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Donald R. Duckworth and **George A. Carvalho**, recently shared a tour of Santa Cruz and revisited the "good ole days." Don served as City Manager in Visalia, Arcadia and Calabasas, and currently maintains Duckworth Consulting. Don also served as a department head or Assistant City Manager in Santa Clarita, San Clemente and Oceanside. Don started his public management career in 1971 in the City of Simi Valley. George served as the City Manager in San Clemente, Bakersfield, Santa Clarita and Riverside. George also served as the Director of the Dana Point Harbor following his retirement as a City Manager. George is the 1989-1990 past President of the City Managers Department of the League of California Cities.

City Management Professionals Who Are City of Oakland Alumni

In the May, 2011 issue of the newsletter we presented a list of city management professionals with the City of Oakland in their service history. In that issue the list included: **P. Lamont Ewell**; **Michael Garvey**; **Dr. Roger L. Kemp**; **Jack Lam**; **Paul S. Ogden**; **John K. "Kelly" Sessions**; the late **John Goss**; **Robert C. Bobb**; **Jerome Keithley**; **John A. Flores**; **John Russo**; **Marianna Marysheva-Martinez**; and **John Francis Hassler**.

"Hey, I'm just looking for an excuse to retire so I can play summer league baseball, go coach my nephews, play pickup basketball. I've always had that ability to move on to the next thing."

--Doug Flutie

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Oakland, California is the State's 8th largest city, and the 45th largest city in the United States with a population of 413,775 as of 2014. Situated across the bay from San Francisco, Oakland is the county seat of Alameda County, and the principal city of the East Bay.

No real list of Oakland public management professionals is complete without including **Henry L. Gardner**, who served as the Oakland City Manager between 1981 and 1993. During that time Henry was named the top City Manager in the nation by City and State Magazine. Henry joined the Oakland staff in 1973 as an Administrative Assistant, and then rose through the ranks: Assistant to the City Manager (1976-1978); and Assistant City Manager (1978-1981). Following his retirement in 1993, Henry worked as a consultant and returned to Oakland as Interim City Administrator in 2014-2015 after the departure of City Administrators **Deanna Santana**, and **Fred Blackwell, Jr.** Henry earned a BA from the University of Illinois and an MA from Southern Illinois University.



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Michael K. Bridges began his public management career as an Administrative Assistant in Oakland in 1972. He was appointed Assistant to the Director of Community Development in 1978, and he was selected to serve as a Oakland Deputy City Manager in 1988. Mike left Oakland in 1996 and worked with a consultant group until he was appointed City Administrator in Cascade Locks, Oregon in 1997. Mike rejoined the consultant group in 1998. He changed consultant firms in 2001 when he became a Senior Management Advisor for Management Partners Inc. He has since served as Interim Assistant City Manager in Belmont, and as the Interim City Manager on Winters. Mike earned an AA degree from Mt. San Antonio College, a BA from San Jose State University, and an MPA from California State University, Hayward. Mike served in the United States Air Force Security Service in Okinawa, Thailand, and Viet Nam as a Radio Intercept Specialist.

Janette B. Brook joined the city staff in Oakland in 2005 as a Senior Risk and Insurance Analyst, and, according to the ICMA Who's Who Directory, she continues to work in that position. Other internet material indicates that Janette is currently working for Alameda County. Janette earned a BA and MBA from the University of Nevada.

Anne Campbell Washington worked as an Assistant to the City Administrator in Oakland between 2000 and 2008. In 2010 she was appointed Chief of Staff to the Oakland Fire Chief. Anne earned a BA from Carnegie Mellon University and a Masters from the University of California, Berkeley, Goldman School of Public Policy.



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Chantal R. Cotton Gaines worked as a Social Services Program Intern in Washtenaw County, Michigan from 2008 to 2010. She had overlapping service between 2009 and 2010 when she worked as a Management Assistant for Ypsilanti, Michigan. In 2010 Chantal was hired as the Assistant to the City Manager in College Park, Maryland. She served there until 2013 when she came to California to be the Assistant to the City Administrator in the City of Oakland. Chantal has earned an MUP and an MPP from the University of Michigan. She is a current member of the ICMA Knowledge Network Advisory Board.



