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Santa Clarita's first full-time City Manager **George A. Carvalho** passed away on Sunday, January 5, 2020 at the age of 81. He is one of the highest regarded City Managers in California history. He is seen here with two of his protégés: **Ken Pulskamp** and **Ken Striplin**. **Ken Striplin** is the current Santa Clarita City Manager, and **Ken Pulskamp** is his predecessor, and the Executive Director of the California City Management Foundation (CCMF).

Women in California Cities From Red Bluff to Rialto

A continued list of women city government professionals in California cities is presented here. In this issue, those listed in this 28th installment are those we found in the cities alphabetically from Red Bluff to Rialto.

As we have repeatedly written, there are many highly qualified and dedicated professional women serving California cities. The list is impressive. Our effort addresses the rhetorical question: *Where are the women in city management?*

Again, we apologize to anyone we miss. The failures of others to not post complete profiles makes it difficult to be comprehensive. Please believe that we try.

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Red Bluff Is the county seat for Tehama County that was incorporated in March, 1876. The 2018 estimated population of Red Bluff is 14,283. The Red Bluff post office has been in operation since 1853. The "Red Bluff" name comes from the red bluffs along the nearby Sacramento River. The Red Bluff Walmart is the community's largest employer. **Richard Crabtree** is the Red Bluff City Manager and City Attorney. **Kyle Sanders** is the Chief of Police, and **Cassidy DeRego** is the City Clerk. **Anita Rice** and **Vi Cobb** are the Deputy City Clerks. Vi is also the city's Human Resources Analyst. Former Deputy City Clerk **Cheryl Smith**, who retired at the end of 2016, served as the Interim City Manager prior to City Manager **Richard Crabtree** joining the staff in February, 2012.



Robin Kampmann joined the Red Bluff city staff in 2013 as the Public Works Director. Robin is a contract employee, who works for NorthStar Engineering. Robin has been with the firm since May, 2005. Prior to that she was a Civil Engineering Intern with the Jackson Rancheria from June, 2003 to May, 2005. Robin attended classes at California State University, Fresno and earned her BS in civil engineering from California State University, Chico.



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Redding is the county seat of Shasta County. The city, founded by **Pierson B. Reading**, incorporated in October, 1887. The estimated 2018 population was 91,772. **Barry Tippin** is the current City Manager, and **Pam Mize** is the City Clerk.



Sheri DeMaagd has served as the Assistant City Manager and Personnel Director since May, 2007. The Personnel Department consists of three divisions: Personnel, Risk Management and Volunteer Services. Sheri earned a BA in business administration from California State University, Chico.



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Allyn Feci Van Hooser is the Finance Director and City Treasurer. The former **Allyn Feci Clark** has served as the Redding City Treasurer since December, 2012. The City Treasurer is an elected position. Prior to joining the Redding city staff, she was the Chief Financial Officer for the Turtle Bay Exploration Park (January, 2007 – April, 2011). Allyn earned a BA in accounting and business administration from Carrol College.



Janelle Galbraith, Management Assistant to the City Manager, joined the Redding city staff in October, 2017. She previously worked in the educational community as a faculty member as Simpson University, Shasta College and Radford University. She was the owner of a marketing firm from 2017 to 2010. Janelle earned a MA from Athens State University, an MS from Radford University, and a Doctorate in Education from Concordia University, Portland.

Others included: **Amber Kelley**, Environmental Compliance Manager; **Mieke Sheffield**, Storm Water Management Program Coordinator; **Amber Edenburn**, Purchasing Officer.

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Redlands was incorporated as a San Bernardino County city in December, 1888. The 2018 population estimate is 71,586. The city was established by **Frank E. Brown**, a civil engineer and **E. G. Judson**, a New York stock broker.

Janice McConnell, Assistant City Manager, was named Acting City Manager in October following the dismissal of City Manager **N. Enrique Martinez**. **Charles M. Duggan Jr.**, the Administrative Services Division Manager and Treasurer for the Marin Municipal Water District is the new City Manager in Redlands. Janice was appointed Assistant City Manager starting in November, 2019. She earned an MPA from California State University, Long Beach.

Danielle Garcia is the Redlands Director of Management Services. She joined the city staff in November, 2006 as a Grants Planning Specialist. She then began working her way up as a Senior Project Manager (2011-2012), Field Services Manager (2012-2014), Interim IT Director (2013-2014), Chief Innovation Officer (2014-2016), and then Director of Management Services starting in November, 2016. Danielle earned a BA from the University of California, Riverside and an MPA from California State University, San Bernardino. She also earned a Professional Certificate in International Business Administration from Riverside City College.

