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**It's Official - New Fire Chief Approved**

On Friday September 11, 2009, the Los Angeles City Council confirmed Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa's appoint of Chief Millage Peaks as the Fire Chief of the Los Angeles Fire Department. Congratulations to Chief Millage Peaks, our new Fire Chief.

**Grand Opening for Fire Station 4**

Plans are continuing for Fire Station 4's grand opening, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009. New FS 4 is located at 450 E. Temple Street, L.A. Ca 90012. Plans are underway for this fabulous fire station. Volunteers will be needed, so please arrive by 7:00 a.m. F.S. 4 serves as a toy collection location.

**LAFD Fire Chief Barry Retirement Dinner**

After serving the citizens of the City of Los Angeles for 34 years, Fire Chief Barry officially retired August 29, 2009. Ch. Barry was able to calm the tumultuous waters that the LAFD was experiencing. He visited every fire station to help restore confidence much needed to our system. We would like to extend our Congratulations to Fire Chief Doug Barry and especially thank him for his support of the LAFD Toy Program. His retirement celebration will be held on Sunday, October 18, 2009 @ 3:00 p.m. Social Hour 2:00 p.m. Millennium Biltmore - 506 S. Grand, Los Angeles, CA.

**September 11 Memorial Ceremony - We Will Never Forget**

We had a power packed 9/11 Memorial Ceremony. The Mayor, several Councilmembers, Fire Chief Millage Peaks, Fire Commission President Genethia Hudley-Hayes, family and friends of 9/11 victims, made appearances. The ceremony included the traditional ringing of Ten Bells, the solemn sound of a bagpiper and the missing-man salute. It was difficult to hold back tears as we remember and we pledge, "we will never forget".

**Remembering Our Fallen Brothers**

On Saturday, September 12, at Dodger Stadium, a tribute and memorial service was held for two of our heroes and members of the Los Angeles County Fire Department. Captain Tedmund Hall and Firefighter Specialist Arnaldo Quinones were killed in-the-line of duty during the recent Station Fire. Their sacrifice was acknowledged by Vice President Joe Bidden, our Governor and by approximately 3000 attendees. Immediately following the memorial service, a reception was hosted at the LAFD Training Center.

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**Los Angeles Dodgers Heroes Game**

The Los Angeles Fire Department hosted it's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual "Meet and Greet" at the Frank Hotchkin Memorial Training Center. Over 400 Dodger Fans along with former Dodger 1<sup>st</sup> Baseman and legend Wes Parker were on hand. Wes was extremely gracious and discussed his career successes with LAFD Explorers and our kids. Something we learned about Wes Parker is that he volunteers for agencies helping the blind. Also on hand, were five LAFD members being recognized during the pre-game ceremonies: Retired Capt. Richard Andrade, Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic Frankie Balleza, Apparatus Operator Gregory Holly, Pilot Dale Gant, and Fire Inspector I Susan Girarda-Manzo. Congratulations on your selection as outstanding LAFD Members and Thank You for your contributions to the community and the Department.

**Roving Ambassador**

Our Roving Ambassador, Robert Malicoat, provided us with some interesting facts about his recent visit surrounding the Baltic Sea. At our last meeting, Bob teased us with some tidbits of his experience and we're hoping he will be ready to give us a more in depth view of the situation in Poland and Yugoslavia at our next meeting.

**Thank You Volunteers For A Magnificent Job**

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all our club members and loyal volunteers for making all these events possible. They worked tirelessly to make each event special for our guests. We definitely could not do it without our volunteers!

**Dates To Remember**

Wed., Oct. 7	Regular Meeting
Sat., Oct. 17	Grand Opening F.S. 4
Sun., Oct. 18	Fire Chief Barry's Retirement Dinner
Wed., Oct. 21	Regular Meeting

**An Invitation**

The Los Angeles Police Academy Café continues to be a big hit as our volunteers are pleased with the menu selection. We meet every other Wednesday. Check our website [www.lafdsertoma.org](http://www.lafdsertoma.org) for our calendar of meetings and ongoing events. For additional information contact: Chief Rey Rojo, LAFD (ret.) 310.508.6622 cell

**GOD BLESS AMERICA**

**Downey** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tues.  
Baker's Square – 5:45 p.m.  
7954 Imperial Highway  
Downey, CA 90241

**Las Vegas Paradise**  
Denny's  
3801 Maryland Pkwy.  
Las Vegas, NV 89109

**Leona Valley**  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. 8:00 a.m.  
Jackie's 90<sup>th</sup> St. & Elizabeth Rd.  
Leona Valley, CA 93551

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**North County**  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. – 6:30 p.m.  
Sizzler – 1401 N. Harbor Blvd.  
Fullerton, CA 92835

**Orange Empire**  
Thursday 12:15 p.m.  
Santa Ana Elks Lodge  
Santa Ana, CA 92701-5011

**Torrance** – Tues. 7:00 a.m.  
Billy's - 5160 W. 190<sup>th</sup> St.  
Torrance, CA 90503-1005

**Westwood Village**  
Thurs. 12:15 p.m.  
Rancho Park Golf Club  
10400 Pico Blvd. WLA 90064

**Whittier** – Fri. 12:15 p.m.  
Friendly Hills Country Club  
8500 S. Villa Verde Dr.  
Whittier, CA 90605

**Los Angeles Fire Department**  
Every other Wed. 8:00 a.m.  
Police Academy Café  
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