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Jason Gonsalves of the Professional Legislative Representation firm **Joe A. Gonsalves & Son** poses with Lakewood Assistant City Manager **Lisa Novotny**, Deputy City Manager **Carol Jacoby**, and veteran Lakewood City Manager **Howard L. Chambers** in Indian Wells. They were there to attend the 55th Annual Municipal Seminar of the California Contract Cities Association. The seminar theme was: Reshaping the Municipal Economy.

55th Annual Municipal Seminar California Contract Cities Association

Members of the California Contract Cities Association met at their annual municipal seminar May 15-18, 2014 at the Renaissance Esmeralda in Indian Wells, California. Diamond Bar Mayor Pro Tem **Steve Tye's** term as CCCA President came to an end and new President **Victor Manalo** of the Artesia City Council began his tenure. Many City Managers attended all or part of the program, including: **Rob Wishner**, Walnut; **Darrell George**, Duarte; **Howard Chambers**, Lakewood; **Mike Egan**, Norwalk; **Wade McKinney**, Indian Wells; **Ken Striplin**, Santa Clarita; **Ken Farfsing**, Signal Hill; **Jeff Stewart**, Bellflower; **Bill Rawlings**, Artesia; **Art Gallucci**, Ceritos; **Tony Ramos**, Claremont; **Mark Alexander**, La Cañada Flintridge; **Michael Rock**, Lomita; **Tony Ybarra**, South El Monte; and **Linda Benedetti-Leal**, Paramount; plus those we missed.

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"The CCCA seminar theme was: Reshaping the Municipal Economy; Is Diversity a Part of Your Community Portfolio?"

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Many seminar participants who participate in the annual early Thursday morning golf tournament at the Indian Wells municipal course arrive Wednesday evening to avoid the morning traffic. We many folks in the area, a number of CCCA Associate Members and vendors jointly hosted a dinner at the home of Anthony and Evelyn Gonsalves. Current and former City Managers we noted in attendance included: **Darrell George**, Duarte; **Howard Chambers**, Lakewood; **Mike Egan**, Norwalk; **Ken Striplin**, Santa Clarita; **Wade McKinney**, Indian Wells; **Ernie Garcia**, retired Norwalk; **Andy Takata**, retired; **Ken Pulskamp**, CCMF Executive Director and retired CM from Santa Clarita; **Frank Tripepi**, retired; **Wes Wolf**, former CM; and **Bob Dickey**, former Walnut CM, retired South Gate Public Works Director.

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On Wednesday morning the "Victor's Desert Scramble" CCCA golf tournament had a shotgun tee-off at 8 a.m. at the Indian Wells Golf Resort municipal course. I walked to the course from the hotel, most of the way with Walnut City Manager **Robb Wishner**. Robb stopped at his car to get his clubs and I stayed on my "morning cup of coffee" mission at the clubhouse. I joined CCCA Past President **Cheri Kelley** of the Norwalk City Council, and former City Managers **Ray Harris** and **Greg Korduner** for some coffee, juice, fruit and a roll.



Trackdown's Jack and Susan Simpson congratulated grandson **Eric Beebe** on his promotion to high school in Anthem, Arizona on Wednesday, May 21, 2014.

We were able to spend some time chatting with **Jason Gonsalves** of the **Joe A. Gonsalves & Son** firm, and Norwalk City Manager **Mike Egan**.

At what is ordinarily a very hot time of the year, the weather cooperated somewhat and gave the tournament participants tolerable temperatures. We rejoined the tournament players following tournament play to welcome them to the awards ceremony held in a new tented pavilion of the course.



Norwalk City Manager **Mike Egan**, **Jason Gonsalves** and Norwalk City Council Member **Leonard Shryock**.

"In the end it's not the years in your life that count; it's the life in your years." --**Abraham Lincoln**

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Thursday evening Susan and I and our daughter Casey, our singer daughter who appeared on the old Nashville Star television show, were invited to join a group for dinner with CR & R Waste & Recycling Services. **John Telesio**, former owner of CDS and currently a waste management consultant, extended the thoughtful invitation.

