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SPECIAL EDITION!

August, 2008 Reflections A Busy Summer Month!

We began the month riding the Cable Cars in San Francisco, and ended the month on a cruise ship in the Caribbean. In the middle Susan helped staff a “management incentive” trip in Hawaii and another on a cruise ship out of Miami.

California City Management Foundation Board members gathered in San Francisco for a quarterly meeting at the Huntington Hotel on July 31-August 1. **Mark Curran** of Piper Jaffray and **Melanie Arner** of his staff were responsible for most of the meeting logistics, and did an amazing job for the group. The Huntington Hotel is located on Nob Hill and steeped in historical significance.

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Our mission in this newsletter is not to present all the actions taken and issues discussed at the various meetings we mention. We are focused on the people...on the individuals who devote countless hours of their time to the public management craft. There are those who feel that those who seek leadership roles do it to seek ego gratification. Where this might be the motive of some, we have more often seen unselfish contributions from highly professional managers. Thank goodness there are folks who consent to serve in leadership positions. Without them there would be a leadership void that would negatively impact California's public managers. We also acknowledge the valuable contributions of the many private sector folks like **Mark Curran** of *Piper Jaffray*, who serves as the CCMF Treasurer. We thank Mark and his staff for the remarkable planning of the August CCMF meeting in San Francisco.



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Susan and I left our Cerritos home and headed north at about 9:30 a.m., which seemed to put us behind the rush hour traffic. We made good time through Los Angeles and stopped for lunch at Harris Ranch for a Subway sandwich. We arrived in San Francisco Wednesday afternoon and checked into the Huntington Hotel. The hotel staff was extremely friendly and our room was ready and very nice.

We walked down...and I do mean "down"...Powell Street and then through the Union Square Park to do some "people watching." We stopped at the Grand Hyatt Hotel and visited the lounge on the 36th Floor where we partially celebrated our 25th Anniversary last year. We watched the fog roll in over "The City" as we had a couple of beverages and snacked on some hors d'oeuvres, including some awesome ribs and vegetable rolls. From our perch, we could see and trace the swim course Rolling Hills Estates City Manager **Doug Prichard** took during his incredible swim out and around The Rock.



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View of S.F. from our Huntington Hotel room window.

After walking back...that's "up"...to the Huntington Hotel, we found a comfortable table in the Big Four Restaurant lounge area and made dinner of Pan-Fried Dungeness Crab Cakes before retiring for the evening.

Thursday morning, Susan and I got up and took a walk heading for a breakfast...somewhere. We actually ended up walking down hill on California Street all the way to across the street from the Hyatt Regency where we had a couple of vegetable omelets at a place called "Bistro Burger" on Drumm Street. We then caught a Cable Car back up California Street to the hotel where the CCMF Board met in a Strategic Planning Session at 12 noon.

Members of the Fiscal Policy Committee, Five-Year Plan Committee, and Senior Manager Program Planning Committee all met to develop a work product by the end of the day. The Fiscal Policy Committee includes: **Mark Curran** of Piper Jaffray; **Marcia Raines**, Half Moon Bay City Manager; **Kevin Duggan**, Mountain View City Manager; **Darold Pieper**, Public Management Attorney and Vista City Attorney; and **Bill Garrett**, CCMF Executive Director.



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Bruce Channing, City Manager of Laguna Hills, has been primarily responsible for the recent successes of the City Manager Golf Tournaments. He also sits on the CCMF Senior Manager Program Planning Committee.

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Members of the Five-Year Plan Committee include: **Jeff Kolin**, Santa Rosa City Manager; **Wade McKinney**, Atascadero City Manager; **Laura Kuhn**, ACM in Vacaville; **Pam Easter**, ACM in Rancho Cucamonga; Professional Legislative Representative **Anthony Gonsalves**; and Board Chair **Rita Geldert**, Vista City Manager.

