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

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RLACEI events: (800) 678-4145, Ext. 701
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- 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 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

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Golf Tournament, COLAS, Investments All Looking Up

RLACEI

2010 Club Excellence Award Recipient



Ed Harding

By Ed Harding, RLACEI President

I wish to thank Tom Sternock and his committee for all their efforts in making the 36th annual RLACEI Invitational Golf Tournament, held on June 5, a success. I also wish to thank Lita Payne, LACERS Assistant Manager and her group, who talked to our golfers and guests about the status of our pension.

Thanks also goes to Robert Larios, Vice Present of Operations of the City Employees Club for donating gift certificates in the amounts of \$25 and \$50 to the raffle as well as taking pictures of all of our golfers and trophy winners.

Special thanks goes to the Federal Credit Union for contributing golf balls to our golfers and for our raffle and golf trophies.

Trophy winners – Members:

- Men gross: Michael Perez (78)
- Men net: Richard Lopez (72)
- All women: Gloria Vargas (76)

Trophy winners – Guests:

- Men gross: Jay Sohi (78)
- Men net: J.R. Gomez (71)

I congratulate my grandson, J.R. Gomez, for shooting a 71. I didn't know he was that good.

Don't forget our annual picnic Aug. 14 at 11:30 a.m. at the Grace E. Simons Lodge.

Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA)



Michael Karsch

Legislative Report: Pension Law and Policy, By Michael Karsch

As written in the last issue of *Alive!*, cost of living adjustments are generally required in most jurisdictions in California, including the City of Los Angeles, based on the Charter and Administrative Code. We are relatively safe when COLA cuts are discussed elsewhere.

A report in mid-June by the Center for Retirement Research noted that 17 states reduced, suspended or eliminated COLAs in their defined benefit pensions for state and local government employees. The report also noted that the courts are supporting these COLA cuts. The cuts are affecting both current retirees' benefits and future retirement benefits. Florida eliminated its fixed COLA, but tentatively reinstated it in 2016 if funding is available. Six

states with COLAs linked to the Consumer Price Index reduced or altered them: Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming. New Jersey, Rhode Island and Oklahoma ended their COLAs with little likelihood in the near term they'll be restored.

Closer to home, the County of Los Angeles announced an agreement between the county and union officials to scale back retirement health benefits for new employees, but leave current employees' payments unchanged. The new cutback is eliminating the cost of coverage for former employees' spouses and children. The County will continue covering from 40 percent to 100 percent of health insurance costs for retirees, depending on how long they worked for the County.

At the City of Los Angeles, reduction of benefits to new employees was treated differently by a hearing officer in her report to the City's Employee Relations Board, thus throwing out new

pension reform rules enacted in the summer of 2012. At issue is that this reform should have been subject to the "meet and confer" process, even though it would only affect employees not yet employed by the City. This matter will be debated in the ERB meeting at the end of July.

Moody's Investors Service upgraded the rating on the State of California's general obligation debt from A1 to Aa3. This reflects the state's rapidly improving financial position, high but declining debt metrics, and adjusted net pension liability ratios that are close to the state median. Problems foreseen are "highly volatile revenue structure... supermajority requirement to raise taxes (thus making it difficult for the state to respond to revenue volatility); lack of reserves built up to cushion the state's finances from downturn; and reliance on deficit borrowing... one time solutions and negative audited fund balances." This assessment by Moody's is for the State only.

The Dow at 17,000: What's Next?



Michael R. Wilkinson

LACERS Board Update, By Michael R. Wilkinson

The Dow Jones index containing 30 of the largest industrial companies just hit its highest value ever. Other measures of the overall stock market are at or near all-time highs. The total value of all of LACERS assets recently reached an all-time high as well, nearly \$14 billion. This means we can relax and spend more time thinking about the sports pages, whether the Dodgers will hold off the Giants or if the Lakers can get their team put back together, right?

Not exactly. While we should be happy with the current market

returns, we must remain alert in keeping to our long-term disciplined approach to investing. With this attitude we can meet our goals to provide a pension to all our current retirees and beneficiaries as well as keep the same promise to active employees.

I am one LACERS Board Member who has an open mind to new investment ideas, but who also questions new and untested investment proposals that seem to violate some of the basic assumptions of investing. When an investment manager comes up with some "secret sauce" for an investment that will go up in the good markets and not tank in the bad ones, I am reminded that I have heard that same song before.