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Susan, Casey and I were seated with California Contract Cities Association Deputy Executive Director **Paul Philips** (a former City Manager), and CCCA staff members **Cristina Shore** and **Kelli Lofing**; delightful company. Retired Norwalk City Manager **Ernie Garcia** and his wife Diane, and former City Manager **Raul Romero** and his wife were also in attendance. After dinner we stopped by the big flat screen televisions in the down stairs lobby area to watch the last inning of the Angels-Tampa Bay game. **Ray Harris** and his wife Carol joined me, and we were able to watch the Angels' phenom **Mike Trout** hit his 1st career walk-off home run giving the Angels a 6-5 win. It was a good way to wind-up a nice evening. Ray is a former Hawaiian Gardens City Administrator, and worked as an Assistant City Administrator in Bellflower previous to that with then-City Administrator **Peter B. Feenstra**. Ray retired as the Transportation Deputy to Los Angeles County Supervisor **Don Knabe**.



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Harvey Englander is a graduate of **UCLA**, and is a member of the Board of the **UCLA** School of Public Policy. **Matt Knabe** is a graduate of Pepperdine University. Matt serves on the LAEDC Board of Governors, and as President of the Paramount Education Project, among other service assignments.



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Retired Norwalk City Manager **Ernie Garcia** shows he knows how to use chopsticks at a CR & R hosted dinner in Rancho Mirage. Ernie is seated between his wife Diane and former City Manager **Raul Romero**, on his right.



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Malibu City Council Member **Lou La Monte** served as the Chair person of the Day for the official opening day of the California Contract Cities Association's 55th Annual Municipal Seminar. The official opening session kicked-off at 8:30 a.m. with CCCA past President **Randy Bomgaars**, a former Bellflower City Council Member, delivering the Invocation and past President **James Bozajian** of the Calabasas City Council leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Indian Wells Mayor **Ted J. Mertens** gave those assembled an official welcome to the City of Indian Wells. Ted previously served about 14-years as the Chief of Police in the City of Manhattan Beach.

Session No. 1 was entitled: "Finding Your City's Place in the Global and Metropolitan Economy: The Economy is Undergoing Sweeping Change." **James Bozajian** served as moderator. Author **Jennifer Bradley**, author of "The Metropolitan Revolution" made a presentation via video. Former City Managers **Larry Kosmont** and **Rick Cole** made presentations. Larry is the Founder and CEO of the **Kosmont Companies**, and Rick is currently a Deputy Mayor in the City of Los Angeles. Founded in 1986, nationally recognized **Kosmont Companies**, a certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), is a real estate, financial advisory and a professional economic development services firm offering a full range of real estate and economic advisory, brokerage, project finance, investment, and planning services for both the public and private sectors. <http://www.kosmont.com/>



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Following a half-hour networking period, Session No. 2 was one of the highlights of the seminar as West Hollywood Mayor **John D'Amico** introduced a presentation by the Owner of The Roxy **Nic Adler** of Adler Integrated, entitled: "Reinventing The Roxy, the Sunset Strip and Our Communities." Nic provided common sense innovative thinking with his presentation. Nic is the son of **Lou Adler**, the Grammy Award-winning music producer, who opened The Roxy in 1973. Lou is most often seen these days sitting with actor **Jack Nicholson** courtside at Los Angeles Lakers' games. Nic took over management of The Roxy in 1998. He is a co-founder of the Sunset Strip Music Festival (SSMF). Nic talked about the resurgent of The Roxy and how you have to "listen" and social media can help you do that. You need to stop leaning on history...what happened in the past...and become current looking to the future.



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After a luncheon break, Session No. 3 was entitled: "The Decline of the Community Care Model: The Rise of the Rehab Riviera." Attorneys **Lauren Langer**, **Parrish Knox** and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Chief **Buddy Goldman** address the group. Malibu Council Member Lou La Monte served as the session moderator.