Serving on the Senior Manager Program Planning Committee were: **Glenn Southard**, Indio City Manager; psychologist **Dr. Bill Mathis**, team building consultant and professional recruiter; **Kevin O'Rourke**, retired Fairfield City Manager; Laguna Hills City Manager **Bruce Channing**; and Trackdown Management Services **Jack A. Simpson**.

Final work products will be announced by the Foundation when completed. Keep a watchful eye on the Foundation's web site at: www.cacitymanagers.org.



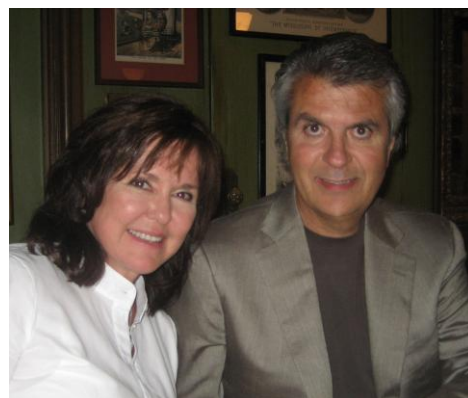
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Following a hard afternoon's work on the committee assignments, the members of the Board and the spouses that could attend met at 6 o'clock in The Big Four Restaurant at the Huntington Hotel for a reception and dinner. The incredible arrangements were made by **Mark Curran** and **Melanie Arner** of Piper Jaffray. They do good work!

Members of the Board met bright-eyed and bushy-tailed at 8 o'clock Friday morning in regular session even though some of our tails weren't bushy until 9. There was an Executive Session to discuss the "beyond expectations" performance of Executive Director **Bill Garrett**, and a full agenda that followed.



CCMF Board Member **Anthony D. Gonsalves** and his wife Evelyn during the August CCMF Board meeting in San Francisco. Anthony is a well-respected Professional Legislative Representative and has 50 some city clients.

Scenery on our August
Friday morning
"breakfast walk" in San
Francisco.



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Cal-ICMA Board Meeting

On the morning of Thursday, August 8, I saddled up and headed northerly on Interstate 5 for Los Gatos where the Cal-ICMA Board piggy-backed a meeting on to the State City Managers leadership group meetings. After heading westerly over the Pacheco Pass Highway, CA-152, to the 101 north and eventually west to the pretty little community of Los Gatos, I checked into the Toll House Hotel (never saw any cookies either) where the meetings were held.

After the friendly and efficient staff assigned me a room on the second floor, and I hung up a couple of clean shirts, I mosey'ed (that's a western term) down to the lounge where I met up with **Kevin O'Rourke**, **Joe Tanner**, **Mike Johnson**, **Mike Garvey** and **Vern Hazen**. They seemed to be sitting around drinking iced tea and awaiting the arrival of a large order of garlic fries. Being out of the driver's seat for the night and not on a public employee clock, I ordered a "Captain and Diet Coke."



Vallejo City Manager **Joe Tanner** has shouldered one of the toughest municipal government management assignments in California with professionalism and character.

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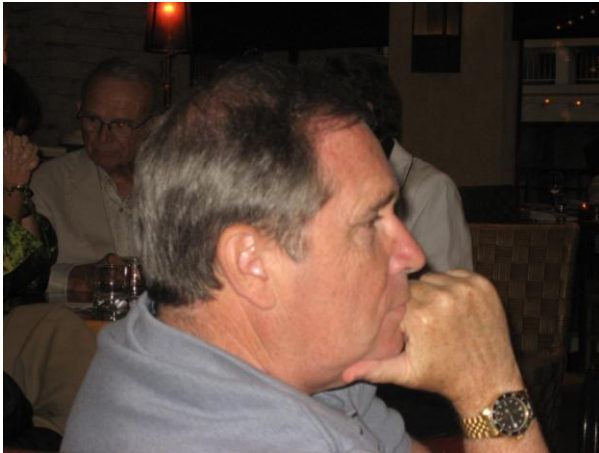
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CCMF Executive Director **Bill Garrett**, a retired El Cajon City Manager, attentively listens to someone making a point during the Los Gatos City Manager sessions.

