the City. Kasey dedicates his degrees to his sister, Sydney K. Stokes, who passed away in 2005. All his hard work and sacrifice was in honor and memory of his sister. Kasey hopes to become a director of photography and professional freelance photographer.



Mary Patricia Jade Navarro Cruz graduated with a degree in behavioral science from the University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines. She's the niece of Cherry Navarro-Nicodemus, Public Works/Engineering.



Christian Lipps is graduating from Champs Charter High School of the Arts, Multimedia and Performing in Van Nuys, where he has specialized in broadcast production. He's been involved in basketball and boxing. "I am proud that you have made good choices. Continue what you have started," says proud mom Kreshell Ramey, DWP.



Tiffinee M. Derby is graduating from William "Pete" Knight High School in Palmdale. She plans to attend Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn. on a full-ride academic and athletic scholarship. She plans to major in business administration and join the track team. Her parents are Michael Derby, Public Works/Sanitation, and Gwen Derby, DWP.



Shayla Denise Calleros is graduating from Alta Loma High School in Rancho Cucamonga and plans to attend the University of California, Berkeley, in the fall. Her dad is Edward Calleros, Public Works/Sanitation. "Congratulations, Shayla," he says.



Tim Spears Jr. is graduating from Highland High School in Palmdale and has a scholarship for Berklee College of Music in Boston. His father is Timothy Spears, Public Works/Sanitation.



Danielle Davis is graduating with honors from the Port of Los Angeles High School. She plans to attend Cal Poly Pomona this fall, majoring in graphic design. Danielle is the daughter of James (Harbor) and Lydia Davis.



Kameron K. Washington is graduating from City Honors College Preparatory High School in Inglewood. In the fall he plans to attend Tuskegee University on a full academic merit scholarship studying kinesiology. He's the son of Kevin L. Washington, DWP.



Falysa Stefanovich is graduating from Abeka Academy. She's the daughter of Robert Stefanovich, Airport Police, and Denice Stefanovich. "Falysa, we are so proud of you, and watching you grow up all these years has been a great blessing from God."



Justine Bennett is graduating from Diamond Ranch High School in Pomona. She intends to attend Cal State Northridge in the fall, majoring in kinesiology. In high school she was active in her local community, a student writer and a BSU and performing arts academy member. Outside of school, she volunteered at her church. Justine's mother is Pamela Bennett, City Attorney's Office, and her father is Otis Bennett.



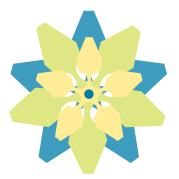
Anthony Ulysses Longoria is graduating eighth grade from St. Andrew Catholic Elementary School in Pasadena. He has been granted the Trustee Scholarship from Don Bosco Technical High School in Rosemead for his outstanding academic achievements. His future plans are to become an engineer. His father is Manuel Longoria, DWP.



Ashley Orantes is graduating from George Washington Carver Middle School in Los Angeles. She wants to become a singer and someday pursue her career in law. She's the daughter of Sonia Galan, Transportation. "Your family loves you and we support you in anything you decide to do in every step of your way," her mom writes.



Life's Important Moments



Weddings

Have a photo of a recent wedding? Send photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Deron McBride and La Tonya Walker, Oct. 3. Deron is the son of Belinda Hill, LAFD, Club Member.

"May it be a marriage that will be blessed."
– Belinda Hill



Alive! in the Military

Births

Special Achievements

Have a photo of a recent event?
Send photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



In Memoriam

It's Time to

Tell Their Story

An Alive! feature

Every month, *Alive!* publishes the names of those current or retired City Employees who have died. But who were they? Did you know them? If you worked with any of these people, knew a story or two about them or were related to them, consider writing to *Alive!* and letting us know. *Tell their story!*

- Write a few sentences or paragraphs
- Send in a photo, if you have one
- Let us know your name and connection to the deceased
- Send your memories to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com
Subject line: *Tell Their Story*



Our thoughts and condolences are with the family and friends of the following current and retired City employees who have passed away. The number after the name indicates years of service.