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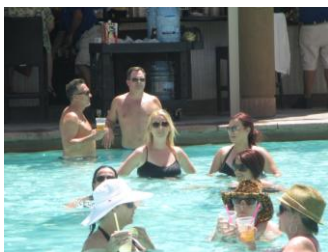
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After sessions, seminar folks had a few minutes to cool off in the pool before getting ready for the first ever Friday night CCCA Installation Banquet.

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Former Assembly Member and former La Cañada Flintridge Mayor and Council Member **Anthony J. Portantino** served as the Master of Ceremonies at the 55th Annual Municipal Seminar with a banquet theme of "All Around the World." The Honorable **Michael P. Vicencia**, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge served as the installing officer for in-coming President **Victor Manalo**, Ph.D. of the Artesia City Council.

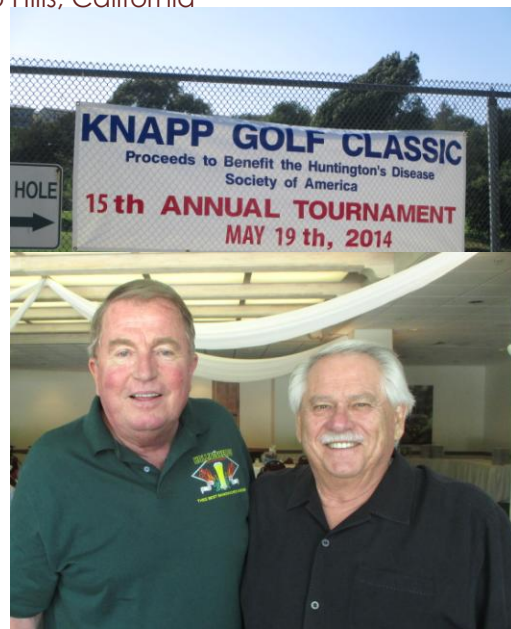
Following the installation, we visited the Presidents reception upstairs, and chatted with a number of folks in the hotel's lower lobby. There was only one hospitality room, which was sponsored by Schaefer Ambulance, and the Cigar Bar hosted by CARE Ambulance on the Rose Lawn seemed to have a nice turnout.



15th Annual Knapp Golf Classic A Success:

In Memory of former City Manager Gaylord Knapp and his son Scott Knapp

Proceeds go toward fighting Huntington's Disease
Monday, May 19, 2014
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Chino Hills, California



Retired City Managers **Doug La Belle** and **Frank Tripepi** at the 15th Annual Knapp Golf Classic.

Though Frank does not play golf he was there to support the fight against Huntington's Disease at the tournament awards banquet. We salute Doug for keeping this effort alive for 15-years.

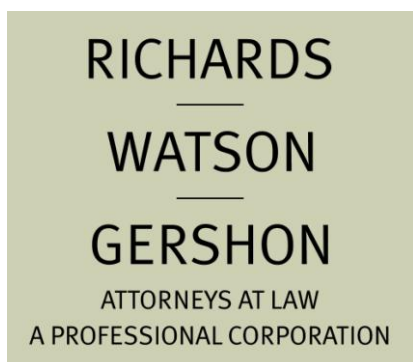


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Saturday's Chair of the Day was Pico Rivera Council Member **Gustavo Camacho**. The breakfast session featured a presentation by U.S. Navy Chaplain, Commander **Ray A. Bailey**. Commander Bailey underlined the theme that we should be celebrating and embracing our diversity.

At 9:30 a.m. new President **Victor Manalo** presided at the Annual Business Session, and Session No. 4, entitled: "Sacramento Report: Drought, Tax, Increment Financing and Transportation: What Does the Future Hold?" was at 10 a.m. Claremont Council Member **Sam Pedroza** introduced the two speakers: State Senators **Bob Huff** and **Cathleen Galgiani**. As a former Council Member in Diamond Bar, Senator Huff is well-acquainted with the "contract cities," and the "Lakewood Plan."