Arturo M. Sanchez worked as an Attorney for the City of Oakland in 2002. From 2001 to 2004 Arturo served as a Legislative Analyst and then was promoted to a Oakland Assistant to the City Administrator in 2004. After 7-years in that post he became a Deputy City Administrator in Oakland in 2011. Arturo moved to Southern California in February, 2015 when City Manager **Pat West** appointed him Deputy City Manager in Long Beach. Arturo earned a BA in English Literature from the University of California, Berkeley and a JD from the New College of California.



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We have dedicated this page to a few of our favorite pictures taken at previous CCCA Annual Municipal Seminars. We hope you enjoy seeing these pictures and remembering your past experiences with the CCCA.



In 2009 this is past CCCA President **Larry Chimbole** at age 90 with longtime Rolling Hills Estates City Manager **Doug Prichard** when Doug was presented with the prestigious CCCA "El Matador Grande Award."



Here is Willdan Senior Vice President **Frank G. Tripepi** and the late **Larry Chimbole**. A couple of Italian Stallions.



The Vocal Group **KULAYD** invited Country Music Singer/Song Writer **Casey Simpson** to perform with them in the CDS Hospitality Suite at the 2009 seminar.



In 2010, **Anthony D. Gonsalves** with now retired City Managers **Linda Benedetti-Leal** of Paramount and **Ernie Garcia** of Norwalk. Anthony is with the professional legislative representation firm **Joe A. Gonsalves & Son**.



Nicole Smith and **Ryder Smith** of **Tripepi Smith & Associates** at the 2011 Seminar.



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Deanna J. Santana went to work for the City of Oakland as a Management Analyst in 1995. Deanna served in that position until 1999 when she was hired to be the Assistant to the City Manager in San Jose. In 2004 she served for a time as the Acting City Clerk in San Jose. After returning to the "Assistant to" post in 2004, she served as a Chief of Staff in 2005. From 2006 to 2011 Deanna worked as the Deputy City Manager in San Jose. She returned to Oakland in 2011 as the City Administrator, and she worked in that position until 2014 when she was appointed City Administrator in the City of Sunnyvale. She continues to served in that post. Deanna earned a BA from the University of California, Berkeley and an MA from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 2011 Deanna receive a 10-year ICMA Service Award.



Santa Clarita City Manager **Ken Striplin**, CCMF Executive Director **Ken Pulskamp**, and **Jason Gonsalves** of **Joe A. Gonsalves & Son** at the State Capitol representing cities.



Woodland City Manager **Paul Navazio** began his working career as a Senior Financial Analyst for Hewlett Packard, before he served as a Fiscal and Policy Analyst with the Legislative Analyst's Office in the State Capitol in Sacramento. Paul

worked as the Budget Director for the City of Oakland between 1992 and 1998, and between 1998 and 2004 he was the Budget Manager for the City of Berkeley. He was appointed Finance Director in Davis in 2004, and he was promoted to Assistant City Manager there. Paul was appointed City Manager in Woodland in April, 2012. Paul earned a BA in economics and political science from the University of Rochester (NY), and a Masters Degree from the University of California, Davis.



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---**Leo Buscaglia**

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After working in the private sector for about a dozen years, **Gail E. Waiters** joined the city staff in Sunnyvale as an Administrative Assistant in 1985. Gail was promoted to Assistant to the City Manager in 1989, and in 1993 she moved to Bakersfield to work as the Assistant City Manager there. In 1997 Gail became the Chief of Staff at the Santa Clara Valley Water District where she worked until 1999. Gail joined the City of Oakland staff in 1999 as a Director, and in 2000 she served as the Interim Assistant City Manager for a couple of years. In 2002 she worked as the Oakland Director of Public Facilities. Gail was appointed to the San Ramon City Manager position in 2003 and she worked there until 2004. In 2005 Gail became the Inspector General for the Peralta Community College District where she continues to serve. She earned a BA and an MA from California State University, Hayward. In 1995 Gail received a 10-year ICMA Service Award. She served as an ICMA Regional Vice President on the Executive Board in 1997-1999.



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Sabrina B. Landreth took over the Oakland City Administrator post from Interim City Administrator **John Flores**, who was the Emeryville City Manager for 19-years prior to retiring in 2006. Sabrina was serving as the Emeryville

City Manager when she was named to the Oakland position in February, 2015. She is a native of Oakland and served as the Oakland Budget Director, Legislative Analyst, and later as Deputy City Administrator prior to taking the Emeryville City Manager position in 2013. Sabrina earned a BS in mechanical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Master's in public policy from the University of California, Berkeley.



