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SPECIAL EDITION!

American Cancer Society Relay For Life

Statistically one in every three people in the U.S. will be diagnosed with some form of cancer during their lifetime. The American Cancer Society Relay For Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will not do it alone and will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated all together.

No matter who you are, there's a place for you at Relay. To participate, form a team, or dedicate a luminaria at your local ACS Relay For Life, please call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit: <http://www.cancer.org/>



Jacki "Cookie" Kimmitt Simpson Beebe, and her husband Mike were among the organizers of the very successful October 25-26 Anthem, Arizona American Cancer Society Relay For Life. Country Singer **Casey Simpson** sang the National Anthem for the opening ceremonies, and performed in concert.

Don't get discouraged; it is often the last key in the bunch that opens the lock.
-- Unknown.

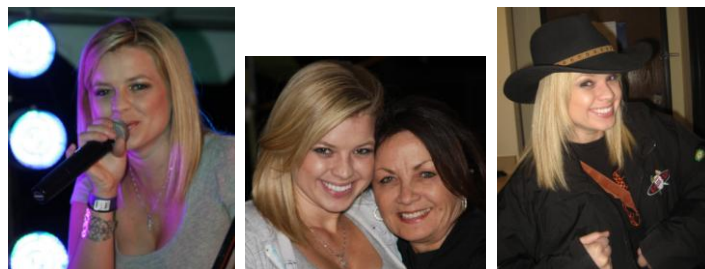
				
				
				
				

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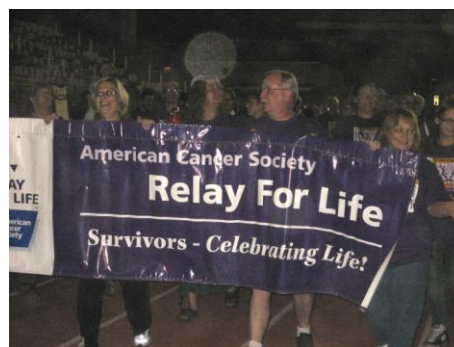
2008 is coming to a close, and we are running out of time for 2008 newsletter issues. We have pieced together a Special newsletter issue devoted to picking up the pieces, so to speak. We have presented a couple of events of interest and some California city management community organization news.

Of course, the "Relay For Life" program in Anthem, Arizona is a little outside our usual geographic area of focus. However, two of our daughters (both born in Long Beach) were involved with the program and we attended so that we got a personal feel for the benefits and importance of the event.

Currently, cancer is a fact of life, but the future will bring a time when it is overcome and people will not have to feel its devastations. The American Cancer Society does its good work through the involvement of community volunteers. These "Relay For Life" events do not only raise needed funding, but are also collaborative forums for those with cancer and/or supporting cancer victims to demonstrate their caring and encouragement.



Country Singer **Casey Simpson** performed at the October 25-26 American Cancer Society Relay For Life event in Anthem, Arizona. The middle picture shows Casey and her Mom Susan; a 10-year cancer survivor.



Survivors lead the way in Anthem, Arizona "Relay For Life"



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When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
 When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
 When the funds are low and the debts are high,
 And you want to smile but you have to sigh,
 When care is pressing you down a bit
 Rest if you must, but don't you quit.
 Success is failure turned inside out,
 The silver tint on the clouds of doubt,
 And you can never tell how close you are,
 It may be near when it seems afar.
 So, stick to the fight when you're hardest hit
 It's when things go wrong that you mustn't quit.
 -- Unknown.



Luminaria circled the track honoring cancer victims and survivors alike. Casey shows her Mom's luminaria and Casey and her Mom Susan pose with Casey's Grandmother Woodruff's, Susan's Mother.