I think we all need to go

back to the dot.com bubble of about 12 years ago when we were told that this is a "new paradigm" (another version of, "it will be different this time") or even the unreasonable optimism that caused the tulip bulb bubble of the 1600s. These painful experiences remind us that markets move in cycles and that investing in the fad of the moment will not protect us against losses, but may make them far worse.

That said, the perhaps unexciting, but ultimately rewarding path chosen by the LACERS Board and investment staff is to spread out the risk as well as the rewards of investing by choosing to invest in many different types of investments that over time have more than met our investment goals.

LACERS Update By Mary Beetz



Mary Beetz

LACERS Evaluates Requests For Proposal

Periodically, LACERS conducts a Request for Proposal (RFP) process to ensure that LACERS health plans maximize value and minimize costs to our Members and LACERS.

In February of this year, LACERS released RFPs for dental HMO, dental PPO, and vision insurance carriers. RFPs for dental and vision insurance plans were last released in 2008 for the 2009 plan year.

On May 1st finalists were approved by the LACERS Benefits Administration Committee as follows:

Dental (both PPO and HMO)

- Anthem Blue Cross
- Delta Dental
- MetLife

Vision

- Anthem Blue Cross
- VSP

LACERS' staff, and LACERS' Health and Welfare consultant, Keenan & Associates, are continuing to evaluate proposals and expect that final recommendations will be presented to the Board by August. Please watch for updates in future publications and your 2015 Open Enrollment materials.

NEW AT LACERS:

LACERS Well Event – Taking Stock And Making Strides™ Extravaganza

Save This Date! Wednesday, August 20th at 9:00 a.m. at the L.A. EXPO for a fun-filled health event that will include food, music, bio-

metric screenings, fitness demos, wellness give-aways, special speaker presentations, and more!

Register for the LACERS WELL Program to receive more information and all event updates at www.lacers.org/lacerswell.

Do you have what it takes to be a LACERS WELL Champion? Are you interested in helping your fellow retirees live healthfully, enjoy being active and can donate a few hours a month, register at www.LACERS.org/lacerswell or call Tara, your LACERS Program Coordinator at (213) 978-6843 to find out more.

Tara Miller is a Registered Dietitian and Nutritionist, Wellness specialist and fitness enthusiast who is passionate about creating a health-infused lifestyle, as the new Wellness Program Coordinator for LACERS WELL. She has many more events planned to keep you WELL.

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.

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Life After Retirement

Love of Life and Freedom Leads To a Long Marriage

After an article in *Alive!* was published of a couple celebrating their 69th anniversary, I received a call from Mitsie Funakoshi, stating that she had just celebrated her 70th wedding anniversary.

My first comment to Mitsie was, I want to hear your romantic story. She replied, "It was not easy in the beginning."

She continued: Fred Funakoshi was raised on his family's farm in Colorado. Mitsuko (Mitsie for short) Yasukochi's family owned a grocery store in Norwalk. She was attending Fullerton College and living a happy life.

But then World War II intervened, and Japan bombed Pearl Harbor in Hawaii at the end of 1941. Mitsie flashed back and told me about Feb. 11, 1942, when a notice was placed on the Yasukochi's door.

"All Japanese, both American citizens and non-citizens, were to be evacuated from the West Coast within two weeks. Any Japanese could relocate to any place in the United States if they had a place to go." Mitsie still had two months to go before graduating from Fullerton College.

Since the Yasukochi and Funakoshi families had known each other in Japan, Mitsie's father wrote to Fred's father in Colorado

and asked if his family could relocate to their home. Fred's father agreed. Mitsie and her parents worked as farm laborers, as did Fred's family.

In 1944, Mitsie and Fred got married. The flowers used for their wedding were made of paper created by relatives who stayed in internment camps. Shortly afterward, Fred and Mitsie moved back to Southern California. Fred became a skilled furniture maker and found a good job in Los Angeles. Mitsie got a job with the City of Los Angeles and worked for 22 years before retiring.

Fast forward to 2010: Mitsie received her honorary Associate's degree after being forced to leave California.



Friends from the Controller's Office who attended the couple's wedding anniversary, back row, from left: Hiroko Tabata, Mary Jo Sayer, Lupita Miera, Peggy Mizumoto, and Dorothy and Larry Tamashiro. Front: Tony Miera, and Mitsuko and Fred Funakoshi.