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Pleasant Hill Assistant City Manager **Andrew J. Murray** served as a Program Director for the Local Government Commission in 1992. In 1997 Andrew became a Program Representative for the University of California, Davis, and in 1999 he took a Project Manager/Senior Research Associate job with the University of Michigan. Andrew came back to California in 2001 as a Principal Economist for the University of California. In 2004 he took a Senior Legislative Analyst position with the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. He became the City Performance Deputy Director for the City and County of San Francisco in 2011. In 2012 Andrew was appointed Assistant to the City Administrator in the City of Oakland. He took his current position in Pleasant Hill in 2013. Andrew earned a BS, MBA and MS from the University of California, Davis.



This is **Theresa Battaglia-Gutierrez** of the Lakewood City Manager's office on a recent weekend hike!



Trackdown's **Jack Simpson** and his two youngest daughters **Casey Simpson** and **Samantha Simpson**.

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In May of last year (2015) Riverside City Manager **John Russo** appointed **Alexander Nguyen** to a Riverside Assistant City Manager position. Alex previously served as the Assistant City Manager in Alameda. Prior to joining the Alameda staff, Alex served as Chief of Staff to **John Russo** during the final four-years of his 11-years as the elected City Attorney in Oakland. He also served as the Executive Director of a Neighborhood Law Corps, supervising five attorneys who practiced community law in Oakland's poorest neighborhoods. He started his working career as a social worker in Worcester, Massachusetts. Alex speaks English, Vietnamese and Spanish. He graduated from Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Barry Crook began his public management career in 1985 as a Budget Analyst in Austin, Texas and started his rise in that organization: Budget Supervising Analyst, 1987; Budget Manager, 1988; Project Director, 1989; and Quality Officer, 1991. In 1994 Barry was hired to served as Budget/Quality Manager in Multnomah County, Oregon where he worked until 1997. In 1998 he worked for a time as a Principal Financial Analyst in Oakland. Later that year (1998) he took the Director of Quality job in the Washington State Department of Licensing. Barry left the Washington post in 2002. In 2005 he was hired as the Business Process Manager in Aspen, Colorado. In 2008 he was appointed to the Aspen Assistant City Manager position. Barry earned a BA from the University of Texas, Austin, and a MA from the University of Texas, Dallas. In 2013 Barry received a 20-years ICMA Service Award.

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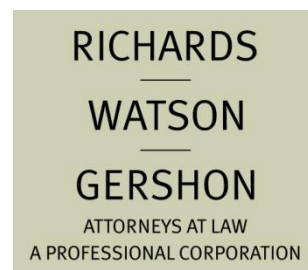
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Of course there are many, many more public management and administrative professional who have worked in Oakland. We hope that we have provided a good representative list in this issue of the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown. We discovered many additional names who we will name here. Again, we apologize to anyone we omitted that should have been acknowledged. We look forward to receiving thoughtful feedback. Thank you for your readership.

Here are a few more names of people we discovered during our efforts to bring this list together. These names are not in any particular order:

Sean Charpentier, with the Port of Oakland; **Anil "Neil" Comelo**; **Christine Daniel**, Oakland Assistant City Administrator, formerly with Berkeley and Fremont; **Juliana G. Demers**, who also worked in San Jose; **Sylvester Donelson**; **Amit Kothari**; **Debra Kurita**, a past ICMA Regional Vice President and former Alameda City Manager; **Serenity S. Mlay**; **John A. Meyer**, former Davis City Manager; **Jason W. Mitchell**; **Margaret O'Brien**; **Alexandra Orogas**; **Edward D. Reiskin**; **Bryan Sastokas**; **Jacki Lynne Simpson**; **Amber D. Todd**; **Maya Williams**; **Kay Winer**, who worked in Concord and San Jose; and **Chondra A. Perdue**.

