

{ Who are the people you see every day? }

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# People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.

## Meet Lee.



**AGE:** "I'm 60."  
**BIRTHPLACE:** "I was born in Seattle."  
**MARITAL STATUS:** "I was married twice, but both ended in divorce."  
**FAMILY:** "I have one brother and two sisters."  
**MILITARY SERVICE:** "No."  
**WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES?** "In 1960. My parents moved us here because my mother did not like the rain in Washington."  
**EDUCATION:** "I went up to the 12th grade at Santa Monica High School."  
**FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY:** "I only remember trying to get well 24/7 and not being able to do so."  
**RELIGION:** "I pray all the time that my pain would stop, but it don't stop."  
**DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS?** "Not really, but I do bump into a lot of the same people."  
**WHERE DO YOU LIVE?** "I sleep outside, usually across the street 'cause there is a nice covering that keeps the place dry."  
**FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY:** "I like the beach because of the view."  
**WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB YOU HAD?** "I used to play music in a band. I played the guitar, keyboard, and bass."  
**FAVORITE SPORT:** "I like tennis."  
**FAVORITE TV SHOW:** "Any Walt Disney stuff."  
**FAVORITE ACTOR:** "Robin Williams."  
**FAVORITE ACTRESS:** "Elizabeth Taylor."  
**FAVORITE CANDY:** "Chocolate Hershey bars."  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** "Strawberry shortcake."  
**WHAT'S THE LAST BOOK YOU READ?** "*Of Human Bondage*. I carry around many things to read."  
**ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE:** "Don't get sick."  
**LAST THING EATEN:** "A muffin."  
**WHAT ARE SOME OF THE THINGS YOU CARRY AROUND?** "Lots of blankets, books, papers, soap and water."  
**WHO OR WHAT ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST HELP TO YOU?** "I had SSI [Supplemental Security Income] for about five years but I don't have that anymore. Also, the Human Rescue Mission helps me out."  
**IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE?** "To not be sick anymore."  
**ARE YOU ON ANY MEDICATION?** "No. I tried medication, but there was nothing that helped. The convulsions always came back."  
**IF YOU HAD \$1 MILLION, WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH IT?** "I would get a nice place to stay with a big screen TV."  
**IF YOU WERE THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES, WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO HELP THE HOMELESS?** "Build housing for everyone."  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN FIVE YEARS?** "I probably won't be alive that long. If I am, though, hopefully I will have a place to stay."



*The Club gave Lee shaving cream, a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, two pairs of socks, shampoo, hand wipes, some food, \$20 and some bottled water.*

The interview took place Nov. 3 at Spring and First Streets downtown and was conducted by Club staffer Noelle Kauffman.  
 Photos by Angel Gomez



{ In this monthly feature, Club CEO John Hawkins, Director of Member Services Angel Gomez and New Project Coordinator Noelle Kaufman, 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. }