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That evening we gathered with the State City Manager leadership for dinner at The Toll House Hotel. Those at the table where we found an empty seat included: **Joe Tanner**, Vallejo City Manager; retired Fairfield, Buena Park and Stanton City Manager **Kevin O'Rourke**; Beverly Hills City Manager **Rod Wood** and his wife Gina; Range Rider **Vern Hazen** and his wife Edie; retired City Manager **Mike Garvey**; and County Manager **Michael Johnson**. We had the rowdy table.

Of course, we do not know everyone, but we try to learn the names of those around us. Sometimes we fail miserably. However, those at the other tables at the dinner included: Vista City Manager **Rita Geldert**, CCMF Board of Directors President; CCMF Executive Director **Bill Garrett**; Santa Clarita City Manager **Ken Pulskamp**; Laguna Hills City Manager **Bruce Channing** and his wife Suzy; Range Rider **Joe Goeden**; outgoing Cal-ICMA Chair **Hilary Straus** of the Citrus Heights staff; current ICMA West Coast Manager and recently appointed Palo Alto City Manager **Jim Keene**; and Range Rider **A. J. Wilson**. This is not a comprehensive list as we pointed out earlier, our identification and memory skills fail miserably.



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Outgoing Chair **Hilary Straus** of Citrus Heights called the Friday morning Cal-ICMA Board meeting to order a 7 a.m., way before most members were “bright-eyed-and-bushy-tailed.” A new Chair and Alternate Chair were selected as a first order of business. Congratulations to Beverly Hills City Manager **Rod Wood**, the new Chair, and new Alternate Chair **Wally Bobkiewicz**, City Manager of Santa Paula.

Jim Keene reported on and got positive Board action on some housekeeping items. Jim will be missed by Cal-ICMA as he assumes the Palo Alto City Manager position.

Replacement appointments were made to Board positions where terms expired or members retired for one reason or another. Rosemead City Manager **Oliver Chi** was replaced as the MMASC representative by **John Keisler** of Long Beach. Solano County Administrator **Mike Johnson** was replaced as the CAOAC representative by Marin County Administrator **Matthew Hymel**.



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Other Cal-ICMA Board changes included the appointment of Huntington Beach Deputy City Administrator **Bob Hall** in an "At-Large" position replacing California State University, Long Beach Assistant Professor **Bill Moore**. **Nick Papadakis**, Executive Director of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments was replaced in the COG Director slot by **Darren Kettle**, Ventura County Transportation Commission Executive Director. Also, in the Principal Assistant slot, Rocklin Assistant City Manager **Rob Braulik** replaced outgoing Chair **Hilary Straus**, Senior Management Analyst in Citrus Heights.



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Among the many reports presented at the Los Gatos Cal-ICMA meeting were: An update of By Laws by Nominations and Governance Committee Chair **Pamela S. Easter**, Assistant City Manager in Rancho Cucamonga; **Kevin O'Rourke**, retired Fairfield, Buena Park and Stanton City Manager, presented the Committee on the Profession's report; highly respected Range Rider **A.J. Wilson** shared a report from the Education and Professional Development Committee; a report from a special subcommittee to the Committee on the Profession was presented regarding an Ethics Enforcement recommendation. The Subcommittee included: Co-Chairs **Rod Wood** of Beverly Hills and Rolling Hills' **Tony Dahlerbruch**; **Fran Delach** of Azusa; Range Rider **Joe Goeden**, retired West Sacramento and Montebello City Manager; **Sean Joyce** of Irvine; new father **Jim Lewis** of Atascadero; **Ben Montgomery** of Chino Hills; **Paul Philips** of Covina; **David Ready** of Palm Springs; **David Wilson** of West Hollywood and **JoAnne Spreers** of the Institute for Local Government.



