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Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



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

Three Retirees Groups Hold Events; Make Sure You're at the Right One

Reservation Lines:

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

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- 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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LACERS Pension Fund Growth Besting Those in OC, San Diego

RLACEI

2010 Club Excellence Award Recipient



Ed Harding

By Ed Harding, RLACEI President

I just left the picnic at Grace E. Simons Lodge at Elysian Park. We had a very nice crowd. I always enjoy being there; I see people who I worked with and only see them at RLACEI events. George, owner of Chris & Pitts, added extra meat in the barbecue sandwiches and also extra meat in the turkey sandwiches.

Lita Payne, LACERS Asst. General Manager, LACERS, and Rod June, Chief Investment Officer, talked about the status of our pension benefits. Alex

Rabrenovich, Health Benefits Administrator, talked about our health and dental benefits.

Board Commissioner Mike Wilkinson talked about what is happening on the LACERS commission board. Everyone should know Mike; he was elected to complete Ken Spikers' term when Ken resigned his commission.

Important: Re-elect Mike Wilkinson: We will soon be voting for Mike Wilkinson, because his term will end June 30. LACERS will be holding an election around April or May 2015. LACERS will be announcing the upcoming election around

February. So I will be asking you again to vote for Michael Wilkinson. Ken Spiker and all my directors know that Mike is the best candidate to carry Ken's legacy of fighting to preserve our retirees' pension benefits.

Mike Wilkinson, prior to his retirement, was Deputy City Attorney on the LACERS Retirement Board. Now that Mike is on the board, he was elected vice president by the other board members.

Watch out for me, because I will be hounding you to re-elect Michael Wilkinson for LACERS Board of Administration!

Could Other Cities Make Pension Cuts Following Detroit?



Michael R. Wilkinson

LACERS Board Update, By Michael R. Wilkinson

When you look around the country and see the trouble that some pension plans are in, it is easy to be concerned. In particular, some commentators observe the Detroit bankruptcy settlement and are quick to see this as a pattern to fix problems at government pension plans throughout the nation.

Let's look at Detroit. The city's bankruptcy plan called for a 4.5 percent pension cut for general employees, while uniformed police and fire employees saw no cut, but will lose their cost of living increase. The cuts were supported by most of the retiree groups who saw plan as a way

to at least preserve some of their pensions and handed out buttons with slogans, "You Can't Eat Principles" and "Uncertainty Doesn't Pay the Bills." A substantial majority of both groups passed the plan.

One of the unusual wrinkles to Detroit's situation was that the city owns a major art gallery, which the judge hinted should be tossed on the block and the jewels of their art collection sold. That threat helped spur donors to kick in money to help make what is called the Grand Bargain go forward to fund the pensions and pay other debts while preventing the art museum's collection from being parceled off and split up in the hands of other museums and private collectors.

Now, is this something that we all need to lose sleep about

and fear that our pension, health benefits, and cost of living adjustment benefits are at risk? In a word, "no."

To begin with LACERS's financial returns are stunning, with a fiscal year return (after fees through 6/30/2014) of more than 18 percent. When these returns are viewed in combination with the turnaround of the local economy, the political pressures to do something rash to reduce our retirement benefits tend to wane.

In any event, LACERS's outside fiduciary counsel, Harvey Liederman, assures us that the pension benefits cannot be touched even in a bankruptcy because of some of the unusual protections we have both under the California Constitution and our own plan language.

Illinois and Orange County Pension Woes



Michael Karsch

Legislative Report: Pension Law and Policy, By Michael Karsch

It looks like Illinois is still unable to reform its pension systems. The Illinois Supreme Court ruled in July that the state's constitution forbids any cuts to the healthcare benefits of retired state employees. This concerned a reform passed two years ago addressing the severe underfunding of the many state pension systems. It would also undermine a reform enacted in late 2013. The state constitution declares that retirement benefits of state employees "cannot be diminished or impaired." The reform bill gives state administrators the power to

reduce the state's contributions to retiree healthcare benefits. Lower courts had ruled that the health benefits were not as protected as the pension itself; the higher court said both are equally protected.

In another July action in Illinois, this time in the City of Chicago, the *Sun-Times* reported that the City Council's Finance Committee voted to raise the surcharge on telephone bills from \$2.50 to \$3.90, \$1.40 more per month, or \$16.80 per year for every land line and cell phone in Chicago, effective Oct. 1. This would generate \$10 million the first year and \$40 million next year, to fully fund the 911 emergency center; this new money would, in turn, free up \$50 million to be an initial contribution

to the Municipal Employees and Laborers pension funds.