Listen to Country Music Singer Casey Simpson

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Noyes Alexander (1964- 1969)

Jack A. Simpson (1969-1978)

John W. Jameson (Interim)('78)

Wesley Wolf (1978-1979)

Chuck Beecher (1978- 1979)

Ray Harris (6/1980- 1983)

Dudley Lang (Acting CA) (12/1987)

Doug Dunlap

Chuck Bryant (8/1987)

Darwin "Bud" Pichetto (8/1987- 8/31/1992)

Ron Downing (CA) (11/15/1988- 12/27/1990)

Nelson Oliva (2/1991- 8/9/1995)

Paul Philips (Acting CA) (8/9/1995)

Leonard Chaidez (CA) (1/5/96- 7/31/1995)

Charles Gomez (8/1995- 12/1995)

Jack A. Simpson (Interim) (7/22/1997) (6/1998)

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Raul Romero (Interim) (12/2002-7/2003)

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2008 ICMA Service Awards

40-years for Chambers, English, Figone and Wilson; 45-years for Sollenberger

ICMA's PM Magazine does an excellent job of reporting on the annual ICMA Awards. The October, 2008 issue provides wonderful coverage of the organization's 2008 Awards.

We could not help but notice that California ICMA members did not have one of its ranks honored with a 2008 ICMA Award, though there were many nominees. Maybe next year!

On the other hand, four Californians received 40-year ICMA Service Awards, and Plant City, Florida City Manager **David R. Sollenberger**, who got his start in Vallejo, was awarded his 45-year ICMA Service Award. Dave's first position was Administrative Intern in Vallejo in 1962. Five years later, after serving in various management posts, he was appointed Vallejo City Manager in 1967. He later served as SCAG's Director of Administration & Finance, and Watsonville City Manager.

40-year recipients include: Lakewood City Manager **Howard L. Chambers**; San Jose City Manager **Debra J. Figone**; Weed City Administrator **Earl D. Wilson**; and West Hollywood Assistant City Manager **Joan P. English**. Howard started in Lakewood, took a position in Rosemead and returned home. He has an MPA from **USC**. Debra started as a San Jose Recreation Leader, and worked in Los Gatos on two occasions. Earl was an AA in Auburn in 1963, and worked the top post in Escalon, Gustine, and Rio Dell. Joan began as a Burbank Intern, worked in New Jersey and Oregon, and also has an MPA from **USC**.

We salute you all! Or, as they say in Nashville, we tip our hat to "y'all." Thank you!

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For more than 20-years the California City Management Foundation (CCMF) has been the only organization with the sole objective to promote the well-being of California's city management community; the Council-Manager Plan and our State's city managers.

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CCMF sponsors workshops and training throughout each year. The group funds a major presentation at the annual meeting of the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities. For more information contact CCMF Executive Director **Bill Garrett**, a veteran retired city manager, at 619-303-8068, or email bill@cacitymanagers.org

Well-respected Vista City Manager **Rita Geldert** is the current CCMF President. She may also be contacted for inquiries, as well as, Vice President **Wade McKinney**, Atascadero City Manager, or Secretary/Treasurer **Mark Curran** of Piper Jaffray. "Every California City Manager and primary assistant should be a member of the":

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2008 35-years ICMA Service Awards

We probably missed someone, but with a cursory look at the 35-years ICMA Service Awards' list we recognize Californians: **Terry S. Matz** of Brea; **Kevin C. Duggan** of Mountain View; **Dr. Robert C. Dunek** of Lake Forest; **Dennis R. Halloway** of Loma Linda; **Alan E. Tandy** of Bakersfield; **David M. Jinkens** of South Lake Tahoe; **Michael A. Bierman** of Petaluma; **Stephen R. Burrell** of Hermosa Beach; **Raymond L. Gibbs** of the West San Gabriel Valley Consortium; **Barry D. McClellan** of San Jacinto; **Toby A. Ross** of West Sacramento; **Abdel Salem** of Delano; and **Joseph M. Tanner** of Vallejo. And, our old friend and former West Coast ICMA Director **David M. Childs**.



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Here is **Gracie Lewis** and her Daddy, **Atascadero Assistant City Manager and USC Alumnus Jim Lewis**. Jim is a Past-President of MMASC.



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Women Leading Government

“To help women succeed in public service by enhancing career-building models that develop leadership skills and by networking professional women in government.”