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Among other discussion items was the Host Committee's work on the 2010 ICMA Annual Conference to be held in San Jose/Santa Clara County. Those Chairing Subcommittees include: **Major Social Events**: **Debra Figone**, San Jose & **Katie Brown**, Santa Clara County; **Field Demos**: **Dave Knapp**, Cupertino & **Ed Tewes**, Morgan Hill; **Athletic Events**: **Golf** – **Jennifer Sparacino**, Santa Clara; **Bocce Ball** – **Marcia Raines**, Half Moon Bay; **Mountain Biking** – **Kevin Woodhouse**, Mountain View; **Tennis** – **Daniel Rich**, Campbell; **5K** – **Kelly Morariu**, Palo Alto & **Matt Bronson**, Marin County; **Assistants' Activities** – **Frank Benest**, retired Palo Alto City Manager; **Finance** – **Greg Larsen**, Los Gatos & **Ed Shikada**, San Jose; **Volunteer Coordination** – **Kevin Duggan**, Mountain View; **Montreal 2009 Exhibit Booth** – **Tony Dahlerbruch**, Rolling Hills & **Robert Walker**, Sunnyvale. Chairs still available at the time of the meeting included: **Inspirational Breakfast** and **Registration Bags**.

Also discussed, as part of an effort to celebrate the first 100-years of the City Manager craft, is a venture to produce a history of California city managers. Beverly Hills City Manager **Rod Wood** has offered the services of his City's Audio Visual (video) professionals for the project.



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Happy 50th Birthday Nelson Oliva

Susan and I drove to Concord on Saturday morning, August 16. We checked in at a Concord motel on John Glenn Drive; and drove to "The Powder Keg Pub" in Hercules for a Surprise 50th Birthday Party for Hercules City Manager **Nelson Oliva**. Nelson's wife Val and their six children planned the event, and chose the "fun" and fitting venue.



Everyone had a great time. Here are Bellflower Director of Parks & Recreation **Rich Pierce** and his wife Char. Rich and Nellie were long-time Bellflower colleagues.

Among those in attendance were former Adelanto and Hercules City Manager **Mike Sakamoto** and his wife Anne, and **Manny De Dios** of *Kinsell, Newcomb & De Dios* investment bankers. Sakamoto is currently a Senior Vice President with the firm.



Left to Right: **Mike Sakamoto**, **Nelson Oliva**, **Jack Simpson** and **Rich Pierce** at Nelson's Surprise 50th Birthday Party at the Powder Keg Pub in Hercules.

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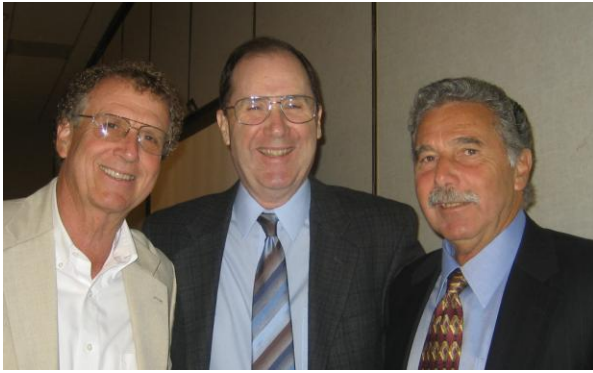
Gateway Cities City Managers

Whittier City Manager **Steve Helvey's** first complete meeting as the Chair of the Gateway Cities City Managers was kicked-off at the La Mirada Holiday Inn Select on Wednesday morning, August 20. Downey City Manager **Jerry Caton** hosted the meeting, and made an excellent presentation on the economic development projects in his city.

Jerry told the group of the **Columbia Memorial Space Center** that is being built in Downey at the site where the Apollo space capsules and much of the Space Shuttle Orbiters were designed and built. The new center will be a hands-on learning facility and home to the only Challenger Learning Center for simulated space missions in the greater Los Angeles area. The Center is the official National Memorial to the Space Shuttle Columbia and will honor the crew of STS-107 who were lost on February 1, 2003. In other business at the Gateway City Managers' meeting, Congresswoman **Linda Sanchez** of California's 39th Congressional District addressed to the group, as did **Kristine Guerrero** of the League of California Cities, Gateway Cities COG Executive Director **Richard Powers**, and **Sam Olivito** of the California Contract Cities Association.