The Orange County Grand Jury reported in July that there is a \$3.3 billion unfunded liability in the cities' pension funds. That figure is based on market value of costs and portfolio value of the pension funds; if an actuarial valuation is used instead, the amount of unfunded liability decreases to \$1.9 billion. It cites how Garden Grove increased its employee contributions to their pensions by three percent and also gave them a three percent pay raise. The problem is that this is increasing that city's unfunded liability by growing the amount of each employee's future pension. Irvine was applauded for paying

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Legislative Report

By Michael Karsch – continued

down its unfunded liability by \$13 million to \$141.5 million liability. Anaheim has the highest unfunded liability at \$612 million. The Grand Jury did not address the promises to pay for retiree medical care.

The *Orange County Register* also reported several weeks later that public pension fund returns were very good for many public agencies as reports came

in July. But the Orange County Public Employees Retirement System earned only 14.3 percent, which is very good, but not as good the State Teachers Retirement System at 18.7 percent, nor LACERS at 18.45 percent, or the 18.4 percent by CalPERS. The two funds by the County of San Diego and City of San Diego did worse than Orange County, at 13.4 percent and 13.6 percent

respectively. The newspaper continued to report that some Orange County workers “have been talking mutiny” meaning they want to put their pension money into CalPERS and drop their County fund. Orange County has invested less of its portfolio in equity resources (stocks and related) (41 percent) than CalPERS (64 percent).

LACERS Update By Mary Beetz

LACERS



Mary Beetz

LACERS Well Campaign

The LACERS Well Campaign is swinging into high gear this fall. Upcoming events include:

Dental Wellness Workshop:

LACERS first ever Dental Wellness Workshop will be taking place on Wednesday, September 17, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at the Grace E. Simons Lodge in Elysian Park. Registration is required and is very limited, so be sure to reserve your spot early. LACERS Retired Members or Surviving Spouses/Domestic Partners may also register one guest to attend this workshop.

LACERS In Motion:

Free fitness classes will continue through December and are being held in five communities throughout the greater Los Angeles area: Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, and Ventura counties. Classes include Yoga, Stretching, Low-Impact Cardio, Square Dancing, Pilates, Zumba, and more.

You may register for these events online at www.LACERS.org/lacerswell or by calling LACERS at (800) 779-8328.

New At LACERS: Tara Miller, Well Program Coordinator

September Is National Cholesterol Education Monthly – A Perspective For Seniors

It's no secret that high cholesterol is a risk factor for heart disease, but does it mean that a heart attack is inevitable? Not necessarily. And this may be especially true for seniors. According to Dr. William Hazzard, a medical professor in the University of Washington's gerontology department, “Cholesterol rises with age from youth to middle age, generally peaks by age 60, maintains stability as long as health is good, and ultimately declines.” So why do we continue to treat high cholesterol in seniors? Because although the risk for heart disease due to high cholesterol levels decreases

later in life if present alone, coexisting risk factors (such as diabetes, high blood pressure, obesity and a sedentary lifestyle) do not. Therefore becoming aware of, and lowering, cholesterol is still one of the best approaches one can take toward reducing the risk of a heart attack, stroke or peripheral vascular disease. Risk factors, studies indicate, do not exist in a vacuum.

New Fat Facts

In medical terms, fats in the blood stream are referred to as Lipids; the two most common forms are Cholesterol and Triglycerides.

Cholesterol is a waxy, fat-like substance found in animal product-containing foods like eggs, dairy, and meat but can also be made naturally in the liver. The liver packages cholesterol as High Density Lipoproteins (HDL) or the “healthy/good cholesterol”, or Low Density Lipoproteins (LDL) or the “lousy/bad cholesterol”. Too much dietary cholesterol often leads to plaque buildup in the arteries which can cause a blockage and ultimately a heart attack or stroke.

Triglycerides are not found directly in the diet but are bi-products of sugar and carbohydrate metabolism. When in excess, they pose a considerable risk for the development of heart disease, high cholesterol, diabetes and other inflammatory disorders. Triglycerides can often be significantly reduced with an improvement in diet (such as avoiding excess sugar and refined carbohydrates) and an increase in activity.