Rachel Tolber is Commander of the Patrol & Community Services Bureau of the Redlands Police Department.

Jeanne Donaldson was first elected Redlands City Clerk in 2016. Jeanne previously served as Deputy City Clerk. She has lived in Redlands for more than 42-years.



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Tina T. Kundig, former Finance Director, retired in 2016 after 21-years with the City of Redlands. Tina began her career in government finance when she took an internship with the Auditor-Controller's Office in the County of San Bernardino. Former Redlands Finance Director **Steve Chapman** recruited Tina in the 1990s to work in the Redland's Finance Department. When Steve became the Moreno Valley Finance Director, he took Tina there to be the Revenue Officer and Assistant City Treasurer. She returned to Redlands as the Finance Director in 2003.



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Redondo Beach, located in the South Bay region of the Greater Los Angeles area, was incorporated in April, 1892. The 2018 population was 67,412. The area that is Redondo Beach today was originally part of the 1785 Rancho San Pedro Spanish land grant. The community is known for its sandy beach and municipal pier.

Joe Hoefgen is the current City Manager and **Eleanor Manzano** is the City Clerk. A former Accounting Manager, Eleanor became the City Clerk in April, 2007. She earned an AA from Marymount College and a BS in computer information systems from Chapman University.



Brandy A. Forbes is the Redondo Beach Community Development Director. She began working in 1992 as a Research Assistant for the University of Iowa. She worked in Washington, Iowa as an Inspection Intern in 1994.

Brandy worked as a Planner from 1994 to 1997 for the Regional Planning Commission in Ottumwa, Iowa. After working for a private firm as a planner, she joined the city staff in Solon, Iowa in March, 2000 as a Business Administrator. Brandy joined the staff in the Township of Maplewood, New Jersey in 2003 as the Assistant Business Administrator, and in December, 2006 she became the Township Planner in Edison, New Jersey. Brandy came to California in December, 2018 to become the Redondo Beach Community Development Director after she served in a similar post in the City of Hoboken between 2009 and 2018. Brandy earned a BA in economics and an MA in urban and regional planning from the University of Iowa.



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Diane Strickfaden is the Redondo Beach Director of Human Resources. Diane began her work career as an insurance Claims Manager in 1995. In 1997 she joined the city staff in Lawndale as an Administrative Analyst and she was the Assistant to the City Manager when she left the staff in 2002. After working a half-dozen years as a human resources consultant, she joined the City of Lynwood staff in August, 2006 as a Senior Human Resources Analyst. In January, 2013 Diane became the Assistant to the City manager in the City of Hermosa Beach. She joined the Redondo Beach staff in June, 2015. Diane earned a BA in English literature from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach.



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Redwood City is the county seat in San Mateo County in the heart of the Silicon Valley. It was incorporated in May, 1867 and then re-incorporated in May, 1897. **Melissa Stevenson Diaz** is the current City Manager and **Kimbra McCarthy** is the Assistant City Manager of Administrative Services. **Pamela Aguilar** is the City Clerk.



Melissa Stevenson Diaz began her public management career in 1991 as a Management Intern in the City of Morgan Hill. Melissa was hired as a Management Analyst and then served as the Morgan Hill Acting Human

Resources Manager in 1999. She became Assistant to the City Manager in 2001. In 2006 Melissa was appointed Assistant City Manager in the City of Fremont. She took the same position in Mountain View in 2010, working there until she was appointed City Manager in Redwood City in October, 2015. Melissa earned a BA in history from Mills College and an MPA from San Jose State University. In 2017 she received a 25-year ICMA Service Award. Melissa serves as a member of the Mills College Board of Trustees.



Wes Wolf at the 2019 League Expo



Kimbra McCarthy is the Assistant City Manager in Redwood City. She served as a Fiscal Analyst for the State of Kansas Legislature in 2007. She joined the staff in the County of Santa Barbara in October, 2008 as a Fiscal and Policy Analyst in the County Executive Office. Kimbra was promoted to Director of Administration in the District Attorney's Office in October, 2010. She was appointed Deputy City Manager in the City of Mountain View in August, 2014. Kimbra joined the Redwood City staff in her current position in August, 2016. She earned a BA from Washburn University, a Master of Laws from the University of Limerick, and a J.D. from Washburn University School of Law.