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100 years of public management experience: Lakewood City Manager **Howard L. Chambers** and Cerritos City Manager **Art Gallucci** flank Downey City Manager **Jerry Caton**. The picture was taken at the August 20, 2008 Gateway Cities City Managers' meeting.

Those attending the August Gateway Cities City Managers' meeting included (this does not purport to be a comprehensive list): Chair **Steve Helvey**, Whittier City Manager; Immediate Past Chair **Maria Dadian**, Artesia City Manager; Paramount City Manager **Linda Benedetti-Leal** and Assistant City Manager **John Moreno**; Norwalk City Manager **Ernie Garcia**; Executive Director **Richard Powers** and **Jack Joseph** of the Gateway Cities COG staff; Cerritos City Manager **Art Gallucci**; Long Beach City Manager **Pat West**; Santa Fe Springs City Manager **Fred Latham**; Downey City Manager **Jerry Caton**; Pico Rivera Assistant City Manager **Jeff Prang** (also a member of the West Hollywood City Council); Lakewood City Manager **Howard Chambers**; Bellflower City Manager **Michael Egan**; Lynwood City Manager **Roger L. Haley**; Compton City Manager **Charles Evans**; South Gate City Manager **Dr. Ron Bates** and South Gate Finance Director **Julia James**; **Sam Olivito** of the California Contract Cities Association; Huntington Park City Manager **Gregory Korduner** and Assistant City Manager **Allan Shear**; La Mirada Assistant to the City Manager and City Clerk **Anne Haraksin**; and **Kristine Guerrero** of the League of California Cities.



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Grandson **Tyler Pouncéy** joins the "big people" at the annual In-N-Out Burger company picnic in August, 2008.

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City Managers'/Administrators' Committee California Contract Cities Association

Chair **Doug Prichard**, the famous Rolling Hills Estates City Manager who swam out and around Alcatraz Island this past summer, called the California Contract Cities Association's City Managers'/Administrators' meeting to order on Thursday, August 21, 2008 at the Monterey Hill Restaurant in Monterey Park. League of California Cities Deputy Director **Dwight Stenbackken** addressed the group about State Air Resources Board actions and the pending very late State budget. Executive Director **Sam Olivito** talked to the group about the Los Angeles Regional Interoperability Communications Authority (LARIC), and Liability Trust Fund issues.



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Those attending the August 21 meeting included: Chair **Doug Prichard**, Rolling Hills Estates City Manager; Commerce City Administrator **Jorge Rifa**; La Cañada Flintridge Assistant City Manager **Kevin Chun**; Huntington Park City Manager **Gregory Korduner**; Lakewood City Manager **Howard L. Chambers**, Assistant City Manager **Sandy Ruyle** and Assistant to the City Manager **Lisa Novotny**; Temple City City Manager and City Attorney **Charlie Martin**; Rolling Hills City Manager **Tony Dahlerbruch**; Compton City Manager **Charles Evans**; former Covina City Manager **Paul Philips**; Diamond Bar City Manager **Jim Destefano**; South Gate Finance Director **Julia James**; **Jennifer Quan** of the League of California Cities; Pico Rivera Assistant City Manager **Jeff Prang**; Duarte City Manager **Darrell George**.

Frank G. Tripepi and **Mark Risco** of Willdan Financial Services, and **Bill Pagett** of Willdan Engineering were in attendance too. Of course, this is not a comprehensive list as we do not know everyone. **Sam Olivito** and CCCA President **Frank Zerunyan**, a member of the Rolling Hills Estates City Council, were late to the meeting as they were coming from a prior meeting with two members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. CCCA Vice President **Lois Gaston**, a member of the Duarte City Council, was also at the meeting.



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Country Singer **Casey Simpson** shows her "technology challenged" dad how to use his cell phone as they wait in the Ft. Lauderdale Airport for transportation to Miami.