A group of California local government leaders who share a strong desire and commitment to grow talent and encourage women to excel has come together to form **Women Leading Government (WLG)**. At its' inception WLG was organized by the Cal-ICMA Preparing the Next Generation group. In November, 2006 WLG embarked on its mission to assist female public managers in their career development.

On October 29 WLG had a Roundtable Event featuring Kath O'Conner, Executive Director of the Richard Nixon Library and Birthplace Foundation. Check the WLG web site for future Roundtable programs.

Listed on the web site as the current WLG Board of Directors are: Acting Chair, former Sierra Madre and Yorba Linda City Manager, **Tammy Letourneau**, a consultant with Management Partners, Inc.; former Fremont City Manager, **Jan Perkins**, ICMA Senior Advisor; **Susan Thompson**, Administrative Officer, San Benito County; **Holly Brock-Cohn**, Human Resources Director, Livermore; **Joyce Crosthwaite**, Executive Officer, Orange County LAFCO; **Sarona Vivanco**, Senior Management Analyst, Santa Clarita; **Debra Rose**, Administrative Services Director, Lake Forest; **Jenny Haruyama**, Assistant to the Town Manager, Los Gatos; **Jennifer Phillips**, Animal Services Director, Orange County; **Joni Paffillo**, City Manager, Dublin; **Kim Nguyen**, Labor Relations Officer, San Diego; **Susan Loftus**, Assistant City Manager, San Mateo; **Sharon Friedrichsen**, Assistant to County Executive Officer, Santa Barbara County; and **Jamie Pollard**, Administrative Manager, Public Works, Newport Beach.

Women Leading Government (WLG)

A Cal-ICMA Coaching Program WLG is designed to assist female managers in their career development.

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Thanks to ICMA (WLG) has a new web site.

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Dublin Senior Analyst Amy B. Cunningham Named Co-Chair of the PNG Committee

During the League of California Cities Annual Conference in Long Beach in September the Preparing the Next Generation (PNG) Committee appointed Dublin Senior Administrative Analyst **Amy B. Cunningham**, a member of MMANC, to join retired Palo Alto City Manager **Frank Benest** and Brea City Manager **Tim O'Donnell** as the joint-Chairs of the PNG Initiative, including the Cal-ICMA Coaching Program.

Amy's selection as PNG Co-Chair came as a result of a joint recommendation from both MMANC and MMASC. Amy is the current MMANC Program Director and has been active with the PNG Committee for the past two years. Amy may be contacted at 925-833-6655 or at email address: amy.cunningham@ci.dublin.ca.us

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--Author Charles C. Noble



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Former Bellflower City Employees Gather in Reunion In Anaheim

For some it had been 10 or 15-years or longer since they had seen one another, and for others, it was the first time in that time period that they had not met at a funeral or memorial service. Some of Bellflower's "old guard" assembled on Friday, November 7, 2008 at McCormick & Schmick's Restaurant in Anaheim's new Garden Walk area.

Those there included: **Gonzalo Vazquez** and his wife Vickie, Gonz is currently on the Cypress staff; **Candice** and Jon **Fullencamp**, the former Bellflower Parks & Recreation Director works for a private Orange County community; **Katie "Pitcher" Wilson**, a former City Manager who works for Willdan Financial Services; **Mary Soto** and her husband Lou, Mary is with Citation Management; **Nelson and Val Oliva**, both Bellflower alumni, Nelson is the current City Manager in Hercules and Val teaches; **Debbie "Serrechia" VanZant**, a long-time City of Santa Clarita staff member; Former Bellflower Mayor **Bill Pendleton**; **Bruce** and Fran **Leach**, Bruce works for the Santa Monica Planning Department; former Bellflower planner and Administrative Assistant **Chris** and her husband Bill **Kelly**, Chris is the Community Development Director in Chino Hills and her husband Bill is a retired Arcadia City Manager and current Interim City Manager in Yorba Linda; retired Hercules and Adelanto City Manager **Mike Sakamoto** and his wife Anne; Newport Beach Planning Director **David Lepo**; Bellflower's current Parks & Recreation Director **Rich Pierce**; **Paulo Morales**, a police officer in the City of Cypress; and **Jack and Susan Simpson** of Trackdown and In-N-Out Burger.