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Reedley was incorporated in February, 1913 in the County of Fresno. The city's 2018 estimated population was 25,579. Civil War soldier **Thomas Law Reed** settled in the area to provide wheat for the Gold Rush miners in the 1800s. He donated land for a railroad state that established the town as a center of the San Joaquin Valley. **Nicole R. Zieba** is the City Manager and **Sylvia B. Plata** in the City Clerk.



Nicole R. Zieba was born and raised in Los Angeles. She worked in local government recruiting from 1998 to 2003. She was hired to be a Deputy City Manager in Fresno in 2003. In 2007 she took the Executive Director of Human Resources post with the Fresno Unified School District. Nicole returned to Fresno as Deputy City Manager in 2009. She was selected to be the Reedley City Manager in August, 2011. Nicole earned a BA in political science and government from California State University, Fullerton and an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**).

Sarah Reid is the Reedley Community Services Director.



Some of those who attended the inaugural Northern California "Proof of Life" lunch in Fairfield on Tuesday, January 14, 2020. **Marcia Raines** said: "I really enjoyed the lunch and look forward to the next one."



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Rialto was incorporated in November, 1911. The 2018 estimated population was 103,440. **Rod Foster** is the City Manager and **Stephen Erlandson** is the Deputy City Manager. **Barbara McGee** is the City Clerk and Management Services Director.

Jessica Brown is the Rialto Finance Director. She worked for the County of San Bernardino in Finance and Administration from 1999 to January, 2017. In September, 2015 Jessica became the Chief Financial Officer for the Apple Valley Fire Protection District. She moved to the same post with the Lake Arrowhead Community Services District in January, 2017. Jessica joined the Rialto city staff in December, 2018. She earned a BBA in accounting and finance from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

Angela D. McCray was appointed Rialto Human Resource & Risk Management Director starting in October, 2019. Angela began her public service career in Illinois with the City of Evanston. She was an Assistant Analyst in the Management and Budget Department in 2001. She was promoted to Human Resources Specialist (2004-2008) and Employee Relations Manager in 2008. Angela became the Director of Human Resources in North Chicago in 2010, where she served as Chief of Staff between 2010 and 2012. Angela then worked as the Human Resources Manager in Scottsdale, Arizona between 2012 and 2013. She was the Human Resources Manager for the State of Arizona Department of Public Safety from 2013 to 2015. Angela earned a BA and an MBA from National-Louis University.

Again, we apologize to those we missed. Please let us know so we can make amends. Cheers!

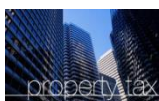
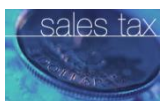


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HdL was founded in 1983 by **Robert Hinderliter**, a former Director of Finance and City Administrator in Commerce, California. Bob developed California's first computerized sales tax management program, and worked to secure the legislation that allows independent verification of the State Board of Equalization's allocation of sales tax revenues to local governments. In 1987, **Lloyd de Llamas** purchased 50% of the corporate stock and the company became *Hinderliter, de Llamas and Associates* with a primary focus on sales tax analysis, allocation audits, and software.

In 1993, a separate corporation was organized by partners **Paula Cone**, **Martin Coren**, **Robert Hinderliter**, and **Lloyd de Llamas** to provide property tax related services, including allocation audits, trends analysis, tax increment verification, tax allocation bond fiscal services, and related software products.

In 1996, **HdL Software LLC** was established with participants **Nancy Hicks**, **Robert Hinderliter**, and **Lloyd de Llamas** in order to provide easy-to-use, integrated "counter tools" for the processing and tracking of revenue related functions, such as business licenses, building/planning permits, animal control licenses, and code enforcement violations.

The three **HdL** affiliates operate as a single, coordinated unit providing a variety of integrated services and software products.

Sales and Use Tax Audits

HdL identifies and recovers sales and use tax allocation errors, helps maximize tax revenues from specific projects and business situations, and provides ongoing data, analyses, and staff expertise to support fiscal planning and economic development.

Experience and Expertise

HdL Coren & Cone gives local governments access to a unique combination of expert analysis, cutting edge software, and ongoing support. Our services make the most of our extensive experience, advanced technologies, and dedication to service.

Full Service Software Solutions

HdL's software solutions are designed, implemented and supported by people who understand the unique challenges and needs of local government. More than a vendor, **HdL** works as a partner; providing expert analysis and guidance, effective software solutions, and unmatched quality of technical support.

Among The HdL Companies' officials are:

Lloyd de Llamas, Executive Chair, provided sales tax services to local governments since 1987. He previously served as City Manager in Monterey Park, Lawndale and Woodlake and as an Assistant in Torrance and San Diego.