Carnival Cruise Ship Liberty

In order to close out our busy month of August 2008, we took a family cruise on the Carnival Cruise Ship Liberty out of Miami. Daughter Casey flew down from Nashville to meet Samantha, Tyler, Susan and I in Ft. Lauderdale. We flew there on Jet Blue out of Long Beach...a great airport that is as "passenger friendly" as can be expected during this "security conscience" era.

We boarded the Liberty on August 23 to visit the Ports of Call: Half Moon Cay; St. Thomas; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and Grand Turk Island. We had a great time on and off the ship. The warm clear waters of the Caribbean are hard for us "water people" to stay out of. I enjoyed some very fine snorkeling at three of our stops.

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Picking Up the Pieces: **John Sanford Todd**, Lakewood's City Attorney Emeritus, well-known for establishing the "Lakewood Plan" in 1954 as a service delivery model for local governments in California, has died at age 89. Urban Futures, Inc. principal **Marshall Linn** traveled to Beijing, China to support the American Olympic team. La Puente's retiring City Manager **Carol Cowley** followed **Hal Ledford**, who left the La Puente City Manager position at the end of 2006. Former Lodi Finance Director **Jim Krueger**, 57, is the new Treasurer/Finance Director in Garden City, Idaho, a Boise suburb of about 12,000 people. Paso Robles City Manager **Jim App** asked to defer his annual raise due to budget constraints. 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. Fairfield Council Member **Matt Garcia**, 22, one of California's youngest elected officials, was gunned down on a Fairfield street outside of a friend's home on Monday, September 1st. **California Legislators passed the Nation's 1st bill linking transportation funding with urban planning and CO2-reduction goals. The measure that will reward local governments that prevent urban sprawl and improve public transit needs the Governor's signature.** New Corona City Manager **Brad Robbins**, who has been with the city for 20-years and most recently served as Assistant City Manager, drives a Vespa scooter, which has earned him the nickname: "Scooter." Brad is a former high school wrestling champion at Riverside's La Sierra High School. He took the helm following City Manager **Beth Groves** surprise resignation. Former La Mirada City Managers include: **Chapman Bone, Claude Klug, Gary K. Sloan** and **Andrea Travis**. Visalia City Manager San Mateo has replaced **Arne Croce**, 56, who served 18-years as City Manager, with Deputy City Manager **Susan Loftus**, who has worked for the City for nearly two decades, and has been Acting City Manager since June. Grand Terrace Assistant City Manager **Steve Berry**, 45, will be Acting City Manager while City Manager **Tom Schwab**, 50, recovers from medical issues. Bell Gardens City Manager **John Ornelas** is leaving his position after nearly six years, and Police Chief **Keith L. Kilmer** is serving as Interim City Manager.



Michael Johnson
County Administrator
Solano County

Mike is one of the nicest people you will meet in public management. Though his Cal-ICMA Board term has expired, Mike said that he will continue to be active.



Grandson Tyler and daughters Samantha & Casey at the first "Port of Call" on our family vacation cruise, August, 2008.

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Mark Prestwich, MMANC Past President

We spotlighted MMANC past Presidents in our regular September, 2008 issue, and we missed a few because we could not find their historical information. Well, one of those we missed is Immediate Past-President **Mark Prestwich**...what silly omission. We apologize to Mark, who worked hard and had a very successful year as President of MMANC. Mark began his career with the League of California Cities in 1995. In 1997 he took a Management Analyst position in the Sunnyvale Finance Department. In 1999 Mark was appointed to a Management Analyst position with the Napa Public Works Department, and in 2004 he became the Napa Assistant to the City Manager. He served there until 2006 when he was selected to be a Special Projects Manager in Sacramento. Mark has a BA in Political Science from CSU Fullerton, and an MA in Public Administration from Long Beach State.

We hope that you find this "extra" presentation of interest. August "was" a busy month and we thought you might like to read about some of our activities. Of course, there were others too: like the Angel game with SCE's **Bob Stein** where I saw Lakewood Council Member **Joe Esquivel** and former Council Member **Wayne Piercy** with their "Pat" wives in the parking lot on their way into the game.