



Stories by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor

# Baker to Vegas: Party Time!

**After the conclusion of the world-famous Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup foot race March 22-23, City teams gathered to celebrate their great achievements. *Alive!* was there to chronicle the fun!**

This amazing footrace is an annual event for public safety organizations throughout the world. The relay race is a 120-mile, 20-stage footrace between Baker, Calif., and Las Vegas and is considered the "Super Bowl" of law enforcement; the champions are the best, in terms

of physical fitness and logistics the police world has to offer. The race was created by and is managed by the Los Angeles Police Rotary and Athletic Club, and the City Employees Club is grateful for their leadership.

*Party Party Party Party Party*

## Airport Police

Photos by Dalila Vielma, Club Counselor

On March 23, the Airport Police B2V team celebrated their mugging (earning a trophy) in this year's race by gathering together at the Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas. The LAX Airport Police team enjoyed an assortment of food, cheers and good company.

This marked Team LAX's third mug, following their other two in 2012 and 2013. Keep up the good work, Team LAX!



From Left: Violeta Hernandez, guest; and Officer II Joseph Hernandez, 4 years of City service, Club Member.



From Left: Officer Carley Oliver, 4 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer Josh Casanova, 4 years, Club Member.



From left: Jon Van Dragt, CHP, 7 years of State service; Adam Brink, guest; and Officer II Nick Van Dragt, 5 years of City service, Club Member.



From Left: Monica Tucker, Police Dispatcher, 10 years of City service, Club Member; Violeta Hernandez, guest.



From left: Terry Gannon, guest; and Chief Pat Gannon, 35 years of City service.



From left: Ruben Casanova, guest; Sarah Casanova, guest; and Officer Josh Casanova, 4 years, Club Member.



From left: Mark Corral, Emergency Service Unit, 15 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer II Chad White, 4 years, Club Member.



From left: James Flanagan, guest; and Madeleine Flanagan, Sr. Management Analyst I, 26 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Ryan Carter, Airport Security, 10 years of City service, Club Member; and Patricia Valles, Airport Security, 15 years, Club Member.



From left: Sgt. Manny Portillo, 30 years of City service, Club Member; and Capt. Mario Patrick, 24 years, Club Member.



From left: Mayra Cisneros, Airport Security Officer, 10 years of City service, Club Member; Juana Ramirez, guest; and Edgar Hernandez, guest.

From left: Officer III Charles Yoon, 4 years of City service, Club Member; Officer II Victor Padilla, 3 years, Club Member; Officer Josh Casanova, 4 years, Club Member; Mark Corral, Emergency Service Unit, 15 years, Club Member; and Officer II Joseph Hernandez, 4 years, Club Member.



## LAPD Security/Transportation

Photos by Dalila Vielma, Club Counselor

On March 23, the LAPD/Transportation Baker to Vegas team gathered at the beautiful vacation home of Albert and Diana Armijo in Las Vegas to celebrate the team's mugging (trophy) in the 30th annual Baker to Vegas race. The combined team of LAPD Security and Transportation placed 32nd out of 62 teams in the invitational mix category and 161st place overall.

During the celebration, the team and its friends and families enjoyed great food and even better company! Congratulations! Way to win that mug!



Andrew Lee, Traffic Officer, 8 months of City service, Club Member.



Celina Lopez, guest; and Jesus Lopez, Traffic Officer II, 17 years of City service.



Sgt. Ilona Wade, 16 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Reggie Allen, Traffic Officer II, 14 years of City service, Club Member; Lindsay Smiley, Support Team; Latisha Vargas, Traffic Officer, 14 years, Club Member; and Diana Rogers, Traffic Officer, 13 years.



Albert Armijo, Retired Street Services Investigator, 26 years of City service; and Sgt. Diana Armijo, Transportation and Support Team Coordinator, 26 years, Club Member.



Sergio Flores, Traffic Officer II, 8 years of City service, Club Member; and Veronica Flores, guest.



Grey Rogers, Traffic Officer, 14 years of City service, Club Member; and Diana Rogers, Traffic Officer, 13 years, Club Member.



From left: Lt. Eric Clay, Retired, 35 years of City service, Club Member; and Sgt. Roger Gornick, Retired, 31 years, Club Member.



From left: Lt. Donna Jackson, 37 years of City service; and Diane Gornick, guest.

## Port Police

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On March 23, the Port Police's Baker to Vegas running/support team and friends gathered at the Las Vegas Hotel to celebrate the team's mug (trophy) victory in the 30th annual Challenge Cup Relay. This is the Port's fourth consecutive year mugging!

The team, made up of the same core group from the initiation of the team in 2007, celebrated their placing with refreshments and toasts in its new 2014 Challenge mugs.

