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SPECIAL EDITION!



Bill Pagett: Pictured are Bill and Donna Pagett. Bill is a Senior Vice President with *Willdan Engineering*. Bill is also nationally recognized in the boat racing community as a Professional Sprint Boat race driver, though at Donna's urging he has retired from active racing. He used to pilot "Blow Fuel Flat Bottom Circle Boats"...the most powerful of all sprint boats..."K-Boats." Lately he has gotten his speed fix in NASCAR & Open Wheel cars on racing ovals like Lowe's Motor Speedway, Las Vegas and California Speedways. This picture was taken at Paramount's 50th Anniversary dinner. Bill is the Paramount City Engineer.

MMASC's 2008 Annual Conference

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MMASC Conference
La Jolla Marriott, San Diego, CA
June 30-July 2, 2008

President **John Keisler** of Long Beach called the MMASC Annual Conference to order with its "Leading the Way" theme at the La Jolla Marriott on Monday, June 30. MMANC's 2008 Annual Conference, "*Leadership by Design*," will be convened by President **Matt Bronson** of Marin County and Vice President **Lisa Achen** of Roseville, at The Resort at Squaw Creek October 22-24.

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Please excuse our inability to know everyone and recount each event we attend with total accuracy. At our age, there should be some allowances, though we try hard to be as accurate as possible. We have not left out anyone on purpose so if we goof and omitted you, please call it to our attention.

It was our pleasure to participate at the MMASC Pre-Conference Lunch with a Senior Manager session on Monday afternoon. We heard the stories of the golfing prowess of some of the MMASC Tournament participants as they played "way behind" **Tiger Woods** and the U.S. Open on the Torrey Pines Golf Course. One of the prominent golfers mentioned was Indio City Manager **Glenn Southard**. Apparently some of the spectator bleachers used at the Open were still in place, and some of the MMASC golfer could not drag themselves away from the rarified golfing atmosphere where Tiger won his last U. S. Open before knee surgery.

Prior to the opening of the luncheon dining room, we had the opportunity to chat in the hallway with **Kristen Crane** of Poway; ICMA's **Jim Keene**, Palo Alto City Manager **Frank Benest**, and **Gary Brown** of Imperial Beach.

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Among the Senior Managers in attendance for the luncheon program was ICMA's **Jim Keene**, who was recently selected to be Palo Alto's next City Manager, following the retirement of **Frank Benest**, who also participated. Imperial Beach City Manager **Gary R. Brown**, whose career has had him serving in various capacities in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Colorado, and Arizona prior to his appointment in Imperial Beach, was also at the luncheon. Also there was Poway City Manager **Rod Gould**, a Past President of the League of California Cities' City Managers' Department.

Gail R. Kaufman of Thousand Oaks and I joined **Jamie Pollard** of Newport Beach at a luncheon table until stragglers started rolling in. President John introduced the program and read informal questions to stimulate discussion with the attending senior managers. An example of "it's a small world," Jamie and I talked about Newport Beach Deputy City Clerk **Lei Lani Brown**, a quality individual with a great work ethic, who we had the fortune to work with during our time in Bellflower.

MMASC Past-President **Mike Busch** joined our table too. Mike, a former Director of Finance and Assistant City Manager who work in Claremont, Indio and Lancaster, is currently a principal with **Marshall Linn** and *Urban Futures, Inc.*



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Following the luncheon program we "oldsters" convened at the 2008 Senior Manager's Workshop Sponsored by M. L. Stern & Co., Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, and Richards, Watson and Gershon. President **John Keisler** introduced the program and retiring [Palo Alto](#) City Manager **Frank Benest**, who led the session addressing: *Planning Your Next Phase: Don't Call it Retirement.*

Frank has distinguished himself as a noted consultant and trainer. Prior to his appointment in [Palo Alto](#), he served as City Manager in [Brea](#) and [Colton](#). He has a doctorate in management from Brigham Young University; a Masters in Public Administration from California State University, Long Beach; and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Yale University. He is a past President of the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities and served as a West Coast Regional Vice President on the governing board of ICMA.