Others listed in the May, 2011 issue of the newsletter include: **Dan Lindheim**; **Deborah Edgerley**; **Cheryl Thompson**; **Gregory Hunter**; **Samee Roberts**; **Ezra Rapport**; **Elizabeth Watson**; **Shirley Stubblefield**; **Sandra Nathan**; **Wayne Thompson**; **Audree V. Jones-Taylor**; and **William Noland**. **



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Mark Curran Will Be Missed

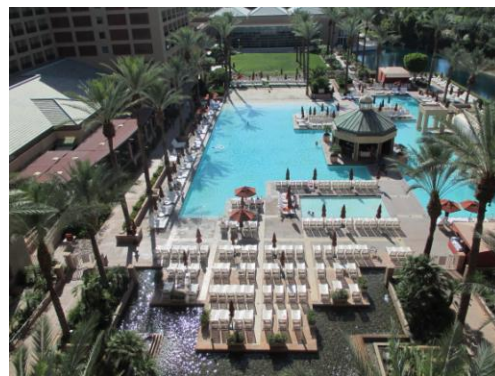
Local government lost a great friend when Mark Curran peaceably passed away in his sleep at his home in Napa. Mark had been suffering for the past 6 months with Leukemia. The doctors tried Chemo therapy to no avail. The cancer was just too aggressive. Mark was just 6 days away from his 62nd birthday. Rest in Peace Mark, ---Joe Tanner

Mark worked with cities throughout the State of California as a finance consultant and investment banker. He was long associated with Piper Jaffray and was well known in city circles. Mark served as the Treasurer of the California City Management Foundation for many years. It was his idea to organize the annual CCMF dinner during the annual City Managers' Department Meeting. Rest in Peace Mark Curran!



Picking Up The Pieces: Alhambra Chief of Police **Mark Yokoyama**, 48, has been selected to succeed retired City Manager **Mary Swink**. Mark has

29-years of law enforcement experience beginning in La Palma when he was 21-years old. He joined the Alhambra Police Department in 2011 as its first Asian Police Chief. Covina City Manager **Andrea Travis-Miller** has been dismissed. Andrea joined the Covina staff as City Manager in March, 2015. Prior to Covina Andrea worked as an Executive Director of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (2013-2015), San Bernardino City Manager (2011-2013), and La Mirada City Manager (2001-2008). Andrea is an Attorney and served with a law firm between 2008 and 2011. Indio City Manager **Dan Martinez** has appointed **P J. Gagajena** to replace Public Information Officer **Jason Chan**, who recently accepted a position with the City of Stockton. P J earned a BA from the University of California, Los Angeles (**UCLA**), and a Master's Degree in public policy and urban planning from Harvard University. He has worked for the Cities of New York, and Torrance, California, as well as, on the staff of California State Assembly Member **George Nakano**. He most recently work with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Guadalupe City Administrator **Andrew Carter**, 59, has submitted his resignation effective July 1, after serving in the position for a little more than 3-years. Andrew is a former San Luis Obispo City Council member. In Guadalupe, he also served in the capacities of Public Works Director, Utilities Director, Human



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Resources Officer, Information Technology Director, and other functions. Longtime Gardena City Manager **Mitchell Lansdell** will retire later this year, and Gardenia Chief of Police **Edward Medrano** has been offered the City Manager position when Mitch steps down. Ed has served as Chief since 2007. Starting in 2009 Ed also took on the Community Development Director position in an interim roll. He has also worked as the Director of the Public Works Department. Mitch has served as the Gardena City Manager since 1998 when former City Manager **Ken Landau** was dismissed. Mitch has been with the city 31-years. Canyon Lake City Manager **Aaron Palmer** previously served as the City Administrator in Highland City, Utah (2013-2015). Between 2007 and 2013, Aaron worked as the Deputy City Manager in Adelanto. Prior to his Adelanto service, Aaron worked as the Assistant City Manager in Patterson (October, 2006-June, 2007). He has also held positions in Big Bear Lake, San Carlos and San Bernardino.



The Ladies of the CCCA staff. On the left is **Cristina Shore** and on the right is **Kelli Lofing**. The middle picture is of **Sharon Olivito** and Kelli. These ladies work hard to make association programs and events successful. Call them: at 562-622-5533