"A hero is no braver than an ordinary man, but he is brave five minutes longer." --Ralph Waldo



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One of the very important legislative concerns of the "contract cities" is the potential undoing of the "Lakewood Plan" at the hands of Assembly Member **Jimmy Gomez** of Los Angeles. HR Resolution 29, authored by Assemblyman Gomez, sets a policy to denounce the practice of outsourcing government services; a public employee union objective. This policy could jeopardize cities.



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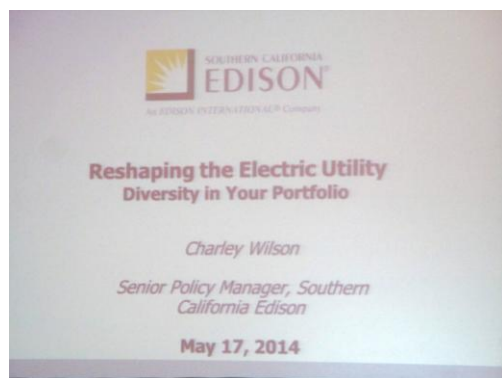
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Session No. 5; "The Diversity of Municipal Energy Solutions," was Chaired by moderator **Art Gallucci**, City Manager in Cerritos. The panelist presenters included: **Vince Brar**, Senior Assistant City Manager, Cerritos; **George Minter**, Senior Director of Policy and Environment, The Gas Company; and **Charles Wilson**, Senior Policy Manager, Southern California Edison Company.



Following a luncheon, which was moved indoors due to extremely high temperatures outdoors, many of the seminar participants attended an AB 1234 Ethics Training session by attorney from the **Richards, Watson & Gershon** firm.

Since the Installation Banquet was concluded on Friday evening, Saturday evening was left open. Special entertainment for seminar participants was held at 9 p.m. Though we did not return from dinner until after that time, many folks enjoyed the comedy magician act of Dana Daniels.

After the annual "Getaway Brunch" hosted by the CCCA Associate Members, it was time to get on the road to beat the traffic back home. We salute the CCCA for an outstanding 2014 seminar. Congratulations President Manalo!



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Sam Olivito, **Sharon Olivito**, **Kelli Lofing**, and **Tony Olivito** of the CCCA staff.



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Picking Up the Pieces: More than 400 people attended the induction of four new members to the USA Water Polo Hall of Fame this past April 7. Retired City Manager **Andy Takata**

was one of the inductees. Andy is described as a "...water polo referee extraordinaire." Andy is a 12-years member of the USA Water Polo Board of Directors, and served as Vice-President, Treasurer and National Referees' Chair. He officiated at the 2000 Olympic Games and many other important World water polo events. Retired Banning City Manager **Andy Takata** has been appointed Acting City Manager in Calexico after the City Council dismissed City Manager **Oscar Rodriguez**. Fremont Assistant City Manager **Mark Danaj** is the new Manhattan Beach City Manager. Mark earned a BA in economics and political science at Marquette University, and an MPA from the University of Notre Dame. He also graduated from the Harvard Kennedy School's Senior Executives in State and Local Government program. Mark is an ICMA Credentialed city manager. Prior to joining the Fremont staff, Mark worked 8-years as a senior staff member for the City of San Jose. Before coming to California, he spent 11-years in various positions for Lake County, Illinois in northern Chicago. Solana Beach City Manager **David Ott** has announced his retirement in November, 2014. David has worked for Solana Beach since July, 2003, when he was appointed to serve as Fire Chief and Director of Public Safety. He was later named Fire Chief for Del Mar, a post he held in tandem with the Solana Beach position until October, 2009. He became Assistant City Manager in Solana Beach in 2005 and then City Manager in 2006. La Puente City Manager **David Carmany** is an alumnus of the **USC** Trojan Marching Band. Dave earned a BS in Public Administration from the University of Southern California (**USC**). Dave is a veteran City Manager, previously serving as City Manager in Agoura Hills, Malibu, Pacific, Seal Beach and Manhattan Beach. He also served as a Regional Manager for Public Agency Retirement Services (**PARS**) between 2003 and 2007. Former Poway Senior Management Analyst **Jennifer Lewis**, who had previously worked about 3-years with the League of California Cities, is currently a Board Member and Newsletter Editor for