Good fortune allowed us to locate a seat at a table with [West Covina](#) City Manager **Andy Pasmant** and his Assistant City Manager **Chris Freeland**, an MMASC Past-President and MPA graduate from California State University, Long Beach. We were up towards the front where we could easily read Frank's excellent Power Point presentation.

Among the others attending the "Crafting Your Next Life Phase" session were: **Mike Busch** of Urban Futures, Inc.; **Todd Smith** of ML Stern & Co.; **Dr. Marcia Godwin** of the Public Administration program at the University of La Verne; [Imperial Beach](#) City Manager **Gary Brown**; [Poway](#) City Manager **Rod Gould**; and [Solana Beach](#) City Manager **Dave Off**.

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Many people leaving city management have a difficult time crafting a new and fulfilling "next phase" of their life. Frank points out that designing a new life phase is much more than financial planning and pursuing leisure activities. When golf or any other pursuit ceases to be a hobby and more an everyday regularly scheduled task, it has the potential to become work instead of a hobby.



John Keisler

Frank provided a good forum to discover insightful issues and points to ponder when crafting an action plan for the "Next Phase" of life. We congratulate and applaud **John Keisler** and MMASC for including this professional development opportunity for senior managers as part of MMASC's mission to provide personal and professional development to those practicing public management. Long Beach City Manager **Pat West** can be extremely proud of his staff member **John Keisler**. We highly recommend this training session to other groups throughout California and beyond.

Following the session **Mike Busch** and I had the opportunity to sit and confer with **Frank Benest** over a beverage. Frank has certainly earned his stripes as a top California City Manager; however it is his commitment to those practicing the craft that is most admirable.

Before heading to the Monday evening reception, I had the opportunity to chat with former Sierra Madre and Yorba Linda City Manager **Tammy Letourneau**. Like former Fremont City Manager **Jan Perkins**, Tammy has joined the *Management Partners, Inc.* professional team. She has not written off future service as a city manager, but for now she and her husband are interested in raising a family.

Monday evening *Keenan & Associates* hosted the Conference Opening Reception at Dussini Bistro in the Gaslamp Quarter of San Diego. (**Wade McKinney**, you will remember the Dussini Bistro building as "The Spaghetti Factory" where you first met the in-laws.) Though the MMASC Conference planners provided bus transportation from the La Jolla Marriott to the San Diego Gaslamp Quarter, I was lucky to catch a ride from *Willdan Financial Services* President & CEO **Frank G. Tripepi**, a retired Rosemead City Manager known for his conservative budgeting practices.



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(Among those we talked with at the reception were: President **John Keisler** of Long Beach; Past President **Mike Busch** of *Urban Futures, Inc.*; Past President **Oliver Chi**, City Manager of Rosemead; **Erica Darplee**, a Management Analyst on City Manager **Jack Lam's** Rancho Cucamonga staff; **Fabian Villenas**, also of Rancho Cucamonga; **Frank G. Tripepi**, **Paul Whitelaw**, **Brian Jewett**, and **Chris Fisher** of *Willdan Financial Services*; **Brad McKinney** and **Jennifer S. Hill** of *eCivis*; **Antonia Castro**, a Management Analyst in Cypress; **Francesca Fuentes** of *Willdan*; Thousand Oaks Legislative Affairs Manager **Mina M. Layba**; **Carl Alameda** of La Cañada Flintridge; City Manager **Andy Pasmant** and MMASC Past President **Chris Freeland** of West Covina; Newport Beach's **Jamie Pollard**; and **Dr. Maria Godwin** of the University of La Verne.

Tuesday morning, after checking out of the hotel and hiking our "stuff" to the car in the parking garage, we visited the exposition display area and presentation room. The number of displays was very good, and the buffet breakfast provided by the conference was excellent. We greeted the *Willdan Financial Services* group who staffed the *Willdan* display booth along with **Francesca Fuentes**. **Brad McKinney**, who was celebrating his birthday, and **Jennifer Hill** staffed the *eCivis* booth. We also chatted with **Ken Holman** at the *Stone & Youngberg* booth. We compared notes on long-time *Stone* "hired hand" **Bill Huck**, who is a former U.S. Navy pilot.

