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## Another Seven Orange County Cities' Executive Leadership



This is the fourth in a series of issues dedicated to Orange County cities. The April 2020 Orange County population estimate is 3,186,989. The county was incorporated in August 1889 and the county seat is the City of [Santa Ana](#). In November 1776, *Mission San Juan Capistrano* became the first permanent European settlement in the area. There are now 34-incorporated cities in the county where avocados and citrus once grew in large orchards. This issue looks at management professionals who serve these O.C. cities listed alphabetically: [Los Alamitos](#), [Mission Viejo](#), [Newport Beach](#), [Orange](#), [Placentia](#), [Rancho Santa Margarita](#), and [San Clemente](#).

A few of the twenty "Proof of Life" lunch group that assembled on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at the North Woods Inn Restaurant in [La Mirada](#). Left to right are **Jeff Collier**, **Ron Molendyk**, **Karen Hererra**, **Jim Purtee**, **Lloyd de Llamas**, and **Bob Dickey**. The last page of this newsletter presents a list of all participants. The lunches are organized to provide a time and place for those in the city manager community to informally meet. There is no agenda except to socialize. The next lunch will be on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

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In 1896 **Lewellyn Bixby** established the town of Los Alamitos to support the sugar beet factory of the Clark Brothers. In the 1900s sugar beets were delivered to the factories by horse and wagon. The elimination of a protective tariff and an insect infestation in 1921, resulted in the eventual end of the sugar beet industry in Los Alamitos, but the town continued to grow. The city incorporated in March 1960. The 2020 population is set as 11,780. **Chet Simmons** is the City Manager and **Windmera Quintanar** is the City Clerk. **Craig Koehler** is the Finance Director, **Chelsi Wilson** is the Administrative Services Manager, and **Emeline Noda** is the Director of Recreation and Community Services. **Michael Claborn** is the Chief of Police.



Los Alamitos City Manager **Chester "Chet" Simmons** served as Assistant City Manager for the City of Westminster, working for City Manager **Eddie Manfro**, who retired in 2020. Chet became the Assistant to City Manager in July

2011 and was elevated to Assistant City Manager in 2015. The Director of Community Development responsibilities were added to the Assistant City Manager position in 2019. Chet was appointed City Manager in Los Alamitos in January 2020. He earned a BA in political science and government from Gonzaga University.

After working as a Community Services Coordinator for the City of La Mirada (2002-2007), **Emeline Noda** joined the Los Alamitos staff as a Recreation Supervisor in 2007. Emeline has been in Los Alamitos for more than 16 years. She was appointed Director of Recreation & Community Services in July 2021. Emeline earned a BA and MPA from California State University, Long Beach.



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Mission Viejo is one of the largest master-planned communities ever built as a single project in the U.S. Mission Viejo is a hilly region in the County of Orange that was once used for cattle and sheep grazing.

It was considered "undevelopable" because of its geologic complexity. Mission Viejo incorporated in March 1988. The 2020 population is 93,653. It is ranked 81<sup>st</sup> in size of all California cities. The cost of living in Mission Viejo is 150.3% of the national average. **Dennis Wilberg** is the City Manager and **Walker "Keith" K. Rattay** is the Assistant City Manager. The Mission Viejo City Clerk is **Kimberly Schmitt**. **Mark Nix** is the Director of Recreation and Community Services, and **Mark Chagnon** is the Public Works Director. **Elaine Lister** is the Director of Community Development, and **Jerry Hill** is the Director of Public Services.



Mission Viejo City Manager **Dennis Wilberg** began his public service career working in Transportation for the City of Irvine starting in July 1979. As the Manager of Transportation in Irvine, he joined the Mission Viejo city staff as the Director of Public

Works in September 1989. Dennis was selected to work as the Assistant City Manager in February 1994, and he became the Mission Viejo City Manager in October 2003. Dennis earned a BA from California Polytechnic University, Pomona. He received a 40-year ICMA Service Award in 2019.



**Elaine Lister** is the Director of Community Development for Mission Viejo. She has held that position since December 2013; nearly 10-years. She previously served as the Planning Manager.

Elaine joined the Mission Viejo staff in 1990 as an Associate Planner. She became Planning Manager in 2000. Elaine is an Alumnus of the University of Glasgow.