the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association in Portland, Oregon. Jennifer earned a BA at the University of California, Santa Barbara and an MPA from the University of Alaska Southeast. Retired long-time Bishop City Administrator **Rick Pucci** is currently the 3rd District Supervisor on the Inyo County Board of Supervisors. Rick retired in 2010 after serving as the Bishop City Administrator for 30-years. Chula Vista Assistant City Manager **Gary Halbert** has been named to replace current City Manager **Jim Sandoval**, who is retiring at the end of June. Gary first came to work for Chula Vista in 2008 as the Director of Development Services. He is a Certified Planned and a Licensed Civil Engineer. He worked for the City of San Diego previous to joining the Chula Vista staff. Goleta City Manager **Don Singer** has accepted the appointment to serve as the Poway City Manager in San Diego County. The Interim City Manager in Goleta is Deputy City Manager **Michelle Greene**. Michelle is the city's former Administrative Services Director, and was appointed Deputy City Manager in 2013. Assistant City Manager **John Coates** served as the Interim City Manager when Carlsbad City Manager **Lisa Hildabrand** retired in 2013. John had been serving as the city's Parks and Recreation Director. He was able to drop the "interim" and take the position, but only served in the post for about six months. John has previously served as the Director of Community Services for the City of Santee. He is currently the Parks and Recreation Director in Napa, working with Napa City Manager **Mike Parness**.

15th Annual Knapp Golf Classic

City Managers or former City Managers spotted at the Western Hills Golf and Country Club in Chino Hills for the Knapp Golf Classic: **Bob Dunek**, **Ernie Garcia**, **Ray Harris**, **Gerard Goedhart** (District Manager at the Orange County Vector Control District), **Dan Joseph**, **Gregory Korduner**, **Doug La Belle**, **Tom Mauk**, **Mark Pulone**, **Dave Ream**, **Jim Ruth**, **Frank Tripepi**, and **Jon Shull** (Executive Director of the CJPIA). **Terry Belanger** bought a 4-some but was on vacation.