We are sorry that we were unable to stay for the remainder of the conference. We kept up by getting cell phone reports from friends and colleagues. However, we will do your best to sign on for the complete package next year. Congratulations to the MMASC leadership for an outstanding 2008 Conference.

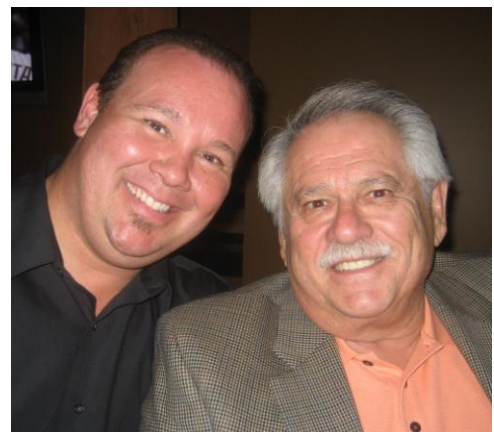


Pictured at the 2008 MMASC Conference Opening Reception Sponsored by Keenan & Associates are West Covina City Manager Andy Pasmant and Brian Jewett, Division Manager of the Financial Consulting Services Group of *Willdan Financial Services*. Brian worked 11-years in State and Local governments, including positions with the City and County of San Francisco, the County of San Diego and the City of Poway. He holds a BA from the University of California, Santa Barbara and an MPA from the University of Delaware. Andy has more than 30-years of work experience in local government, especially economic development. He has held positions in the Cities of Huntington Park and Montebello and was the City Manager in South Gate prior to his appointment in West Covina in October 2001. Andy has a BA in Urban Studies from California State University, Los Angeles and an MBA from the University of La Verne.



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MMASC Past President Mike Busch of *Urban Futures, Inc.* and retired City Manager Frank G. Tripepi, currently the President & CEO of *Willdan Financial Services*.

2008 Gaylord Knapp Golf Tournament

On March 8, 2008 we lost former City Manager **Gaylord F. Knapp** to Huntington's Disease (HD). Gaylord was one of the most mentally gifted of California's city managers, and yet this genetic neurological disorder took him.

Chino Hills City Manager **Doug La Belle** has headed up the organizing group of the annual Gaylord Knapp Golf Classic during the past nine years. During that time Doug and his group have raised more than a quarter of a million dollars for Huntington's Disease research.

Huntington's Disease derived its name from the physician George Huntington who described the disorder in 1872. In 1993 the gene causing HD was isolated, making it one of the first inherited genetic disorders for which an accurate test can be performed. The gene causing the disorder is dominant and may, therefore, be inherited from a single parent.

Global incidence of HD varies from 3 to 7 per 100,000 people of Western European descent, down to 1 per 1,000,000 of Asian and African descent. The onset of the physical symptoms of HD occurs in a large range around a person's late 40s and early 50s.

Legendary folk singer **Woody Guthrie's** former wife **Marjorie Guthrie** died of HD in 1967. That year he helped found the *Huntington's Disease Society of America*, a national non-profit organization committed to finding a cure for HD.



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The 2008 edition of the *Gaylord Knapp Golf Classic* was held at the Western Hills Golf and Country Club in Chino Hills on Monday, June 16. In hopes that we do not leave someone out we have attempted to list all city managers and former city managers who were at the tournament or the tournament awards dinner. They include: **Doug La Belle, Bruce Channing, Dan Joseph, Howard Chambers, Ernie Garcia, Pat West, Terry Belanger, Darrell Essex, Jim Ruth, Mike Egan, Steve Helvey, Bob Dunek, Mark Pulone, Bill Kelly, Frank Tripepi** and **Tom Mauk**. Those who provided financial support but could not make it to the tournament include: **Richard Rowe, Norm King, Don Powell,** and **Dave Ream**.