On March 15, 2014 Fred and Mitsie celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with friends and relatives at a resort in Carlsbad. Relatives came from Germany, Hawaii and Colorado. Also attending were the friends she made while working for the City Controller's office (see picture).

Secret to a long marriage:

"We don't make big problems of little problems. If we had done that, we wouldn't have made it 70 years. We make light of things. We may die tomorrow, so live the best you can every day."

Fred and Mitsie, congratulations on your 70th anniversary!



Fred and Mitsie, then and now.

End-of-Fiscal-Year Projects Enhance Communications

By Lee Kebler,
LARFPA Director



Lee Kebler

At the close of every fiscal year, the Los Angeles Fire and Police Pension System closes out its three-year Strategic Plan for improvements to the pension system. The projects in the plan are designed to improve the service to our stakeholders and produce more accurate work. The goal is to present members a clear vision of what benefits the system offers.

This has been accomplished by allowing digitally able members to register online and download information on their personal benefits.

For us pencil and eraser members, we can still call the pension office, talk to a pleasant person who will direct us to a staff member to get the information we need. The system's new Website has been improved with more information and more interesting information, and it's easier to understand and navigate.

Another project that hasn't been completed is the digitizing of thousands of paper or microfiche documents that have been stored since the system was established in 1899 (Police) and 1901 (Fire). Once this is completed, wouldn't it be nice to be able to go back and review some of that data? This program should be completed during

the fiscal year of 2014-15.

The new headquarters building is well under way, and with luck and good planning the pension department will be moved in by the end of next year.

The staff is working on the next three year strategic plan for 2014-15 to 2015-16, and there will be more projects that enhance communications and information to our members. Isn't it great that we have such a dedicated organization looking out for our interests?

I hope those of you who read this come to our next general meeting at Grace E. Simons Lodge Sept. 3. You'll get to meet some of your old buddies and have lunch.

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RSVP: Ext. 701

DWP Retirement Plan Office (213) 367-1722

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By Hal Danowitz,
Secretary, RLACEI

Reykjavik, and Days at Sea

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

PART SEVEN



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), Edinborough (Scotland), Invergordon (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 the story it was Sept. 5. We docked in Reykjavik, Iceland, at 7 a.m. The temperature was 42 degrees, but the sun was shining and there was no wind.

Reykjavik is the capital of Iceland and is the northernmost capital in the world. It was founded in 874 by a Norwegian, Ingolfur Arnarson, who threw wood pillars into the sea and vowed to settle where they washed ashore (do you think he was wishing for Miami?). Iceland is a land of volcanoes and glaciers and known as the land of fire and ice.

The ship docked at the commercial port about two-and-a-half miles from the city center. The port has a shuttle that cost \$12 round trip. We had Hop-on-Hop-off bus tickets, which cost \$20 and were good all day. We boarded the Hop on Hop off bus at the tourist information center in the port. The bus made 10 stops and took an hour or so for a complete circuit. We got on at stop nine and rode a complete circuit and got off at stop 10, the Hallgrímskirkja Cathedral (Lutheran), which is very impressive. We then walked downhill to a large lake in the middle of town. This area has lots of shops and restaurants. We had lunch in a Danish restaurant. I had cold roast lamb, with cooked parsley and jelly from a local berry (all very good), and Evelyn had a chicken curry. We both had the local beer, Gull, which means gold. The cost was a little over \$60. After lunch we bought a magnet and a variety of local salt. We then caught the bus and returned to the ship. We spent about five hours in town.

While at lunch we saw part of a ceremony across the street that looked like a graduation or celebration of some kind. It turned out to be a back to school party. When was the last time you saw one on those in the United States?

Reykjavik is a very clean and modern city. It has good public transportation, and the people are friendly. They look very fit, and the women are very pretty. We learned later about how the gulf current affects the weather. The day was clear, wind-free and blue. It prob-

ably got up to the mid 60s – a wonderful day to tour. Although I have to admit we passed on the museums.

We were having Internet problems over the previous two days. Since boarding the ship a few weeks previously we had had great Internet connectivity all over the ship. The ship was more than 1,000 feet long and had 17 decks, 3,000 passengers and about 1,400 crewmembers. All of a sudden the only place to access the Internet was the Internet Cafe on deck five. The manager had the nerve to tell me that was normal coverage. I know he had a hard job serving a lot of non-computer-literate people, but I wished he would have just told it like it was. Unfortunately his attitude is common with every computer/internet manager I have dealt with on cruise ships. Anyway, when we



On a Reykjavik street.