While dietary fats are commonly seen as unwellcome culinary guests for the health conscious, most naturally occurring fats, like those found in avocados, salmon, and nuts, play an important role in energy production, cell health, and hormone function and are an effective, often delicious, tool to ward off heart disease by supporting the liver's production of HDL- the healthy variety. Conversely, highly processed fats such as hydrogenated palm, corn or coconut oil are effective at keeping food items shelf stable, but are also known to elevate LDL cholesterol levels (the lousy kind) and triglycerides. When coupled with added sugar or salt as with potato chips or packaged cookies, these “foods” are likely to do more damage than good – a high price for “convenience”.



Tara Miller, Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist

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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I want to thank all of you who wrote and called letting us know that you enjoy receiving the *Alive!* newspaper, reading the articles keeping you informed on what is going in different City departments and specifically keeping you up to date pension's status. Also, enjoying reading about retired members and what they are doing after retirement.

I received a note from **Pat Matarrese** from Murrieta, titled “70 years of great Italian meals.”

Pat Matarrese retired after working 23 years in Public Building and Public Works. He writes that on the Fourth of July, he and his wife, Rose, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. He is 93 years young and Rose is 90. According to Rose, they stayed married this long because of his “great Italian cooking.”

Congratulations to both of you, and we wish you more anniversaries to celebrate.

Mangiare, mangiare! (That's Italian for *eat, eat.*)

2 Organizations Here When You Need Them

LARFPA



Lee Kebler

By Lee Kebler, LARFPA Director

By the time that you read this article, retirees will have had time to read this year's Pension Perspective from Fire and Police Pensions. It's chock-full of information to keep us up to date on all of the facts available for us. With the new Website and the copies all of the previous records, I believe this is one of the most transparent public organizations in the country, if not the most transparent. What a great

job the Pension Dept. does looking out for our interests. It's also time for our members to look out for their own interests. Keep your records up to date.

There has been an increase in the number of calls to our office from members, spouses or family members when a member or spouse passes away. The grieved person is scared and trying to find out who to call, what to do and where to go. When you need help, call the Fire and Police Pension Dept. at (800) 787-CITY (2489) or the Retired Fire and Police Association

office, (800) 288-5073, to get started on the right path. To be prepared for these kinds of emergencies, there is a section in the front of roster to compile this information. One of the great features of the roster is you get a new one every two years, and you can keep your information up to date. Both of our organizations are there to help you.

I hope to see some of you at our general meeting at Grace E. Simons Lodge on Sept. 3. Our guest speaker is Rich Duran of the LAPD Honor Guard and the Emerald Society Pipes and Drums.

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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 LAFUCU. 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
- Hal Danowitz Ext. 707
- Americo Garza Ext. 710
- Edward Harding Ext. 703
- Michael Karsch Ext. 704
- Gary Mattingly Ext. 702
- Phillip Orland Ext. 709
- Neil Ricci Ext. 714
- Helen Salgado (membership) Ext. 713
- Ken Spiker Ext. 705
- Tom Stemmnock 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

Slowing Down in Greenland

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

PART EIGHT



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), 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. 7. Before dinner we saw the show, *Diane Cousins, Wales First Lady of Comedy and Song*, who was very funny and also has a great voice. I think this was the best show so far. She was funny like Phyllis Diller with a voice like Ethel Merman.

As we went into the dining room, we saw the couple from Dallas, Nancy and David, who we had talked to a few times and invited them to have dinner with us. They agreed and told us they usually had to wait 40 minutes for a table. They were a very well traveled couple, and he was both a lawyer and dentist. He was very gluten intolerant and had a special menu that the ship prepared each day. We met two other people, also with gluten intolerance, and the ship did a great job in making sure they got the correct food and good choices. Both the buffet and the International Cafe always had a sugar-free dessert, and one that was gluten free.

The next morning we dropped anchor in Nanortalik, Greenland, just before 7 a.m. The outside temperature was 41 degrees and the water temperature was 35 degrees. It was overcast, but there was no rain yet. We saw icebergs from our balcony. We tendered in, and we were told it was a 20-minute ride. There were no ship tours. The town scheduled a number of events in celebration of our arrival.

Nanortalik is the southernmost town in Greenland, with a population of 1,550 people; Greenland's total population is just more than 56,000. Greenland is ruled by Denmark, and there are about 10,000 Danes in the country working on various projects.