This year's tournament will net around \$25,000 for the Knapp Family Fund – HDSA. Oh, and rumor has it that **Pat West's** foursome...with **Matt Knabe** leading the way...won the 2008 tournament.



Country Singer **Casey Simpson** in New York City in 2005. She was invited to audition for a stage production there. You can almost see the Statue of Liberty over Casey's left shoulder.

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California Contract Cities Association's 49th Annual Municipal Seminar

Though we were in Rancho Cordova attending the high school graduation of our Granddaughter **Brittney Nicole Sugar**, the CCCA "show" went on without us for the first time in more than 40-years, May 29 – June 1, 2008. And, reports are that it was one of the very best seminars in the history of the association.

Many City Managers participate in the annual CCCA seminar starting with the annual golf tournament. We apologize if we miss someone but here is a list of city managers who signed to play in the 2008 CCCA Tournament: **Howard Chambers, Ernesto Marquez, Tom Odom, Roger Haley, Andy Pasmant, Ernie Garcia, Jeff Parker, Ken Pulskamp, Mike Egan, Greg Korduner**, and ACMs **Vince Barr, Kevin Chun** and **Bob Russi**. CJPIA Executive Director **Jonathan Shull** played too, as did CCCA's **Sam Olivito** and Trackdown Sponsors: **Jason and Anthony Gonsalves, Lyle Defenbaugh, Eric Scriven** and **Tom Brisbin** and other representatives of the *Willdan* companies. The "First" Foursome included: Incoming President **Frank Zerunyan** of Rolling Hills Estates, **Sheriff Lee Baca**, Fire Chief **P. Michael Freeman** and Supervisor **Don Knabe**.

Rolling Hills Estate City Manager **Doug Prichard** had his hands full at the "Taking The Greener Path" Seminar as his Council Member **Frank Zerunyan** was installed as President of the group. Orchids to Immediate Past President **Sally Flowers** & City Manager **Maria Dadian** of Artesia for an outstanding year. Best wishes to the new leadership for continued success.



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Picking Up the Pieces: West Covina Assistant City Manager **Artie Fields** is the new Salinas City Manager replacing retiring **Dave Mora**, past ICMA President. A number of people in Needles, one of the few cities that shrank in population during the Southern California growth spurt of the 1990s, wish they could remove the city from California and join Arizona. Former Berkeley and Tucson, Arizona City Manager **Jim Keene**, the West Coast Director of ICMA, has been appointed Palo Alto City Manager effective September 2 replacing the retiring **Frank Benest**. Following the third day of a performance evaluation, popular Corona City Manager **Beth Groves** submitted her resignation though it seemed she got mostly high marks. Assistant City Manager **Brad Robbins** will serve as interim. Coming from a private enterprise career where he served as a Vice President & Plant Manager, **Greg Garrett**, went to work for Tehachapi in July, 2004 as a Capital Projects Manager and soon became Assistant City Manager. He was appointed Interim City Manager when **Jason Caudle** resigned to join De La Rosa & Co. The City has removed the Interim and appointed Greg City Manager. Cloverdale's City Manager is **Nina D. Regor**. Novato's City Manager since 2004, **Dan Keen** has been appointed Concord City Manager. Orange Cove City Administrator **Bill Little**, 65, died when his vehicle collided with a big rig after he left a City Council meeting June 25. Bill was an assistant to City Manager **Dennis Courtemarche** in Seal Beach in the 1970s, and City Manager in Eloy, Arizona. Sierra Madre's Director of Community and Personnel Services **Michelle Keith** has been appointed Bradbury City Manager. Recently

appointed Modesto City Manager **Gregory A. Nyhoff** is the former Assistant City Manager in Colorado Springs, Colorado. **Gonzalo Vazquez** of Cypress (a Bellflower staff alumnus) and his wife Vickie celebrated 25-years of marriage by renewing their vows in Las Vegas with "The King" officiating on June 28. Former Signal Hill and Irwindale City Manager **Dave Carretto** is a member of the Big Bear Lake Planning Commission. Moreno Valley City Manager **Bob Gutierrez** consolidated two departments and appointing an interim library director and interim animal services division manager. The moves address budget challenges and the retirement of Finance Director **Steve Chapman**. Paradise Town Manager **Chuck Rough** is a Norwalk staff alumnus. Calimesa City Manager **David Lane**, who is a former Clear Lake City Manager, resigned effective July 31 and will become the Blythe City Manager August 11. Our prayers to former City Manager **Steve Thatcher**, who faces prostate cancer surgery July 17.



