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The 2010 Jack Webb Awards

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Law enforcement, particularly the brand practiced a century ago, was a far more rudimentary undertaking. Wheeled transportation was relatively new, as were the paved roadways the seemingly underpowered cars and motorcycles travelled upon. The first air show in history came to Dominguez Field for ten days that January. Later that year, the LA Times was bombed. Certainly the LAPD was concerned with the latter occurrence. It was noteworthy, so, too was a less publicized event on September 12, 1910.

Alice Stebbins Wells was appointed as the first full-fledged Policewoman in the country on that date. This year her incredible achievement was commemorated by the Historical Society at its annual Jack Webb Awards. This year's event was held a single day before the actual anniversary of Alice's appointment. Accordingly, the event was designed to pay tribute to those women who provided sworn service to the LAPD in the past century.

Beyond honoring the Policewomen and Women Police Officers of the LAPD, the Historical Society presented its annual Jack Webb awards to some talented, committed and accomplished members of the community who have made sustaining contributions to law enforcement.

Leading this group was Jackie, (Mrs. Gene) Autry, who is a distinguished, and well-known business-woman and philanthropist, who also counts law enforcement among her many causes. Chief among her many distinctions is the fact that she is



The Jack Webb awards chronicled 100 years of sworn service by LAPD women.

the only woman who has ever served on the Executive Council of Major League Baseball. She proved to be a gracious honoree, who will continue to support the men and women who serve in ranks of the LAPD.

Joining Mrs. Autry at the podium was another very accomplished supporter of LA's policing efforts, Dr. Darlene Kuba-Fujioka. Darlene, too, has been involved in a number of charitable causes over the years. During her lengthy tenure with Councilman Gilbert Lindsay, Dr. Kuba-Fujioka

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What's Happening at Old Number 11

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In our role as the collectors, keepers and tellers of LAPD history, the Historical Society is aware of many distinctions held by the LAPD. The Department formed the first municipal police crime lab, developed a SWAT capability, and founded the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program. It was around this time a century ago that a most notable distinction came to the LAPD and it was countenanced as a petite prairie preacher. Alice Stebbins Wells joined the LAPD as its first, and the country's first, authentic, full-fledged, abundantly talented, highly committed Policewoman. Those that dispute that, from wherever they may hail, fail to recognize yet another leadership role, the LAPD has played in law enforcement history. The Historical Society clearly recognized Policewoman Wells' distinction and her accomplishments and has recently honored Wells and all that followed her into sworn LAPD service.

Beyond the theme, and activities associated with the Jack Webb awards, the Historical Society paid tribute to LAPD's Policewomen and Women Police Officers by establishing an exhibit in the lobby of the Police Administration Building. Historical Society staff and Directors also participated in the press events that went along with this important date. So, too was the Historical Society deeply involved with the Legendary Ladies luncheon. To honor Wells personally, flowers were placed at Wells' gravesite on September 12th, exactly 100 years from the date she began to change the course of police history. For all of us involved these were rewarding and interesting activities.

Of course, this isn't all the Historical Society has been up to. Early October always includes the 10-4 day parade. Mike DeCoudres and Mark Galoustian represented the Historical Society, as drivers of vintage police vehicles in the parade proudly presented by Councilmember Tom LaBonge. DeCoudres photos of the event are included on page 4.

Just a few days later, the Historical Society created another chapter of its own history. At an evening event when the Society honored those who lent us their voice talent, the freshly completed audio tour was rolled out. LAPHS became the first municipal police museum in the country to incorporate an audio tour in its operations. Voices of very talented LAPD supporters such as James Ellroy and Pete Demetriou, were complemented by the voices of LAPD personnel, both active and retired. Chief Charlie Beck, Metro K-9 handler Linda Travis, Assistant Crime Lab Director Doreen Hudson, all current and talented LAPD professionals share their experiences on the audio tour. Retired Deputy Chief Peggy York and Lt. John Thomas enhance the tour with their experiences as well. The entire production is seamlessly pulled together by retired Detective Dennis Packer, a professional announcer and the official voice of the San Diego Chargers and the USC band. Dennis has many performances to his credit, including the Angels of Major League Baseball and the Raiders of

the NFL. Although his work has been behind the scenes, his is the most famous voice in LAPD annals and the perfect officer to guide museum visitors as they, "Walk a Beat through LAPD History." The audio tour is now included in the general admission price of \$8 per adult.