The tender ride took only 10 minutes; we sat up top and had a nice view of the surroundings. It reminded us of the small fishing villages in Alaska, but without trees. The



Evelyn getting on the tender; it was cold.

houses were small and painted in bright colors. Residents had the Internet, cell phones, TV and a very large store, that offered both groceries and household goods. The tourist center sold T-shirts for \$30, but we bought a magnet for \$4. We visited the museum, which displayed local cultural items, and there were a number of small buildings from the 1840s that have been preserved. At one end of town was a modern multi-use sports arena, where the locals were performing, singing and dancing. They served coffee, tea and a bread-like cake, which was quite tasty. There was a long line to get the coffee because they had only one pot, and every five or six cups they would go for a refill. Everything was free of charge, and I think the Princess line paid for it.



Looking for directions.

While on shore it was chilly, but not freezing cold. It did sprinkle most of the time, but not heavy enough to interfere with walking around. Two hours was enough time to see and do the town. When we boarded the tender to return to the ship, the tide had dropped more than six feet, which made getting into the tender a little dicey. After we returned to the ship it got very foggy, and around 2:30 p.m. they suspended tender service going from the ship.

On this trip I carried three credit cards: American Express, Visa Advantage from American Airlines, and a Visa Explorer from United Airlines. The Amex and Explorer cards have no foreign exchange fee. Most stores don't like Amex because they charge a higher fee, so I used the Explorer card for most credit transactions. In some stores they will ask you if you want your card charged in dollars or the local currency. If your card has no foreign exchange fee, then purchase it in local currency because you get a better rate of exchange. If you do dollars, the store sets the exchange rate, and the rate is usually not as good as your card company will give you. I just thought I would pass that along.

Before dinner we stopped at the suite party for a drink. We had become friendly with a number of the staff and learned a lot about their life on the ship. Dining room, cabin and bar staff usually worked on a nine-to-10-month contract, and then received six to eight weeks off. They got transportation home and back to the ship. Because of the varied locations of the ships, they may go



Our first iceberg.

back to a different ship. They worked long hours on the ship, but the ship did provide activities for the crew: There was a crew bar; and they had bingo and crew shows. They also could go ashore during their off-hours. Our cabin attendant cleaned our cabin in the morning and then again after we left for dinner. In between, he had free time; however I don't know how many cabins he was responsible for. If we needed something, we rang his pager and someone would respond.

Nanortalik's port was much colder than any of the Icelandic ports. This was because of the Gulf current. The current flows around Iceland, and the warmer water warms the air. Nanortalik is about 700 miles farther south than Reykjavik, and both the water and air were much colder. This was the only place we have seen icebergs and "growlers."

The next two days were at sea, and Evelyn made me set a wake-up call for 7 a.m. so she could go to the gym. I don't know where the gym is, but it

you can. Most small tourist areas will take dollars. Before we left home I got about \$300 in English pounds, and I had Euros from our last trip.

Tipping on board had evolved from the past years. In the "old days," at the end of your cruise, you tipped your waiter, assistant waiter and cabin attendant. It was suggested that you give the waiter and cabin attendant \$4 or \$5 per day per person, and the assistant \$2 or \$3 per day. The bar staff always had a 15 percent tip added to your bill. Tipping the head waiter or management staff was optional and based on service provided. Nowadays, they added \$12 per day for each of us, and we didn't have to tip. To me this posed a problem: We had only two waiters in the dining room: Alicia and Ricky, who both work under Catalini, our head waiter, who always made sure we had a table and continued to make special dishes for us. I intended to give a tip to Catalini, and I gave extra to both Alicia and Ricky. I also gave an extra tip to a couple of the bar staff who have been very attentive to us. I was still up in the air about our cabin attendant, but he got one as well. What was funny is that if the total tipping were left to me, I would probably give more than the recommended amount. Now you could even have the tips removed from your bill and decide what and who to tip if you wanted.

Later that day, we completed a lecture (as mentioned last month) – the rest of the lecture on the Princes of Wales was very interesting. The lecturer, John Maxtone-Graham, presented the information with pictures and many anecdotes about the royal family.

We had another wine tasting at 6 p.m. in Vines. This time it was new world reds from California: a Castle Rock Pinot Noir, a Ferrari Carano Merlot and a Kenwood Jack London Cabernet Sauvignon. They were each paired with cheese. Overall I liked the old world wines we tasted two days ago better, but the new world ones did okay after they breathed for a while.