Casey, Jack and Samantha pose with their mother Susan Simpson of Trackdown Management Services, June, 2008.



Cal-ICMA President Hilary Straus of Citrus Heights sits in his restored 1973 Toyota Crown with his "Outstanding Car" Award at a May, 2008 Car Show in Vallejo.

Ronald Manfredi, Kerman City Manager since 1993, was an elected Board member of the State Center Community College District 1983-2002. He is the current SCCC Board appointment to the District's Personnel Commission. Manteca's new City Manager **Steve Pinkerton** is a former Long Beach Redevelopment Agency Director. New San Bernardino Associated Governments' Director of Management Services is Hemet ACM **Duane Baker**.

Barton, Gould and Martel Names Get Cal-ICMA Nod

Cal-ICMA Nominations and Governance Committee Chair, Rancho Cucamonga Assistant City Manager **Pamela S. Easter**, presented the Committee's recommendations for nominees for the ICMA Board of Directors West Coast Vice President position to the Cal-ICMA Board at a recent meeting. Covina City Manager **Paul Philips**, a member of the Committee, also participated at the meeting which was mostly conducted through a conference call format.

It is important to the Cal-ICMA Board of Directors and the Cal-ICMA Nominations and Governance Standing Committee, to ensure that California's ICMA members are made aware of West Coast ICMA Board opportunity. In this instance the Committee used two broadcast emails to all Cal-ICMA members, posted information on the Cal-ICMA website, announced it in the League of California Cities' City Managers' Quarterly Newsletter, and provided informal encouragement and outreach to California professional organizations and "word of mouth" to range riders, area managers' groups and other key stakeholders.

Three candidates submitted letters of interest. Each was interviewed by the Committee in mid-June. Qualifications and backgrounds were reviewed and discussed. The Committee was impressed with the high quality of all three candidates. In an effort to encourage nomination of a candidate from Cal-ICMA all three candidates have been recommended to the ICMA Nominating Committee: Livermore City Manager **Linda Barton**, Poway City Manager **Rod Gould** and Daly City City Manager **Patricia Martel**.

Linda began her career in 1974 in Colorado and since has worked positions in Oregon, Minnesota, Texas and Washington prior to her appointment in Livermore in 2001. She served as City Manager in Burnsville, Minnesota and Bedford, Texas. She has a BA from Colorado College and an MPA from the University of Colorado.

Rod is a Past President of the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities. He began his career as a California VISTA volunteer in 1979. He was the ACM in Walnut Creek and served as City Manager in Monrovia and San Rafael prior to his appointment in Poway in December 2005. Rod has a BA from Yale University and an MPA from Harvard University.

Patricia began her career in November, 1980 in the Inglewood Engineering Department. She worked several positions in South San Francisco, including ACM, a similar position to her first job in Daly City prior to her appointment in October 2001 as General Manager for the City and County of San Francisco. She became City Manager in Daly City in 2005. She has a BS and an MPA from **USC**.

Each of these candidates received supporting letters from colleagues, and each was impressive in their dealings with the Committee. All three have been submitted to continue in the formal ICMA nomination process.

Born in Lone Pine, **Michael Allan Bedwell**, Menlo Park City Manager from 1964 until he retired in 1991 passed away in May following a fight with heart and lung issues. Following retirement he served in an Interim City Manager capacity in East Palo Alto in 1993. His wife Carleen served as the Palo Alto Director of Social and Community Services during the 1970s.