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Newport Beach In 1870 a 105-ton steam ship navigated through the lower and upper Newport Bay to unload its cargo. The steamer was *The Vaquero*, captained by Captain **Samuel S. Dunnells**. The

newly founded post was called "Newport." City development was stimulated and strengthened when the Pacific Electric Railway reach Newport in 1905. The City of Newport Beach incorporated in 1906. The 2020 population is 85,239. The City Manager is **Grace K. Leung**, and she has two Assistant City Managers **Tara Finnigan** and **Seimone Jurjis**. **Leilani I. Brown** is the City Clerk, and **Jason Al-Imam** is the Finance Director and City Treasurer. The Public Works Director is **Dave Webb**, and **Sean Levin** serves as the Recreation & Senior Services Director. **Mark Vukojevic** is the Utilities Director, the Fire Chief is **Jeff Boyles** and **Joseph L. Cartwright** is the Chief of Police. **Barbara Salvini** is the Newport Beach Human Resources Director.

Newport Beach City Manager **Grace Leung** worked as the Director of Finance for the City of Sunnyvale for nearly 6 years (2010-2016) prior to joining the city staff in the City of Irvine as the Director of Administrative Services in January 2016. She became the Irvine Assistant City Manager in October 2016 and served in that capacity until she was appointed Newport Beach City Manager in September 2018. Grace earned a BA in urban studies from Columbia University and an MPP from the Kennedy School at Harvard University.

**Leilani Brown** was named Newport Beach City Clerk in 2008. She has been with the city since 1997, and previously worked for the City of Bellflower where she worked with now-retired City Clerk **Debra Bauchop**. Leilani earned a BA in public administration. She has achieved the Master Municipal Clerk designation. She is listed as a 2019 Newport Beach Foundation Distinguished Citizen.



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In the last issue (October 2023, Vol. 16, No. 17) we included a picture of Carlsbad resident **Nikki Niestemski** surfing. Here is another showing her having fun in a sitting position.

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**Tara Finnigan** joined the city staff in Newport Beach in January 2008. She arrived to serve as the Public Information Manager. Tara began her public service career as a Public Affairs Representative for the Irvine Ranch Water District (January 1994-

October 1998). Previous to her District work, she worked with private sector consultants. In October 1998 she went to work for the City of Orange as a Business & Public Affairs Manager where she was responsible for the city's communication program. After going to work for Newport Beach in 2008, she was promoted to Assistant to the City Manager in March 2014, she became Deputy City Manager in February 2017 and in January 2022 she became Assistant City Manager. Tara earned a BA from the University of Delaware and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach.



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**Tom Kisela** is a retired City of Orange Chief of Police who became the Interim City Manager in November 2022 and became City Manager in March 2023. Tom served as a Captain with the Orange Police Department from April 2012 until he became Chief of Police in April 2016. He retired as Chief in July 2021. Tom earned a BA from California State University, Fullerton and an MPA from Brandman University.



**Susan Galvan** served as the Deputy City Manager for the City of Orange for more than 10 years starting in 2012. She was appointed Assistant City Manager starting in August 2022. Susan served as the Interim

Director of Community Development in 2021 and 2022.

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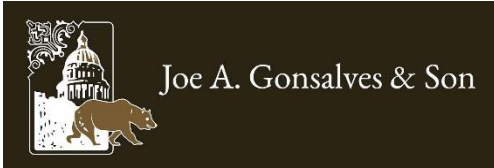
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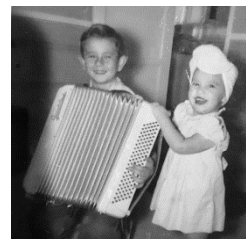
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Fran is a member of the Board of Trustees of the California City Management Foundation (CCMF). Fran was elected a University of California Alumni Regent in 2016.

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Placentia developed from a Mexican land grant and the settling of **Daniel Kraemer** in 1865. **William McFadden** is thought to have been the second white settler to come to the Placentia area. The first commercial orange grove was tilled in 1880. Oil was discovered in Placentia in 1919 bringing many wells. Placentia incorporated in December 1926. The 2019 estimated population is 51,233. **Damien Arrula** is the Placentia City Administrator and **Rosanna Ramirez** is the Deputy City Administrator. **Robert S. McKinnell** is the City Clerk and **Carole Wayman** is the Deputy City Clerk. **Karen Crocker** is the Director of Community Services and **Joseph Lambert** is the Development Services Director. **Jennifer Lampman** is the Director of Finance and Deputy City Administrator **Luis Estevez** has Public Works Department responsibility.