We didn't see any Northern Lights, but we may have caught a glimpse of the Loch Ness Monster, or maybe it was Bigfoot. I think we were on a fool's errand on these Northern Lights – we were maybe too far south, and the best time was when we first arrived in Iceland.

The next two days were at sea on the way to Greenland.

It is overcast the next morning, the temperature was in the high 40s and the wind was blowing. After breakfast we played trivia with a couple from Australia, but we didn't do too well. They were a nice couple, and we had a nice talk.

We tried to play party bridge that afternoon. At 6 p.m. we had a wine tasting, the first of three that we signed up for. That night was also a formal night, so we needed to dress. There was one more formal night, but I was hoping to skip it.

We played party bridge with a couple from Canada, Ann and Richard. We all enjoyed playing, and played it again the next day. We played at about the same level, and a lot depends on your cards.

The wine tasting was called the Stammtisch, a Germanic term for "communal table," where the tasting was held. The table had room for 12 and was filled. We

tasted three red wines, and each was paired with a cheese. There were also figs, walnuts, apricots and crackers and a strawberry puree. I still couldn't figure out what the strawberry puree was supposed to be paired with.

The wines and cheese were: Chateau Bel Air (Bordeaux) and Havarti; Chateauf du Pape (a heritage from France) and provo-

lone; and Barolo (Italy) and gorgonzola. All were about \$50 on the ship's wine list. Hal liked the two French wines the best. The Barolo can hold up to much richer, heavier foods. We had two more tastings – new world wines and champagne with chocolate. – Evelyn

The next morning we had breakfast in the buffet and sat with a woman from San Antonio and a man from Philadelphia. Since Lanny left the boat, it leaned much more to the right. That was a political joke.

We waited for trivia and then attended a lecture on the Princess of Wales. There is lots of time to waste on sea days. We got only half

right playing trivia. Because this was a repositioning cruise, the ship sold at a discount all the previous port items, as I mentioned last month. We looked, but nothing caught my eye. Evelyn found an inexpensive watch. She brought three watches on the trip; two of them had dead batteries, and the third featured dual time but was too big for her and not very comfortable.



Evelyn shopping.

The lecture was excellent, and the Princess Theater (which holds 800) was full. The lecturer talked about the English royal family and specifically about the Princes of Wales. He ended part one of his lecture with the death of George V. The next part would start with Edward (the Duke of Windsor).

We had a nice bridge game with the Richard and Ann, with whom we played yesterday. This time we played better, but everyone had fun. We made plans to meet again on the next sea day.

Every day we have received either cookies or a plate of canapés, but that day we received a big dish of guacamole, salsa and chips. It was also served in the suite party that night. So we made plans to party in the cabin, see the 7 p.m. show and eat dinner after the show.

The weather the next morning was rainy and windy, with a temperature of 44 degrees. The seas had white caps, but the ship was riding well, with very little roll.

The next day we were scheduled to tender into Nanortalik, Greenland, which I'll write about after our visit.



The Hallgrímskirkja Cathedral.

got back on the ship in Reykjavik, everything was back to normal.

That night's show was a ventriloquist, and we went because we wanted to stay awake to see if the Northern Lights would appear.

The ventriloquist Don Bryan and his "dummy," Noseworthy, were very funny, and we made a note to see them again.



Evelyn in Reykjavik.



Hal at lunch.