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Casey's birthday dinner at Benihana's in Anaheim: seated are, **Samantha Simpson**, **Tyler Pouncéy**, **Casey Simpson**, and **Susan Simpson**. Standing are **Jack Simpson** and Tyler's Dad **Shonyta Pouncéy**.

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or disliking me...All I ask is that you
respect me as a human being"**

---Jackie Robinson

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Bellflower "Old Guard" Memorial Noted:

Those lost along the way who would have attended the Bellflower staff reunion November 7, include: former Parks & Recreation Supervisor **George Sturtz**, Public Safety Coordinator and retired L.A. County Sheriff's Deputy **Ski Brykoski**, Assistant to the City Administrator and Boeing legislative representative **Robert Fleming**, Deputy City Administrator and Rolling Hills City Manager **Craig Nealis** and city historian and Farmers' Market Manager **Muriel McGregor**, among others.



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Picking Up the Pieces: Ormond Beach, Florida's City Manager recruitment has been reduced to five finalists, including: **William Whitson**, former ACM of Port Orange, and the current budget director of Panama City; **Marsha Segal-George**, Orlando's director of general administration; **Ron McLemore**, City Manager of Winter Springs; **Scott Morgan**, City Manager in Anderson, California; and **Joyce Shanahan**, City Manager of Fort Walton Beach. The selection is scheduled for the middle of November. Kerman City Manager since 1993, **Ronald Manfredi** was elected to serve on the State Center Community College District Board of Trustees from 1983-2002. He is currently a SCCCD Board appointment to the District's Personnel Commission. He is also the recently elected President of the San Joaquin Valley Power Authority – A Community Choice JPA Electrical Energy Provider in the Central Valley. Ron graduated from Reedley College and earned a BA from UC Berkeley and an MA from CSU San Francisco. He previously served as Assistant City Administrator in Madera. When Hawaiian Gardens incorporated as a city in 1964 former newspaper writer **Noyes Alexander** was selected to be its' first City Administrator. **Paul Hogan** was once a highly valued executive assistant in Hawaiian Gardens and then Lomita. He left his city position for a post with a local government financial



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L. to R.: Former Bellflower Parks & Recreation Director **Candice Fullencamp**, former Mayor **Bill Pendleton**, and former Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director **Michael A. Sakamoto** at the Bellflower staff reunion.

consultant firm, and following a motorcycle accident and attendant medical issues, he found himself working as a Stater Bros. meat clerk and as a long haul truck driver but he still seems hard-working and happy. Pleasanton City Manager **Nelson Fiahlo** has been working on a public-private partnership agreement to bring an ice rink facility to the Staples Ranch Community Park. **Allison Hart**, a former City Manager in Irvine, the Nation's largest master-planned community, holds a Ph.D. from **USC** and an MPA from the University of Colorado. Roseville City Manager **W. Craig Robinson** began his career as an Intern in Thousand Oaks in 1978. He then worked in Rolling Hills, and Huntington Park before joining the Roseville staff in 1989. Retired veteran City Manager **W. Lynn Dredge** served as the Tulare City Manager for nearly 24-years ending in 1995 after working in Hanford and as Corcoran City Manager. He has a 25-year ICMA Service Award, and is still listed as living in Tulare. He will turn 71 in December. Founded in 1972 **Keenan & Associates** has grown to be the 17th largest insurance broker in the U.S. focused on risk management, employee benefits, workers' compensation and property & liability consulting for public entities, health care systems and high-tech firms. Retired Rosemead City Manager and President & CEO of Willdan Financial Services **Frank G. Tripepi** has accepted the Interim City Manager assignment for the City of La Puente. **Al Carnesciali** was the first City Manager in the City of Imperial Beach following its incorporation in 1956.