Placentia City Administrator **Damien R. Arrula** began his public management career as a Management Analyst for the City of Sierra Madre starting in November 2002. In March 2006, Damien joined the Claremont city staff as a Senior Management Analyst. He was appointed Human Services Manager in 2006 and Economic Development Officer in November 2007. Damien took the Assistant City Administrator post in the City of Placentia in July 2014. He became Acting City Administrator in April 2015, and he was appointed City Administrator starting in April 2015. In 2023, Damien received a 20-year ICMA Service Award. He served on the Board for the Municipal Management Association of Southern California (MMASC) from 2005-2006. Damien earned a BS from California Polytechnic University, Pomona and an MPA from the University of La Verne.



The late retired city manager **Frank G. Tripepi** and his sister **Valentina Tripepi Shoop**, a former Deputy Sheriff in L.A. County. The best guess is about 1955.



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Rancho Santa Margarita, a master planned city, is the city with the longest name in California. The Trabuco Adobe was constructed in 1810 between Trabuco Creek and

Tijeras Creek as an outpost of Mission San Juan Capistrano. Rancho Santa Margarita is a general law city that was incorporated in January 2000. The 2019 estimated population is 47,896. The median price for a home in the city is \$1,199,750, 252.7% of the national average. This makes Rancho Santa Margarita one of the most expensive cities in the U.S. **Jennifer M. Cervantez** is the City Manager and **Laura Lopez** is the Assistant to the City Manager. **Amy Diaz** is the City Clerk and **Stefanie Turner** is the Director of Finance. **Wendi Redington** is the Community Services Manager.



Rancho Santa Margarita City Manager **Jennifer Malkowski Cervantez** began her public service career as a Staff Analyst with the League of California Cities in May 1998. In July 2000, Jennifer took a Management Assistant position with

the City of Santa Ana. In 2002, she joined the city staff for the City of La Habra and was serving as the La Habra Assistant City Manager when she was selected in 2012 to replace City Manager **Steve Hayman**, who retired. Jennifer is a Santa Ana High School alumnus, and she earned a BA from California State University, Long Beach and an MPP from Claremont University.



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San Clemente grew from a land development thanks to Ole Hanson in 1925. Ole was a former Mayor of Seattle and a land developer. He named the development San Clemente for

San Clemente Island. Ole saw the development as a Mediterranean-style resort town and he called it San Clemente by the Sea! The city incorporated in February 1928 and the 2020 population is set at 64,293. The San Clemente City Manager is **Andy Hall** and **Laura Campagnolo** is the City Clerk. **Samantha (Thomas) Wylie** is the San Clemente Beaches, Parks and Recreation Director, and

**Andy Hall** became the San Clemente City Manager in January 2023. Andy takes the position from Interim City Manager **Sean Joyce**, who served starting in September following the exit of former City Manager **Erik Sund**, who left to take the City Manager job in the City of Big Bear Lake. Andy began his public service career in 1991 as a County Planner in Summit County, Utah. After working a couple more planning posts, Andy was appointed City Manager in Payson, Utah in 1998. He took a Long Range Planning Manager position with Henderson, Nevada in July 2007, and in 2008 he took the Draper, Utah Assistant City Manager post. Andy came to Cathedral City in 2009 as Community Development Director and he became City Manager in 2012. Andy moved to the Imperial Beach City Manager position in 2013. He earned a BA from Arizona State University and an MPA from the University of Utah. In 2021 he received a 30-year ICMA Service Award.

**Samantha Wylie** came to San Clemente in June 2003, as a Recreation Coordinator. In May 2016 Samantha became Recreation Supervisor, and in December 2016 Recreation Manager. Samantha was promoted to the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Director in July 2021. She earned a BA in communications and media studies from Chapman University and an MBA from Southern New Hampshire University.

## Letters and Notes from Readers:

Not Necessarily in the News, September 19, 2023, issue:

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–**David Jinkens**, Retired City Manager and Good Government Advocate, South Lake Tahoe

I just want you to know that I always enjoy reading the CM Newsletter! It's informative, fun to read, and keeps me up to date on the latest and greatest in the local government business! Keep up the good work!