In terms of on-site operations, the audio tour represents a significant first. It's not the only one in-store. On October 23rd, the Historical Society will participate in its first "LA as Subject Archives Bazaar." This event, hosted by USC, allows local



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10-4 Day Parade

LAPHS photos by Mike DeCoudres





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museums, libraries and archives housing Los Angeles History to share their holdings with the general public. This is the fifth edition of the annual event, which is free and open to the public. USC's renowned Doheny library will house this year's event, which begins at 9 a.m. and concludes at 5 p.m. Besides the many archives on exhibit, a number of workshops are available to attend. Patt Morrison is this year's featured speaker. In each of the past four years, the event has grown and evolved. For those with a genuine interest in LA history, this is a unique opportunity to learn more and explore the various research resources that are available throughout the area. More info is available at www.laassubject.org.

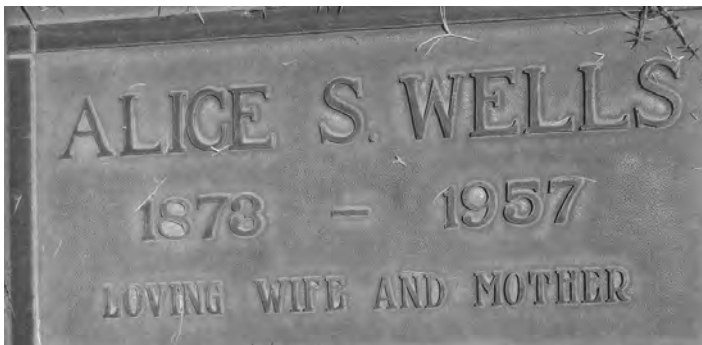
In the last edition, the Historical Society

reported on the promotional video showing on MTA buses. This was in fact, a great opportunity for the Historical Society from which we have received tremendously positive feedback. More recently, the Los Angeles Police Protective League used the Historical Society as the subject for the cover of the Thin Blue Line, their monthly publication. The story clearly highlighted the creation and advancement of the museum, and as with the MTA project, their reporting has resulted in tremendously positive feedback. LAPPL's Board of Directors has been a long-time supporter of our efforts. We extend our thanks for their enduring support, including the most recent coverage in the Blue Line. This is one of the many distinctions the LAPPL holds in LAPD history.

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was involved with Department personnel on many occasions and assisted with many issues of mutual interest. Since that time, she has proven to be a worthy law enforcement advocate, and the Historical Society was proud to honor her with a 2010 Jack Webb Award.



...and Pioneering Policewoman.

These two tremendous women were joined by a couple who have supported the Historical Society as well as the LAPD and the LA Sheriff's Department. Dr. Paul and Beverly Toffel were there when the Historical Society was just getting off the ground, and they have remained steadfast supporters. Mrs. Toffel's family represents 72 years

of unbroken service to law enforcement, which includes the 32-year LAPD career of her father, her brother in-law's LAPD career, and the careers of three nephews and one niece who are active duty police officers. Dr. Toffel has been a reserve with LASD since 1972. Besides donating his time to serve with the LASD, Dr. Toffel is an accomplished and noted head, neck and otolaryngological surgeon, who pioneered a technique he has taught to many surgeons, including those serving in the armed forces. Dr. Toffel's support of law enforcement is truly unique. Both Dr. and Mrs. Toffel were truly deserving recipients of the Jack Webb Award.

The group of honorees was full of talented women, symbolizing yet another means of the Historical Society's recognition of the service performed by LAPD's corps of women over the past 100 years. The event's emcee, Newscaster Laura Diaz, provided skilled narration that ensured the success of the program and its presentation. The Historical Society extends its thanks to Laura and all those who made the evening a fitting tribute to this year's Jack Webb Award recipients.

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3rd Saturday of the month 9:00am - 3:00pm

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