Andrew Nickerson, President of the **HdL Sales Tax** arm, has more than 20-years of experience with local governments revenue enhancements and protection. He is a California State Polytechnic University, Pomona graduate.

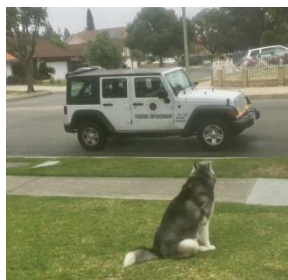
Paula Cone, President of **HdL Coren and Cone**, the property tax arm of the **HdL Companies**, has more than twenty-years of municipal finance and city management experience.

Robert Gray, President of **HdL Software LLC** has been with **HdL Companies** since 1996. He earned an MBA from Azusa Pacific University.

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Picking Up the Pieces: New Stockton City Manager **Harry E. Black** is a former Cincinnati, Ohio City Manager (2014-2018). Harry began his public service career in 1987 as a Management Trainee for the Port Authority of New

York & New Jersey, New York. He worked for ICMA as a Manager in 1989. He held a number of positions in New York city and at the state level. In 2005-2008 he served as the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer and CFO for the City of Richmond, Virginia. He joined the Cincinnati staff in 2012 as the Director of Finance. Harry earned a BA from Virginia State University, and an MPA from the University of Virginia. Retired City Manager **Brad Kilger** has been appointed Interim City Manager in the City of South Lake Tahoe. Bad served as City Manager in the cities of Martinez, Benicia, Ceres and Yucca Valley. He is a past President of the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities. It is reported that the inaugural Northern California "Proof of Life" lunch had an attendance of 32. Participants wore name tags, which helped identify everyone. We offer our congratulations to the organizers **Rod Wood**, **Kevin O'Rourke**, **Rod Gould**; and **Jeff Kolin** and all those who support the program. **Salem Afeworki** is the new Energy and Sustainability Services Manager in the City of Costa Mesa. She previously was a principal at a firm that specializes in sustainable business practices, clean energy and climate change consulting. Salem has served on the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Sustainability Council. Manteca City Manager **Tim Ogden** was terminated effective December 31. **Miranda Ludlow** was appointed Acting City Manager at his dismissal. Tim was appointed to the Manteca City Manager post on August 7, 2017 after serving 6-years as the Waterford City Manager. He began his public service career as an Administrative Analyst in Modesto in 2003. He then held staff positions in Riverbank and Ceres before becoming the Waterford City Manager in 2011. Tim earned a BA from Weber State University and an MBA from the University of Phoenix. **Charles M. Duggan Jr.**, the Marin Municipal Water District Administrative Services Division Manager and Treasurer, is the new City Manager in the City of Redlands. He previously (2006-2017) served as City Manager in Auburn, Alabama. Assistant City Manager **Janice McConnell** has served as Acting City Manager. Westminster City Manager **Eddie Manfro** will retire effective February 29. He was appointed City Manager in 2012.



Bad Moon Risin' in January over the City of San Diego. It is called a "Wolf Moon." The picture was taken by master photographer and retired Coronado City Manager **Mark Ochendusko**.

George A. Carvalho

August 1, 1938 – January 5, 2020

George Carvalho, Santa Clarita's first permanent City Manager serving from 1988 to 2002, died Sunday, January 5, 2020 at the age of 81. George joined the Santa Clarita city staff following Interim City Manager **Fred Bien** subsequent to the city's incorporation on December 15, 1987. The George A. Carvalho Santa Clarita Sports Complex was dedicated in his honor by the City on December 5, 1998. George began his public service and public management career in 1969 as the Assistant to the City Manager in Milpitas, California. In 1973 he was promoted to Assistant City Manager prior to becoming a Special Assistant to the Mayor in Seattle, Washington. In 1974 George he took an acting department head post in Tacoma, Washington, but returned to California in September, 1974 as Assistant City Manager in the City of San Mateo. George was appointed City Manager for the first time in January, 1980 in the City of San Clemente. In July, 1984 he became the City Manager in Bakersfield, and in 1988 in began is long service as Santa Clarita City Manager. After leaving Santa Clarita in 2002, George was the Riverside City Manager until 2005 when he became Director of Dana Point Harbor in Orange County until 2007. George earned a BA and MA from San Jose State University. George mentored scores of young people who continue to serve local governments. Rest in Piece **George Carvalho**.