Active

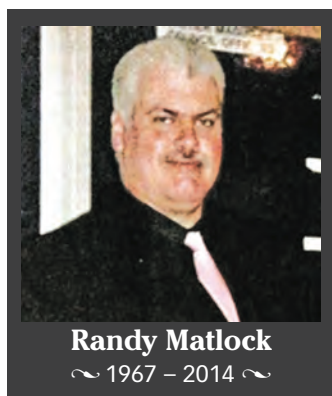
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- Gonzalez, Salvador, Rec and Parks, 17
- Hunt, Gregory, Public Works, 26
- Jenkins, Anthony, Airports, 28
- Paiz, Jose, Library, 24
- Pederson, Mark, Public Works, 9
- Pham, Cuong, Public Works, 24
- Respass, Paul, Transportation, 30

Retired

- Allen, Jack, Rec and Parks, 5
- Brown, Edward, Public Works, 30
- Bryant, Frank, Airports, 23
- Bush, Loretta, DWP, 25
- Butorac, George, DWP, 36
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- Closs, Rosa, Personnel, 12

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- DiGenova, Marilyn, DWP, 22
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- Hoffman, John, Public Works, 30
- Jones, Doyle, DWP, 26
- Lorentzen, Paul, DWP, 24
- Madison, Willis, LAPD, 13
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- McChristy, James, General Services, 10
- McCoy, Charles, Public Works, 22
- Medina, Alfredo, DWP, 26
- Mercado, Rudy, Airports, 36
- Montemayor, Julio, General Services, –

- Moran, Myles, DWP, 16
- Quan, Charles, DWP, 38
- Reeves, Donald, DWP, 35
- Riley, Bob, Rec and Parks, 30
- Rozzelle, Charles, City Planning, 36
- Salas, Rudolph, Rec and Parks, 33
- Sechrest, Arthur, General Services, 7
- Shaw, Richard, DWP, 33
- Shimizu, Ko, General Services, 20
- Smith, Donald Jr., DWP, 29
- Terry, John, DWP, 11
- Villanueva, Melchor, Public Works, 12
- Wentworth, Janet, Mayor's Office, 13
- Wesley, Roberta, General Services, 13
- Wilson, Richard, DWP, 15
- Woodard, Novia, Public Works, 33
- Young, Libbie, LAPD, 19



Randy Matlock
~ 1967 – 2014 ~

Remembering Randy Matlock

Public Works/Sanitation

Randy Matlock passed away Jan. 30. He was 47.

Randy was born at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles and grew up in the Highland Park area of Los Angeles. He attended Benjamin Franklin High School. He started working for the City January 1989 as a Maintenance Laborer, Public Works/ Street Services, Lot Cleaning Division. He was promoted a few years later to Refuse Collection Truck Operator, Public Works/Sanitation. He was employed by the City for 25 years.

Randy was a member of the Knights of Columbus, having attained third degree status. He coached countless youth sports teams, including baseball and softball. He also volunteered many hours to his children's parochial school and church. He was a strong LA sports fan: Dodgers, Lakers, UCLA, and still a Raiders fan. He was somewhat of a history buff as well.

He was a loving husband and father to his wife, Barbara, and their three children: Brandon, Brittany and Amanda. He adored his 15-month old grandson, Aidan.

Randy will be remembered for his strong voice, his crazy sense of humor, and for his amazing cooking and barbecuing talents. He will also be remembered for being a family-centered man.



Connie Zambrano
~ Died July 23, 1991 ~

Remembering Connie Zambrano

Library

My mother, Connie M. Zambrano, worked for the City 1973 to 1991. She started her career at the North Hollywood Regional Library. She loved working for the libraries and made some great friends and co-workers. My greatest memories, as a child, were of her taking my sister, brother and me to all the functions held throughout the City. From Central Library to North Hollywood, she took great pride in her work and time with the City. She last worked at the Van Nuys Valley Book Mobile.

She was loved by all but mostly by me. Thank you, Mother, for helping me obtain my first City job as a Messenger Clerk for North Hollywood Library in 1981. Working alongside of her taught me good ethics, responsibilities and integrity. I'm sure she would be proud to know that I continued my career with the City and have enjoyed working all Departments of the city, including Library, Airports and LAPD.

– Isabel Gonzalez,
PSR, LAPD Valley
Communications