More Picking Up the Pieces: Mendocino County Deputy Chief Executive Officer **Paul Cayler**, 43, will replace Interim City Manager **Bob Christofferson** as Willits City Manager effective November 17. Paul has a BA in public administration from California State University, Chico. A State Appellate Court dismissed a conflict-of-interest charge against former Placencia City Administrator **Robert D'Amato**. Bob retired in December, 2003. **Steve Salomon** has a BS in civil engineering from the University of Cincinnati, and a Master in planning from Ohio State University. He worked in Concord, Hercules, Albany, and Watsonville prior to joining the Visalia staff. **John D. Rockefeller**, founder of Standard Oil, chose Ormond Beach, Florida as his winter home in 1918 and continued his residence until his death in 1937, a few days short of his 100th birthday. Jones & Mayer lawyers provide municipal legal services as City Attorney for the Cities of Costa Mesa, Fullerton, La Habra, Westminster and Whittier, and as General Counsel to the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG). When Monte Sereno City Manager **Gay Strand** left the city in 1998 she left to accept the position of Administrative Services Manager for the Santa Clara County Library System. South Pasadena City Manager **Lilian Myers** has announced that she will leave her post when her 3-year employment agreement expires early next year. Walnut Creek's Community Development Director since 2002 **Valerie Barone** will become Concord City Manager **Dan Keen's** Assistant City Manager on December 1. Assistant City Manager **Cary Keaten** became the Acting Lathrop City Manager effective November 1 in the wake of City Manager **Yvonne Quiring's** resignation. Cary came to Lathrop from Morgan Hill to be the City's Public Work Director. **Mark McGwire** attended Damien High School in La Verne, and he played baseball at **USC** under the legendary **Rod Dedeaux**. Palmdale City Manager **Stephen H. Williams** is a past President of the High Desert Branch of the American Public Works Association (APWA), and he was named the 2001 Public Sector Leader of the Year for the Southern California Chapter of APWA. Chico Police Department Captain **John Rucker** is the new Assistant City Manager to City Manager **Dave Burkland**. Rucker replaces Interim Assistant City Manager **Dennis Beardsley**, who will return to his General Services Director post. **Paul Poczobut Jr.**, 52, the new Orland City Manager starting November 3 served 20-years in the Navy, and since leaving the military in 1994 he has work for the cities of Greensburg, Kansas; Turner, Oregon; and Taylor, Arizona. Keep smiling and...persevere...
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2009 ICMA Nominating Committee to be Appointed in December, 2008

Members of the ICMA Executive Board will meet in December and, among other issues, decide who sits on the 2009 Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will meet at the ICMA Annual Conference in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, September 13-16, 2009, to conduct interviews of regional vice presidential candidates.

ICMA President David Limardi wishes to hear from members interested in serving on the committee. The 5-member committee includes the immediate past president, president-elect, and three corporate members who have not served on the ICMA Executive Board, and who are not from the regions being considered.

This year, the two board members to be selected will represent the Midwest and Southeast regions. This means the Nominating Committee members will be appointed from the Mountain Plains, Northeast and West Coast regions.

We urge California city managers to get involved. To be considered, contact President Limardi, City Manager, Highland Park, Illinois, with your name, title, and jurisdiction. Send all correspondence to 1707 Saint Johns Avenue, Highland Park, Illinois 60035-3532; or by email to: dlimardi@cityhpil.com by November 14, 2008. President Limardi is also contacting State and affiliate Presidents to solicit nominees. Let's make certain we get a committee appointment from California.

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Former City Manager **Katie Pitcher Wilson** and retired Arcadia City Manager **Bill Kelly** of Urban Futures chat at the Bellflower staff reunion. Katie is currently an executive with Willdan Financial Services, and Bill is the Interim City Manager in Yorba Linda.



Urban Futures' **Bill Kelly** and his wife **Chris Kelly**, who is the Community Development Director in Chino Hills, and Hercules City Manager **Nelson Oliva** at the November 7 Bellflower staff reunion. Chris is a former Bellflower planner and administrative executive, and Nelson worked in Parks & Recreation, Transportation and Public Works and was a Deputy City Administrator.

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