–**Adel Freij, Willdan Engineering**



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**James Makshanoff** served as the San Clemente more than five-years when he left for the City Manager position in Pomona in January 2020. Before taking the San Clemente City Manager job in September 2014, Jim worked for Azusa and Downey. He served as the Azusa City Manager for nearly 3-years (January 2012-September 2014). Jim earned a BA and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach.

**Erik Sund** worked for the City of San Clemente for nearly 9-years. He served as Assistant City Manager (2013-2020) and as City Manager (2020-2022). Erik began his career with the City of Irvine in 2000 and then worked for Downey as a Purchasing Manager (2002-2007). In April 2007, Erik joined the Long Beach city staff and worked three different positions until November 2013 when he was hired by San Clemente. He left San Clemente to accept the City Manager position for the City of Big Bear Lake. Erik earned a BA from the University of California, Irvine.



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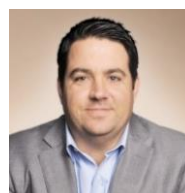
**Picking Up the Pieces:** Word has it that veteran City of Bellflower City Manager **Jeff Stewart** is planning to retire this year. Jeff, who has also served as city manager in Los Alamitos, and El Segundo came to Bellflower in 2011 following City Manager **Mike Egan**'s resignation to accept the Norwalk City Manager position. Jeff began his career in West Covina and worked for Rosemead, El Segundo, and Los Alamitos before

joining the Bellflower city staff. Jeff worked with the late City Manager **Frank G. Tripepi** in Rosemead. He served as City Manager in El Segundo and Los Alamitos. **Meghan Wishner** of the city staff in Fountain Valley provided information on the October 4, 2023 grand opening of Fountain Valley Universally Accessible Playground (UAP) and recreation area. The UAP is a sensory-rich recreational environment that enables children and adults of all abilities to develop physically, socially, and emotionally. The project was completed by the collaboration of the City of Fountain Valley and the Fountain Valley Foundation. San Bernardino continues to search for their next city manager. City Manager **Rob Field**, the city's 6<sup>th</sup> city manager in 8-years, left some 10 months ago and the city appointed former City Manager **Charles McNeely** to serve as the Interim City Manager. The city received 70 applications during their initial recruitment, but the candidate they selected decided to remain with his current employer. It was reported that Salinas City Manager **Steve Carrigan** was selected, but for personal and professional reasons withdrew from the San Bernardino recruitment as he wished to stay on as the Salinas city manager. On October 3, the Salinas City Council unanimously voted to fire Steve. **Jim Pia** is the Salinas Interim City Manager. **Brant Mesker** is the new city manager for the City of Corning. Brant replaces City Manager **Kristina Miller**, who resigned in June. **Tom Potonovic** has served as the Interim City Manager. Brant previously worked as a Management Analyst in the office of the Glenn County Administrative Officer (May 2022-2023). He previously worked for the County of Tehama (November 2013-May 2022). He has served as a member of the City of Corning Planning Commission. Brant earned a BBA from California State University, Chico. Long Beach Assistant City Manager **Linda F. Tatum**, who was appointed by City Manager **Tom Modica** in June 2020, will retire in November after working with the city since 2015. Linda was previously the Director of Development Services for the City of Long Beach. Linda has served in land use planning for most of her career. She worked for the cities of Inglewood, Culver City and Santa Ana before joining the Long Beach city staff.



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Remember Halloween is on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.



**More Pieces Picked Up: Jorge E. Garcia** is the new city manager in the City of Pismo Beach. Jorge has served as the Interim City Manager since May 2023 following the resignation of City Manager **Jim Lewis**, who left to become the Atascadero City Manager. In 2008, Jorge was

hired to serve as a Management Analyst in Villa Park. In May 2011 he took a similar position with the City of Fountain Valley and in February 2014 he joined the city staff in Santa Ana, the county seat of Orange County, as a Senior Management Assistant. He was promoted to Assistant to the City Manager in July 2017. Jorge moved to the Central Coast in December 2018 as the Management Services Director for the City of Pismo Beach. He became the Assistant City Manager in June 2021. Jorge earned a BA from Chapman University and an MPA from California State University, Fullerton. In 2014-2015, Jorge served as the President for the Municipal Management Association of Southern California (MMASC). Effective October 23, **Sarah Johnson-Rios** is the new Assistant City Manager for the City of Sunnyvale. Sarah has served as the Assistant City Manager and Administrative Services Director for the City of Morro Bay since June 2021. She worked as Assistant City Manager



