

{ In this monthly feature, Club CEO John Hawkins and Director of Member Services Angel Gomez introduce you to people you see every day, but you might not know who they are. The Club reminds you that we all have names and stories to tell. }

People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.

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Meet Sharon Montgomery.

HER NEIGHBORHOOD: "Flag Park" at the County Administration Building, a block from City Hall.

AGE: "46."

BIRTHPLACE: "Modesto, Calif."

FAMILY: "I got married a year ago, but now I'm separated. I have two brothers; they're both younger than me. I have six sisters. I'm the youngest of the girls."

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: "Birthday parties and Christmas. I love getting presents."

MOVED TO THE CITY: "I moved here with my family, when I was two."

EDUCATION: "I went to the 12th grade."

MILITARY: "No."

IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? "I would wish for a big house and bank account with a billion dollars in it!"

LAST JOB: "I was an in-home caregiver but had to quit because I didn't have a car."

FAVORITE SPORTS: "I love basketball."

RELIGION: "I'm a Baptist."

FAVORITE FOOD: "I love tacos -- beef tacos, with everything on it!"

FAVORITE MOVIE: "I love the *Friday the 13th* series."

FAVORITE ACTOR: "I just love Clint Eastwood."

FAVORITE ACTRESS: "Queen Latifah."

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "My favorite show of all time was *Sanford and Son*."

FAVORITE MUSIC: "Pop and soul."

FAVORITE CANDY: "I love Snickers bars, but they are hard to eat since I'm missing most of my teeth."

WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "In Flag Park. Sometimes I try to get into the mission, but often they are full and there's no room. So, the only alternative is here."

FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY: "Hollywood."

ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Just keep moving forward and stay strong!"

LAST BOOK READ: "Right now I'm reading *The Purpose-Driven Life*, by Rick Warren. It's a great book."

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE WAR IN IRAQ? "It shouldn't have happened. Wars shouldn't happen anywhere. Why fight when we can be helping each other?"



John gets a high five from Sharon when they find out they both love Snickers bars.

John glances over Sharon's reading material.

Sharon is overjoyed with her new gifts from the Club Store.

The Club gave Sharon a Club Earth-Friendly Bag filled with six pairs of socks; water; snacks; a Club hat and shirt; and \$20. Interview Date: July 18, 2008

Newsbrief

SENIOR FRIENDS DURING THE HEAT

Working to protect the nearly 350,000 seniors who live in Los Angeles, Councilwoman Wendy Greuel launched the "Senior Friends" program at the East Valley Senior Center in Valley Village recently. 40 Angelenos have passed away from heat-related illnesses in the past five years, 22 of whom were senior citizens.

"With temperatures soaring, we all need to do our part to protect our seniors who are among the most vulnerable Angelenos," said Councilwoman Wendy Greuel. "Last year an elderly couple in my district passed away because their air conditioning went out and no one went to check on them during a heat wave. I want to protect our seniors and ensure that doesn't happen again."

"Senior Friends" will ensure senior citizens Citywide are being properly cared for – particularly during the hot summer months. Younger Angelenos will be paired with needy seniors to ensure they are safe and have the necessary supplies such as food, water and a fan or air conditioner to keep cool. Under the Councilwoman's plan, the City will also coordinate 116 "cooling centers" to provide all Angelenos a place to stay cool when the temperatures rise. Finally, the Councilwoman is working with the Department of Aging to fund fan and air conditioner giveaways to low-income seniors throughout Los Angeles.

"The City's seniors are invited to visit their local multipurpose and senior centers, make new friends, learn new things and stay cool during the summer heat," said Laura Trejo the General Manager of the City's Department of Aging.

"We encourage our seniors in particular to always put your health and welfare first," said David Nahai, General Manager, DWP. "We want all seniors to know that when your power bill comes, we'll work with you to allow you time to pay it off. Seniors on low, fixed incomes are eligible for discounts on garbage pickup and on water, power and sewer charges."

Councilwoman Greuel helped launch the program by becoming a "Senior Friend" to a local senior citizen Lori Dinkin.

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