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More Pieces Picked Up: Barstow Finance Director **Cindy Prothro** has been promoted to Assistant City Manager. Cindy has taken the ACM post vacated about a year and a half ago when **Oliver Chi** left to become the City Manager in Monrovia. Cindy has held finance department positions in Visalia, Lancaster and Hesperia. She joined the Barstow staff in February, 2011 and she was appointed Finance Director in August, 2011. **Chris Jordan**, City Manager in West Linn, Oregon, has been appointed Interim City Manager for the City of Los Altos to fill in behind the resignation of City Manager **Marcia Somers**. Chris has served as the West Linn City Manager for 10-years. Prior to that he worked 10-years for Lake Oswego, Oregon, the last 5-years as Assistant City Manager. In 1999 he served as the Interim City Manager for Oregon City, Oregon for six-months. Marcia has served as the Los Altos City Manager since April, 2012. Retired Anaheim City Manager **Dave Morgan**, who works for an executive recruiting firm, is working with the City of Palm Desert to find a new City Manager. In the meantime retired Palm Desert staffer **Justin McCarthy** is serving as Interim City Manager. Dave works with Ralph Anderson & Associates, and will be recruiting to fill the City Manager post vacated by the retirement of City Manager **John Wohlmuth**. **Sue Tsuda** was the first Town Manager in Yucca Valley. The story goes that the day she was appointed in Yucca Valley the town experienced a 7.6 earthquake. Sue earned an MPA from California State University, Long Beach and a BA from California State University, Fullerton. There is a profile on Sue in the December, 2010 issue of the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown. Longtime public finance professional **Linda Magnuson**, 63, has voluntarily stepped down from the Chief Financial Officer position in Placentia following the arrest of a co-worker who allegedly embezzled some \$4.3 million in municipal funds. **Larry Schroeder** has been appointed to be the Interim Chief Financial Officer by City Administrator **Damien R. Arrula**. Former Finance Services Manager **Michael Minh Nguyen**, who reported to Linda, faces 17 felony counts of misappropriating public funds. Damien has said that there is no reason to believe that Linda had any involvement in the alleged embezzlement. **Benicia** City Manager **Brad Kilger** has been appointed to serve as the new City Manager for the City of Martinez. Brad has served as the Benicia City Manager since December, 2010. He previously was the City Manager in Ceres and he was Town Manager in Yucca Valley. Brad served as President of the City Managers' Department of the League of

California Cities 2012-2013. He earned an MBA from California State University, San Bernardino, and a BA in environmental science from the University of California, Riverside. **Scott W. Mitnick**, former CAL-ICMA President (2011-2012), has served as the City Manager in the City of Thousand Oaks since 2005. Prior to joining the Thousand Oaks staff as a Deputy City Manager, he served as the Administrative Services Director in the City of Yuba City. Scott began his public management career in 1987 as a Budget Analyst in Brea. Arvada, Colorado City Manager **Mark G. Deven** started his public management career in 1981 as a Community Services Manager in the City of Lakewood. He went on to work in Newport Beach and Anaheim before he was appointed Director of Parks & Recreation in Concord. In 2007 Mark was selected to serve as the Woodland City Manager. He left California for his current job in Colorado in 2011. Three Cal-ICMA members were selected from among 25 applicants for the 2016 West Coast Emerging Professionals Leadership Institute and Regional Summit. **Louis Lacasella**, Management Analyst with the City of Azusa and **Heather Cousin**, Library Services Director with the City of Thousand Oaks, will receive full scholarships. **Gerry Beaudin**, Director of Community Development with the City of Pleasanton, will receive a partial scholarship. **Fred Diaz** has served as the Fremont City Manager since October, 2004. Prior to coming to Fremont, Fred was the Tracy City Manager from 1994 to 2004, and the Indio City Manager before that (October, 1990 to October, 1994). Fred is a former John H. Nail Award winner as an outstanding assistant. He earned a BA and an MPA from California State University, Fullerton. Orange Cove City Manager **Samuel Escobar** served as an Assistant Engineer in the City of Sanger from March, 2007 and August, 2011 when he joined the Orange Cove staff, where he had previously worked in 2005-2007.

Note on Occidental College List:

I received a MS from Occidental College in 1971 as part of a special program between Oxy and the Coro Foundation. My wife, my daughter and one of my sons are all Oxy grads. Many of the men and women referenced in Trackdown were students of mine at California State University, Long Beach; California State University, Los Angeles; California State University, Fullerton and California State University, Dominguez. **Frank Tripepi**, and **Gary Sloan** are among the many that were "exposed" to me over the years. Reference to the special University of Southern California Doctorate class of City Managers that included **Jim Neal**, **Ken Fleagle**, **Don Mansfield**, **Joe Leach** and others. --Bill K.[Bill Kraus]