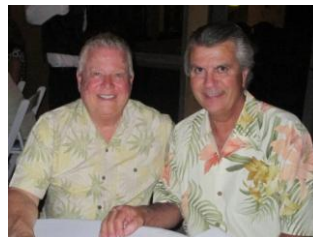


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More Pieces Picked Up: Modesto has appointed former Arlington, Texas City Manager **Jim Holgersson** as Interim City Manager to step in as City Manager **Greg Nyhoff** leaves to become the Oxnard City Manager. **Alma L. Reyes** is currently working as a Management Analyst for the City of Costa Mesa. She previously served as an Administrative Analyst in Hawaiian Gardens between 2001 and 2011. Alma earned a BA in Criminal Justice/Public Administration at California State University, Fullerton, and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach. Cypress Police Officer **Paulo Morales** has announced his retirement after a little more than 25-years with the city. Paulo began his career as a Parking Control Officer in the City of Bellflower prior to joining the Cypress Police Department in May, 1989. **Tina McKennie** is the new Finance and Administrative Services Director in the City of Albany where **Penelope Leach** was named City Manager earlier this year, succeeding retired veteran City Manager **Beth Pollard**. Tina is a native of Humboldt, Tennessee. She is a Vacaville resident and previously worked as the Richmond Accounting Manager and Chief Accountant for the past 8-years. Her first local government job was with Stanton, and then she worked as the Accounting Manager in Bellflower. She then worked 8-years as the Senior Accountant in Vallejo before taking the position in Richmond. **Nelson Hernandez** is the new Carson City Manager. Former City Manager **Sam Ghaly** was fired last September. Carson Director of Administrative Services **Jackie Acosta** has filled in since Sam left office. Nelson comes to Carson from an Assistant Chief Operating Officer post with the City of San Diego. Prior to that he served about 4-years as a Senior Bank Examiner and Director of Federal Housing Finance Agency. He served as the Ventura Community Development Director between 2006 and 2009. Retired Commerce Director of Community Development **Robert Zarrilli** is living in Henderson, Nevada. Bob was honored for 25-years of Commerce city service in 2012. He attended New Mexico State University. **Mariah Van Zerr** is the new Associate Transportation Planner in the Coronado Engineering and Project Development Department, starting in January of this year (2014). Mariah's task, as the city's new "Active Transportation Planner, is to help improve all alternate means of transportation, including bicycle, pedestrian, mass transit and ferry ridership. She is working with the Coronado Bicycle Advisory Committee, and on the Complete Streets Program.

Mariah has extensive planning experience in non-motorized transportation. She participated in the Mayor's Bicycle Ride event in May. Mariah won a Master of Urban and Regional Planning scholarship at Portland State University. Former City Manager **Don Duckworth**, who's hometown is Coronado, is currently a resident of Arcadia. Don, who earned a BA and MPA from California State University, Northridge, is currently a consultant who specializes in business improvement district formation and management, strategic planning, community participation, finance, and real estate consulting, including brokerage. Don worked in the cities of Calabasas, Santa Clarita, Arcadia, Visalia, San Clemente, and Simi Valley. Desert Hot Springs' new City Manager in **Martin Magaña**, who has been serving as Acting City Manager. Martin has served as the Desert Hot Springs Community Development Director since 2010.



Bill Pagett, Anthony Gonsalves, Tony Olivito and Frank G. Tripepi at the 55th Annual California Contract Cities Association Municipal Seminar

Tamara S. Letourneau has been serving as the Assistant Chief Executive Officer in the City of Costa Mesa since February, 2014. Tammy previously worked as a Senior Manager for Management Partners, Inc. beginning in May, 2008. Previous to that she served as the City Manager in Yorba Linda from November, 2004 to March, 2008, and as Sierra Madre City Manager from April, 2001 to November, 2004. Tammy also held positions in Claremont and Arcadia. She earned an MPA at California State University, Long Beach.





Even More Pieces Picked Up: Former Stanislaus Council of Governments official **Jaylen French** is the new Community Development Director in Hughson. He will relieve interim director **Jim Duval**, a retired Stanislaus County Assistant Planning Director. Jim has worked in the post since the resignation of **Thom Clark**, who left last fall to take the Public Services Director job in Oakdale. Jim assisted Hughson City Manager **Raul Mendez** recruit for a new director. Jaylen comes to Hughson with solid credentials. In addition to his impressive work experience, he earned a BS in City and Regional Planning from California Polytechnic State University. Between March, 1968 and August, 1977, **Joseph N. Baker** served as the City Manager in Burbank. After a stint in private business, Joe went on to serve as the Orange City Manager between 1979 and 1983. He was awarded the ICMA Clarence E. Ridley Training Award in 1974. Modesto recently appointed **Larry Parlin**, previously a Deputy Public Works Director in Lodi, to head up the new Modesto Utilities Department. The home of retired Palo Alto City Manager **Frank Benest** was extensively damaged in a fire while Frank was out of town. Frank's 15-year old daughter and a friend were home with a Nanny. The three-alarm fire got responses from Palo Alto, Mountain View, Menlo Park and Santa Clara County Fire Departments. Palo Alto Police Chief **Dennis Burns** and City Manager **James Keene** responded to the scene. Former Shafter City Manager **John Guinn**, who retired from the City after serving 30-years as City Manager. He addressed an economic development issues at a program sponsored by the Greater Taft Economic Development Authority in May. **Janie Sprague** is the City Clerk in the City of Montague, California. Montague is located in Siskiyou County with a 2010 census population of 1,443. Montague is located about six miles from Yreka. **Don Kincade** is the Public Works Supervisor in Montague, and **Chris Tyhurst** is the Water & Sewer Supervisor. New Eureka City Manager **Greg Sparks** previously served in City Manager posts in West Des Moines, Iowa; and in Minnesota, Florida, Kansas and Nevada. He replaces Eureka City Manager **Bill Panos**, who resigned after only 9-months to take a position with the Wyoming Governor's Office. Assembly Local Government Committee Vice Chair, Assembly Member **Marc Levine** of the 10th District, earned a Master's Degree in National Security Affairs from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey. He earned a BA from California State University, Northridge. He is a resident of San Rafael. Retired Barstow City Manager **Richard Rowe** will receive a