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in Paso Robles from July 2019, and previously worked as the Community Development Administrator in the City of Raleigh, North Carolina (2018-2019). Sarah was the Administrative Services Officer in Santa Monica for a little more than 8 years (2010-2018) and before that she was a Project Coordinator for the City of Chula Vista (2006-2008). Sarah earned a BA from Emory University, and a Master's degree in public and international affairs from Princeton University. Pinole City Manager **Andrew Murray** retired and left his city position at the end of September 2023. Andrew became the City of Pinole City Manager in January 2020. After working as a Principal Economist for the University of California, Office of the President (2001-2004), Andrew joined the City and County of San Francisco staff as Chief Legislative Analyst (2004-2007) and then as City Performance Deputy Director (2007-2012). Andrew became the Assistant to the City Administrator in the City of Oakland in June 2012, and he began his tenure as the Assistant City Manager in Pleasant Hill in September 2013. After nearly 6 and a half years in Pleasant Hill, he was appointed City Manager in Pinole. Andrew earned a BS, MS and an MBA from the University of California, Davis.





Looking around the stadium as the San Francisco 49ers were taking care of the Dallas Cowboys, retired City Manager **Tim Kerr** and his wife Tracey were spotted.



**Still More Pieces Picked Up:** Retired California and Georgia City Manager **Ross G. Hubbard** since November 2006 has served as a consulting city manager or administrator. He is available to assist cities and counties during executive transition by providing interim services. Ross served as

Assistant to the City Manager in Banning (1971-1973) and as an Administrative Assistant in Riverside (1973-1974). In January 1975, Ross became the Assistant to the City Manager in Rialto before he started as City Manager for the City of Livingston (October 1975-December 1979). He began his tenure as the Atherton City Manager in December 1979. He left Atherton in March 1989 and started as Town Manager for the Town of Moraga in April 1989. Ross earned a BA from California State University and an MPA from the University of San Francisco. He served as the Interim City Manager for the City of Social Circle, Georgia in 2015.



**SHORTS:** \*Former Sonoma (2008-2012) City Manager and Town Manager in Fairfax (2006-2008) and Windsor (2012-2017), **Linda K. Kelly** is working as a consultant in the State of Washington. \***Charles G. "Guy" Huffaker**, who served as city

manager in Colton and for a longtime in Porterville starting in March 1977, earned a BA from San Diego State University, is a past member of the Board of the California City Management Foundation (CCMF). \***Gary K. Sloan** started his public service career in 1972 in



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Pico Rivera (1972-1977) and served in positions in Lawndale (1977-1979), and Cerritos (1979-1980) before he joined the La Mirada city staff where he became City Manager in February 1981. \*Chicago Bears, Hall of Fame and legendary linebacker, **Dick Butkus** passed away at the age of 80 at his Malibu, California home. \***Mary Jane Lazz**, born in April 1948, formerly with the City of Thousand Oaks, earned a BS from Washington State University and an MPA from the University of La Verne. \*Kern County Water Agency's **Kristina Budak** has returned to the City of Bakersfield as the Manager of the Water Resources Department where she replaces the retired **Art Chianello**. \*El Cerrito, where **Karen Pinkos** serves as City Manager, has become the latest California city joining Walnut Creek, South San Francisco, Sacramento and Monterey, to have public meetings hijacked by hate speech. \*San Francisco Mayor **London Breed** is supporting efforts to require individuals with substance abuse disorders who want to access county-funded cash assistance to enroll in treatment and services.



## “Proof of Life”

Twenty (20) veteran public managers gathered on Thursday, September 28, 2023 for a “Proof of Life” lunch at the North Woods Inn Restaurant in La Mirada. They included:

**Greg Korduner**, retired Huntington Park City Manager. Greg is a Founder of the “Proof of Life” function program. He also served as City Manager in El Monte and South El Monte. He also worked for Norwalk and Artesia. He served as Interim City Manager in Los Alamitos. Greg is an avid golfer and sports fan. He is an Angels and Dodgers fan.