We ran into a small gale with winds up to 35 knots and heavy seas. The ship rode it very well. By dinner time, the seas were still rolling and the doors to the promenade deck were closed to keep you from walking the deck.

The entertainment was a mentalist, Brent Webb, who was excellent. He did mind-reading tricks that were unexplainable. I knew it was a trick but it sure looked real.

We will finish up this cruise with our stop in St John, Newfoundland, and New York City next month.



Evelyn at the tourist office.

must be nearby. This allowed me to go to the International Cafe for breakfast, coffee and two sweet rolls. On our last two Princess cruises, we were on the *Ocean*, a small ship, and did not have the International Cafe. The cafe was open 24 hours and, depending on the time, offered morning treats and lunch/dinner snacks. It was a great alternative to the buffet and dining room. Evelyn didn't like it for breakfast because it didn't offer fruit. But it was next to the coffee bar, where we got specialty coffees.

This was the first ship we have been on that had a machine that would change currency. You put in one country's money and it gave you another one's money. We did it once, changing \$20 into Norwegian kroner. This was a big mistake – there was a \$4.50 service charge on top of the exchange rate. We ended up with less than \$15 in kroner. Use either a credit card or dollars if



The sports center, where we were entertained with a performance by the town's residents.

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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
Adamson, Todd A.	Tree Sur. Super. IV	Public Works	30	Grundy, Michelle	–	DWP	–	Ott, Stephen	–	DWP	–
Alegria, Danny	Int. Wast. Treat. Operator	Public Works	32	Hadar, Bianca Z.	Assistant City Attorney	City Attorney	41	Overbeek, Henk	–	DWP	–
Allen, Gail M.	Systems Analyst II	Controller's Office	30	Hanna, Cyndia Valree	Cust. Service Specialist	Finance	14	Pascu, Joseph	Shift Sup., Wast. Treat. II	Public Works	37
Arau, Costea	–	DWP	–	Hansell, Bruce T.	Carpentry Tech. Adviser	General Services	23	Pedroza, Francisco	–	DWP	–
Arlukiewicz, Marek	Enviro. Engr. As. IV	Public Works	20	Hard, Carmelita	–	DWP	–	Perez, Ramon	–	DWP	–
Babick, Mathew	Police Perfor. Audit IV	LAPD	2	Hatch, Cynthia E.	Traffic Officer II	Transportation	32	Pina, Pedro	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	28
Barrios, David	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	28	Hicks, Clara Jean	Sr. Detention Officer	LAPD	29	Priscaro, Robert K.	Deputy City Attorney	City Attorney	4
Baumann, William	Port Pilot II	Harbor	23	Hinton, Laura J.	Custodian	General Services	21	Pura, Ismael F.	Construction Inspector	Public Works	7
Blum, Larry	–	DWP	–	Holt, Harvey	Crossing Guard	Transportation	13	Regalado, Manuel	Heavy Duty Eq. Mechanic	General Services	24
Boekhaus, Bonnie	–	DWP	–	Huerter, Kenneth	–	DWP	–	Revil, Eduardo A.	Accounting Clerk II	Controller's Office	26
Bomar, Noel	Systems Analyst II	Public Works	34	Ibbitson, Jay	–	DWP	–	Reyes, Delilah	Structural Eng. As. II	Building & Safety	35
Boyer, Paul	Wastewater Treat. Ope. III	Public Works	26	Jackson, Mark	–	DWP	–	Reyes, Luz R.	Sr. Management Analyst II	Airports	25
Brandt, Raymond E.	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	General Services	20	Jaffe, Miriam Beth	Management Assistant	Controller's Office	14	Rhyne, William	–	DWP	–
Brancato, John	Welder	Rec and Parks	30	Johnson, Ali H.	Clerk Typist	Public Works	22	Sarkisian, Mihran	Sanitation Wast. Man. III	Public Works	39
Brassfield, Darell L.	Sr. Build. Mech. Inspector	Building & Safety	33	Jordan, Linda	–	DWP	–	Schill, Justin	–	DWP	–