Congratulations to the Port Police team on all its hard work and achievements.



From left: Det. Al Alvarado, 13 years of City service, Club Member; and Jason Gertler, Special Agent, 18 years.



From left: Lt. Daniel Eleman, Retired, 35 years of City service; Officer III Alex Castillo, 9 years, Club Member; Officer II Rudy Meza, Retired, 32 years, Club Member; and Ismael Flores, Senior Lead Officer, 8 years, Club Member.

**Economic/Workforce Development**

*Story and photos courtesy Economic/Workforce Development*

# Getting LA Back 2 Work

**Unique City program is helping those laid off to find new jobs.**

**W**ith funding from the United States Government, the City's Economic and Workforce Development Dept. has launched the second year of its Getting LA Back 2 Work program, which accepts employees laid off from certain organizations (including the City of LA) and retrains them to better find work.

The program is funded by a \$17 million National Emergency Grant under the Department of Labor. This grant targets displaced workers from specific public agencies and private companies identified from the Department of Labor. The grant provides qualified displaced workers with up to \$7,500 in training and placement support.

The City is partnering with 18 WorkSource Centers located throughout Los Angeles. The goal is to identify 2,000 dislocated workers and get them enrolled, trained and placed in jobs.

"We want to urge everyone qualified for this grant to take advantage of all the funding and services available to them, especially the \$10,000 in free training to help them become more skilled and marketable to reenter the workforce," says Scott Lee, Program Director. "Our ultimate goal is 'Getting LA Back 2 Work.'"

The specialized training includes: assessment (basic skills, career and vocational aptitude); customized training; employment preparation (résumé and interview skills); job/paid

internship placement assistance; vocational training; on-the-job training; and supportive services (bus tokens, work clothes, tools, child care etc.).

**To qualify for this program, you must:**

- Have been laid off from one of the listed employers (see the Website for the complete list)
- Have a valid California drivers license and Social Security card or a valid U.S. passport
- Have unemployment insurance documentation and a lay-off notice, if applicable, and
- Be registered with available Selective Service (for men only).

The program predicts that new jobs could be coming in the following industries: health-care, advance manufacturing (i.e., biotech, high-tech manufacturing), logistics, hospitality, construction, entertainment and fashion.

"On its face, the concept is a good one," says Jan Perry, General Manager, Economic/Workforce Development, Club Member. "We need to be much more aggressive in expanding our universe of contacts. That requires intelligent outreach and effective use of social media. To that end you will see a deeper collaboration from our Department with stakeholders and partners to help Get LA Back 2 Work."

**City Layoffs**

If you know of anyone who has been laid off from the City of Los Angeles from April 2010 to present, they may qualify for a Department of Labor grant up to \$10,000 in free training. They may qualify if they are 1) still unemployed; or 2) returned to work but suffered a loss in wages.

For more information: Call Celene Magallanes, Economic and Workforce Development, at (213) 473-4444, or go to: [www.wiblacity.org/b2w/](http://www.wiblacity.org/b2w/)



The Economic and Workforce Development Team offering the Getting LA Back 2 Work program are, from left: Celene Magallanes: Project Assistant; Brenda Anderson: Sr. Project Coordinator; Christina Ortega-Libatique: Neighborhood Empowerment Analyst; and Scott Lee: Community Program Director. Not pictured: Elizabeth Macias, Human Relations Advocate.



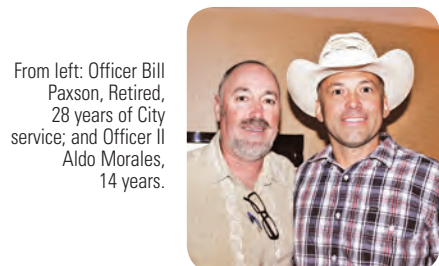
**Port Police – cont.**



From left: Rebecca Hennigan, guest; Officer II Rudy Meza, Retired, 32 years of City service, Club Member; and Robin Jackson, Management Analyst, 37 years.



From left: Officer III Ryan Mullany, 10 years of City service, Club Member; Sara Pelayo, guest; and Andrew Ranes, guest.



From left: Officer Bill Paxson, Retired, 28 years of City service; and Officer II Aldo Morales, 14 years.



Capt. Al Rosario, Retired, 26 years of City service, Club Member; and Lydia Rosario, guest



From left: Sgt. Jerome Niles, 8 years of City service, Club Member; and Rachel Niles, guest.



From left: Officer II Aaron Ybarra, 7 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer III Mark Pagliuca, 8 years, Club Member.



Officer II Aldo Morales, 14 years of City service, Club Member; and Lily Morales, guest.



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