**Ron Molendyk**, former Lake Elsinore City Manager, and Interim City Manager in Perris, who took delivery of a 2023 Corvette C8 Stingray on September 25, 2022. Ron is a past President of the Orange County Corvette Club.

**Jim DeStefano**, retired Diamond Bar City Manager. Jim was Community Development Director for Chino Hills when he was appointed Diamond Bar City Manager in July 2006. He retired in 2017.

**Don Wagner**, retired Assistant City Manager in Rosemead where he worked with the late City Manager **Frank G. Tripepi**. Don has served as Interim City Administrator in Maywood since retirement, and with Lynwood.

**Don Vestal**, former City Manager for the City of Westminster. Don worked for Westminster for nearly 27 years. He was City Manager from April 1997 to December 2003. He is a U. S. Navy veteran. He worked with **Hdl Companies** from March 2007 to June 2018.

**Robert Dickey**, retired South Gate Public Works Director. Bob is a former Walnut City Manager. He worked for the Southern California Edison Co., and with the Cities of Rosemead and Signal Hill. He was a stockbroker in a former life, and is known for his world travel, and his left-handed heroics on the racquetball court.

**Jim Purtee** is a retired City Manager of Palmdale (2015-2019) and also worked for the City of Simi Valley for 27-years. That means Jim knows **Mike Sedell** and **Laura Behjan**.

**Tom Robinson**, retired City of La Mirada City Manager (2008-2013). Tom also worked for Commerce and Cerritos, and since retirement he served as Interim City Manager in La Habra Heights. He is a Management Consultant with his firm TR Management Services, Inc.

**Karen Herrera**, Retired Duarte Deputy City Manager, worked for Duarte more than 23-years. Also, worked for Downey, Orange, Bell Gardens and Hawaiian Gardens. Senior Client Relations Associate with California Consulting, and Bob Hall and Associates.

**John Reekstin**, a former community development staffer with the City of Santa Ana. Senior Vice President, **The Olson Company**, based in Yorba Linda.

**John A. Russo** retired as the Irvine City Manager. He worked as City Manager in Riverside and Alameda after serving as the City Attorney in the City of Oakland. John is past President of the League of California Cities. Founder of consultants Synchronicity Associates.

**Jeffrey W. Collier** retired as the Whittier City Manager in 2019, Worked in West Covina and Chino Hill before joining the Whittier staff in 2004. Since retirement, he served as the Interim City Manager for Fullerton.

**Jim Barisic**, a former Artesia City Manager who also worked for Paramount and Cerritos, is the Founder and Chair of **Brandywine Homes**, headquartered in Irvine.

**Jeffrey L. Stewart** is the retiring City Manager for the City of Bellflower. Jeff also served as city manager in Los Alamitos, and El Segundo. He worked with the late **Frank Tripepi** in Rosemead and he worked in West Covina.

**Glenn Southard**, a San Clemente resident, is the retired City Manager for Indio and Claremont. Former ACM in San Juan Capistrano and worked in West Covina and Riverside. Glenn is one of the Founders of the California City Management Foundation (CCMF).

**Kevin Chun** is a former City Manager for Lawndale. He worked in executive positions in Paramount, La Cañada Flintridge, and Bellflower. He also worked in Irvine and Culver City. Earned an MPA at **USC**.

**Don Penman** is a retired Arcadia City Manager. He was also chief executive for Baldwin Park and San Fernando and previously worked for Simi Valley. Since retirement, Don has completed many interim assignments, the most recent as Interim City Manager in Ventura.

**Mike Sedell** is a retired Simi Valley City Manager. Mike is well known for working closely with Sacramento on local government issues. He is a Board member for the Ventura County Employees' Retirement Association (VCERA), and the Museum of Ventura County.

**John F. “Johnny” Johnston** retired as Chief Executive Officer for the County of Ventura. He is a former city manager in Artesia and Ojai, and he worked various positions with Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. Served as Interim City Manager in Ventura for a compensation of “one dollar.”

**Jack A. Simpson**, worked for Paramount, Artesia, Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens and Bellflower. Also, served Interim in La Puente. Former member of the CCMF Board of Trustees. Worked with **Willdan**.

Retired public managers **Johnny Johnston** and **Gregory Korduner** at the North Woods Inn Restaurant in La Mirada

The next lunch will be on Pearl Harbor Day, Thursday, December 7, 2023.