Bujanda, James G.	Ref. Collection Truck Op. II	Public Works	20	Kehoe, Bryan	Building Mech. Inspector	Building & Safety	12	Schopper, Jesse	–	DWP	–
Burgess, Thomas	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	General Services	26	Kennedy, Lynne	Sr. Gardener	Rec and Parks	25	Seals, Charlene	–	DWP	–
Carter, Camille Mary	Sr. Librarian	Library	34	Keyser, Sheridan	Management Analyst II	Disability	14	Shin, Kijoon	Systems Programmer III	ITA	14
Cheung, David F.	Sr. Environmental Engineer	Public Works	28	Kina, Randell Y.	Structural Engin. As. IV	Building & Safety	26	Silver, Bruce	Clerk Typist	Library	13
Colletti, Beatrice	Property Officer	LAPD	30	King, Paul E.	Sr. Wast. Treatment Op.	Public Works	40	Simon, Verne S.	Building Mech. Inspector	Building & Safety	12
Connett, Mitchell	Police Officer	Airports	9	Krytzer, Cary Joel	Motor Sweeper Operator	Public Works	24	Sison, Josefina G.	Sr. Tax Auditor	Finance	27
Cruz, Linda A.	Sr. Clerk Typist	Public Works	14	Kunzer, Steve	–	DWP	–	Szucs, Oscar	Equipment Mechanic	General Services	18
Cuellar, Constantino	Building Mech. Inspector	Building & Safety	27	Leaver, William Lewis	Exam Questioned Doc. II	LAPD	15	Taylor, David W.	Shift Sup., Wast. Treat. II	Public Works	25
Davis, Joseph	–	DWP	–	Liongson, Lucia	Accounting Clerk II	Public Works	14	Thomas, Earl E.	Sr. Assistant City Attorney	City Attorney	35
Dean, Karen D.	Finance Coll. Investi. III	Finance	35	Lombardo, Robert E.	Air Cond. Mech. Sup. II	General Services	27	Thompson, Ernestine	–	DWP	–
Delgado, Margarito	–	DWP	–	Lopez, Miguel M.	Equipment Mechanic	General Services	37	Todd, Thomas	–	DWP	–
Domantay, Perla	Sr. Accountant II	Public Works	11	Lucas, Stephanie R.	Sr. Clerk Typist	General Services	27	Trompeta, Bella	Accounting Clerk II	Cultural Affairs	19
Durham, Intissar	Ch. Airports Engineer II	Airports	30	Malek, Abraham	Sr. Systems Analyst II	Public Works	23	Tung, Yeng Kung	Sr. Systems Analyst II	Personnel	25
Egle, Daniel	–	DWP	–	Malekshoarai, Hormoz	Transpo. Engineer As. IV	Transportation	27	Uppal, Vinita	Library Assistant II	Library	14
Ellis, Kim A.	Airport Manager III	Airports	25	McElroy, John	–	DWP	–	Varga, Sandor	Wast. Treatment Oper. III	Public Works	30
Fetalino, Lilia	Street Lighting Engineer	Street Lighting	30	Mims, Linda C.	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst II	Eco./Workf. Dev.	25	Whelan, Margaret	General Manager	Personnel	44
Flores, Manuel	Special Prog. Asst. II	Rec and Parks	1	Moon, Renee	Project Coordinator	Eco./Workf. Dev.	24	Whitaker, Beverly	–	DWP	–
Gantt, Lynnnda	Police Service Rep II	LAPD	21	Moore, Linda L.	Environ. Supervisor II	Public Works	26	Williams, Essex B.	Security Officer	LAPD	31
Garcia, Yolanda	–	DWP	–	Miran, Farhad	Transpo. Engineer As. II	Transportation	9	Williams, Robert L.	Street Lighting Electrician	Public Works	18
Gillette, Robert	Director of Systems	Public Works	25	Navarro, Abraham A.	Assistant Director	Public Works	43	Wong, Eva L.	Systems Analyst II	Building & Safety	19
Girmay, Negisti H.	Eng. Geologist As. IV	Building & Safety	24	Nesby, Yolanda	Clerk Typist	Finance	30	Wood, Janice	Sr. Personnel Analyst II	Personnel	12
Glover, John	–	DWP	–	Nguyen, Luan	–	DWP	–	Xenios, Stacey A.	Sr. Clerk Stenographer	Harbor	30
Gonzales, Ben Cruz	Cement Finisher	Public Works	36	Nikkhoo, Ghassem N.	Fire Protec. Eng. As. IV	LAFD	31	Yan, Lucilla T.	Fiscal Systems Specialist II	Controller's Office	28
Gonzalez, Ruben V.	Security Officer	Airports	30	Nussbaum, Daniel A.	Sr. Police Service Rep. II	LAPD	12	Zal, Halina A.	Tax Renewal Assistant IV	Finance	17
Govea, Chris E.	Airport Guide II	Airports	12	Ott, Philip B.	Waste. Coll. Worker II	Public Works	28	Zapata, Ruben	–	DWP	–

Show Us Your Grandkids!