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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	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS
Alaniz, Adan	Spec. Prog. As. II	Rec and Parks	5	Gutierrez, Joseph J.	Air. Ma. Spv. III	Airports	25	Phillips, John	Sr. Po. Ser. Rp. II	LAPD	31
Alson, Ken	Civil Engr. As. IV	Public Works	28	Guzman, Jorge A.	Man. Analyst II	Eco./Workforce	17	Pool, Jeffrey W.	City Planner	City Planning	30
Arndt, William	Equip. Mechanic	LAPD	30	Hagerman, Jilli A.	Building Insp.	Building & Safety	34	Rennie, Carol A.	Clerk Typist	Library	21
Baugus, Michael	Hvy Dty Eq. Mech. CLA		10	Hibler, Julius	Wa. Tr. El. Su.	Public Works	24	Romero, Lourdes	Property Man. IV	Airports	30
Blount, Paul C.	San. S. Rs. Mgr. II	Public Works	46	Hill, Rickey	Pr. Sec. Officer	Airports	30	Santiago, Zenaida	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	34
Bush, Callie Renee	Clerk Typist	Library	10	Hysell, Karen	Sr. Mgmt. Ana. II	LAPD	25	Segee, Juliet E.	St. Serv. Inv. II	Public Works	31
Bustos, Nicolas	Civil Engr. Dr. Tch	Public Works	28	Ibarrientos, Luminous	Pr. Accountant II	Housing	25	Simon, Kenneth	Custodian	General Serv.	9
Carbaugh, Patrice	Vet. Technician	Zoo	18	Ikegami, Yutaka	Irrigation Spec.	Rec and Parks	26	Smith, Lawrence	Traffic Officer II	Transportation	33
Coen, James E.	Sr. Pers. Ana. II	Personnel	24	Jeter, Roy C.	Cust. Supervisor	Airports	30	Su, Iju	Data. Architect	Harbor	26
De La Pena, Linda	Library Asst. II	Library	27	Landou, Rosetta D.	Sr. Pers. Ana. II	Personnel	27	Toc, Gabriel	Gardener Care.	Airports	32
Ferrer, Anthony	Veterinary Tech.	Animal Services	14	Lorraine, Jacque	Sr. Auto. Sup.	General Serv.	33	Tran, Phil Phuoc	Envi. Engr. As. IV	Public Works	28
Forest, Stephanie	Police Ser. Rep	LAPD	28	Mok, Constant	Sr. Mgmt. Ana. II	Housing	15	Torres, Daniel	Spec. Pro. As. II	Rec and Parks	11
Fossett, Jackson C.	Public Info. Dir. II	Public Works	36	Moore, Cary	Clerk Typist	Library	33	Watkyns, Joanna	Librarian III	Library	30
Garcia, Daniel R.	Civil Eng. As. IV	Public Works	17	Mossman, George	Sr. An. Con. Off. II	Animal Services	28	Weston, Kenneth J.	Envi. Engineer	Public Works	10
Givens, Joseph A.	Ref. Col. Tr. Op. II	Public Works	30	Nematzadeh, Behnam	Chief of Oper. II	Airports	29	Wright, Wynell	Main. Con. Hpr.	Public Works	14
Guerrero, Marcos	Sr. Housing Ins.	Housing	31	Owairu, Patrick	Wor. Comp. Ana.	Personnel	24	Wynne, Janna Elsa	Veterinarian III	Zoo	9
Gulseth, Brian K.	Bus Operator	Airports	25	Perez, Juvenal G.	Gardener Care.	Rec and Parks	30	Yeh, Tina	Data. Architect	ITA	24

Show Us Your Grandkids!

Here are the eight grandchildren of **David Rojas, Retired, Management Analyst II, LAPD, and Rosalia "Rose" Rojas, Retired, Management Analyst II, LAPD.** "They are our own little 'United Nations,' celebrating the Fourth of July and Grandpa and Grandpa's house," David and Rose say.



From left: Nina Rojas, 8, holding Andrew Moore, 7 months; Adrian Garcia, 2; Isaiiah Garcia, 5; Joshua Moore, 3; Gabriel Rojas, 7; and Jazmyne Rojas-Duarte, 11, holding Desiree Garcia, 18 months.

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 grandkids.
4. Tell us, in a sentence or two, a lit-

tle 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.

The Best Years

RETIREES

AROUND THE WORLD



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Hawaii



"My first retirement trip was to Oahu, HI., where we visited the heart-felt memorial site of the USS *Arizona* and other navel vessels at Pearl Harbor."
 – **Michael Alva, Retired, Port Police, and Maria Alva, Harbor (active)**

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The Caribbean



"Overlooking Simpson Bay from our balcony at the Atrium Beach Resort on St. Maarten, in the Caribbean."
 – **David Rojas, Retired, LAPD, and Rosalia "Rose" Rojas, Retired, LAPD**

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New York



Here's **Richard Radmacher, Retired, DWP**, at the new World Trade Center and 9/11 Memorial in New York City.

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New York



Jacqueline Graves, Retired, Airports traveled to New York in May. Here are pictures of her at the 9/11 Memorial, the Bell of Hope at St. Paul's Chapel (directly across the street from the Memorial; the Chapel received hardly any damage), and at the award-winning Broadway play, *A Raisin in the Sun*, starring Denzel Washington.



At *The Chew* with host, Carla Hall.



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