45-years ICMA Service Award at the 100th Annual ICMA Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina in September. Richard served as the Interim City Manager in Canyon Lake last year. His son Mike has been a Fire Captain at the Los Angeles County Fire Department's Fire Station 30 in Cerritos for nearly 10-years. 35th Assembly District Assembly Member **Katcho Achadjian** serves as the Chair of the Assembly Local Government Committee. In his District he represents the Cities of Arroyo Grande, Atascadero, Grover Beach, Guadalupe, Lompoc, Morro Bay, Paso Robles, Pismo Beach, San Luis Obispo and Santa Maria. Assembly Member Achadjian is serving his second term. Previously he served as a member of the County of San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors. Originally from Lebanon, he became a United State Citizen in December, 1982. He served as member of the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Advisory Council. Former Chino Hills Mayor and Council Member **Gwenn Norton-Perry** has served as the Executive Director of the Orange County Council of Governments since January, 2013. Gwenn served on the Chino Hills City Council for a little more than 21-years. She worked for a number of government services providers, including two and a half years as the Marketing Communications Manager for **Willdan** in 1986-1988. She earned a BA from Humboldt State University and completed the CORO-Leadership Southern California program. **James A. Box** is the Stanton City Manager. Prior to his appointment to City Manager in 2012, Jim served as the Stanton Assistant City Manager between 2010 and 2012. He earned a BA from the University of La Verne, and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach.



Frank Tripepi, Willdan Senior Vice President, and **Bill Pagett**, Willdan Engineering Vice President, receive a special President's Award on behalf of their company.



Tony Olivito was presented with the highest CCCA Award: *El Gran Matador*.

League of California Cities Opposes the Efforts of Assembly Member Jimmy Gomez to Ban "Contracting Out"

Though the League of California Cities opposed HR Resolution 29, authored by Los Angeles Assembly Member **Jimmy Gomez** of the 51st District, who was elected to the Assembly in November, 2012, it has won approval of the California State Assembly. HR Resolution 29 denouncing the practice of outsourcing government services, a public employee union objective. This outsourcing ban may apply to refuse disposal, traffic signal maintenance, street tree trimming, professional services like engineering, architecture, building & safety, and legal representation. This may threaten the ability of many communities to survive as incorporated cities. As a resident of Los Angeles, a metropolis with a population larger than many States, does not understand "local government." Assembly Member Gomez has previously worked for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), the National League of Cities, and the Democratic National Committee. The League points out that the Resolution undermines the democratic process and representative government, because legislators lose the opportunity to make an informed decision about the impacts of specific legislation. Local governments have a long history of addressing service delivery challenges with creativity, self-reliance and innovation. Local elected officials are held accountable for these carefully thought out financial decisions. Making "contracting out" illegal will endanger the ability of local elected officials to apply the principles of "home rule" & "local control. The State has taken a number of actions to reduce local government revenues, and now the State threatens to make local services decisions from Sacramento.



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