Here are **Nick and Liliana Buckroff** with their grandkids – Violette Alvarado, 6 months; and Alexander, 6. **Nick worked in Rec and Parks as a Recreation Director**, 34 years of City service, retiring in 2001. "We are very proud of our grandkids, and everyone is doing fine."

From left: Granddaughter Violette, 6 months; Liliana and Nick Buckroff; and Alexander, 6.



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

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 Los Angeles, CA 90012
 (800) 464-0452

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The Best Years



Ed Harding, President, RLACEI (right), with LACERS staff.



RLACEI Directors, Top (from left): Ed Harding, Michael Karsch, Hal Danowitz, Neil Ricci, Gary Mattingly, Michael Wilkinson and Tom Sternnock. Bottom (from left): Mary Beets, Helen Salgado, Phil Orland, Americo Garza and Phil Skarin.



From left: Garry Pinney, Retired, CAO, 35 years of City service; and Ron Black, Retired, 28 years.



From left: Joe Etheredge, Retired, 23 years of City service; and Jerry Bardwell, General Manager, LACERS, Retired, 30 years of City service.



Gloria Kurey, Retired, LAPD, 21 years of City service, with her dog, Goobee.



From left: Florence Juarez, Retired, Sr. Clerk Typist, 42 years of City service; Florence's mother, Elsie Abeyta; Florence's son, Steve Juarez; and Florence's husband, Zenon Juarez.



Shirley and Harvey Ledesma, Retired, 46 years of City service.



Martha Harding and Richard Gomez.



From left: Cleoni Vann, guest; Anthony Vann, Retired, Harbor, 18 years of City service.



Shirley Govea, guest, with Ron Black, Retired, Public Works/Street Services, 11 years of City service.

RLACEI

Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Director, and Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor

Picnic Time!

Retirees Association hosts annual summer picnic.

The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) held its annual picnic Aug. 14. The event was held at Grace E. Simons Lodge in Los Angeles.

Lots of great Club Members were in attendance. It's always great for the Club to connect with them.

Thanks go to Ed and Martha Harding, and Mary Beetz, for inviting us.



Walter Wilson, Public Works/Street Services, Retired, 30 years of City service, with his wife, grandson and great grandson.



From left: Daniel Osborn, Superintendent, Public Works/Street Services, 34 years of City services; with guest Marilyn Arnold.



From left: James Tom, Controller, 31 years of City service; Richard M. Helgeson, City Attorney, Retired, 33 years; Diana Mattmud, Retired, City Attorney, 11 years; and Arlene Tom, Retired, Clerk Typist, 18 years.



From left: Linda Lanier, Retired, 38 years of City service; Ilene Shapiro, Retired, 33 years; and Betty Porter, Retired, 27 years.



From left: Roobik Gorjian, Retired, Public Works/Engineering, 24 years of City service; Joe Govea, Retired, 25 years, and his wife, Shirley; and Judy and Jim Iwaki, Retired, 31 years.



From left: Beverly Anderson, Retired, 32 years of City service; Mei Yee, Retired, 25 years; Carol Takafuji, Retired, 38 years; Mic Bacon, Retired, 31 years; Andy Louie, Retired, DWP, 32 years; and Shirley Tan, Retired, 33 years.

Raffle Winners!

RLACEI President Ed Harding selects the raffle winners.



Ruth Kong



Walter Wilson



Sally D. Lopez



Zenon Juarez



Carrie B. Wilson



Ben Reyes



Shirley Ledesma



Fred Frazier



Mary Ellen Borders



Mei Yee



Lawrence Aglibot

For Retired Club Members

RETIREES

AROUND THE WORLD



1 Norway/Russia

"Here I am on a cruise in the fjords of Norway and in front of an Orthodox church in St. Petersburg, Russia."

- Richard Radmacher, Retired, DWP

2 Brazil

"My daughter, Amy, and I took a trip to Brazil to watch the USA play in the 2014 World Cup in June. Here I am standing inside the stadium at Manaus, and outside the stadium in Recife."

- Quincy Le, Retired, Public Works/Engineering

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