More Pieces Picked Up: Lindsay Director of City Services and Planning **Michael Camarena** was been appointed Interim City Manager replacing Interim City Manager **Bret Harmon**, who recently resigned. Michael will serve as "Interim" until a replacement is found. Camarillo

City Manager **Dave Norman** 58, will retire effective April 3. Dave began his public service career in 1989 as an Administrative Assistant in Lubbock, Texas. He came to California in 1990 and took a Property Manager post for the City of Eureka in 1990. After working in positions in Morgan Hill, San Bernardino, and Lompoc, Dave was appointed Assistant City Manager in Aliso Viejo in 2002, and was elevated to City Manager that same year. In 2005=2006 he served as the Cypress City Manager and in 2006-2012 he was the City Manager in Port Hueneme. Dave joined the Camarillo city staff as the Director of Community Development in 2012 and became Assistant City Manager in 2015. Dave became Camarillo City Manager in April, 2016. He earned a BA from California State University, Long Beach, and an MPA from California State University, Hayward. Bakersfield City Manager **Alan Tandy** has retired after 27-years of service to the San Joaquin Valley city. The City of Bakersfield proclaimed January 8 as **Alan Tandy Day**. Alan began his career in 1973 as an Administrative Assistant in Rock Island, Illinois. In 1977 he was appointed City Manager in Napoleon, Ohio, and he became City Administrator in Gillette, Wyoming in 1981. Alan served as the City Administrator in Billings, Montana between 1985 and 1992, when he came to Bakersfield. He earned a BA from the University of Oregon, and a Masters from the University of Iowa. In 2018 Alan received a 45-year ICMA Service Award. Alan gain a reputation as a club ice hockey player. Woodland City Manager **Paul Navazio** is retiring in March, 2020. Paul has been the Woodland City Manager since 2012. He was the City of Davis Assistant City Manager for four-years before joining the Woodland city staff. He was the Davis Director of Finance starting in 2004, and before that he served as the Budget Manager for Berkeley and Oakland for more than 20-years. Paul earned a MA in economics and political science from the University of Rochester, New York, and a Master's in finance and public policy for the University of California, Davis. Laguna Beach Assistant City Manager **Christa L. Johnson** has been selected as the next Del Mar City Manager replacing retiring City Manager **Scott Huth**. In 1996-1997 Christa worked as a Management Analyst for Alameda County. In 1997 she became the Assistant to the City Manager in the City of Alameda. Christa was hired to be the Assistant



Retired City Managers:
Gary Sloan;
Greg Korduner;
Jack Simpson; and
Tim O'Donnell at a "Proof of Life" lunch.

Town Manager in Windsor in 2006. She moved to Laguna Beach in 2011. Christa earned a BA from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and an MPA from San Francisco State University. She received a 20-year ICMA Service Award in 2016. She served on the CAL-ICMA Board in 2010-2011.

John E. Holmes (1946 – 2019)

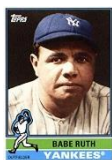
John E. Holmes (1946-2019) passed away peacefully in Tacoma, Washington on November 9, 2019. John earned a BA from Ohio Wesleyan University and a Master's from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He began his career as an Administrative Intern in Miami, Florida in 1969. He served in the Military in 1970 and then became Deputy City Manager in Sandusky, Ohio (1970-1972). John then moved to Scottsdale, Arizona where he served as an Administrative Assistant (1972-1974), before being promoted to Assistant to the City Manager (1974-1977). John was appointed City Manager in Casa Grande, Arizona (1977-1983) before serving as City Manager in the City of Redlands (1983-1990). John worked as the Riverside City Manager between 1990 and 2001. He then served in a couple of "interim" posts in Fresno before becoming County Manager in Coconino County, Arizona (2002-2006). He served as Interim City Manager in Flagstaff before retiring and moving to Washington. John is a former member to the Board of the California City Management Foundation (CCMF). He received a 30-year ICMA Service Award in 2001.

In October 1998, **John Holmes** survived the Riverside city chamber shooting perpetrated by Joseph L. Neale Jr. According to court records, Neale, who is serving a 374-year sentence at Valley State Prison in Chowchilla, had the intention to kill John, Councilman **Alex Clifford**, and two police officers, after opening fire at other city leaders, including then-Mayor **John Loveridge**, and then council members **Chuck Beatty** and **Laura Pearson**. No one died at the shooting. John was not injured.



Still More Pieces Picked Up: Dean Lotter

is the new City Manager in the City of Eureka. He previously served as City Manager in New Brighton, Minnesota (2007-2019), a suburb of the Twin Cities. He was City Administrator in Minnetrista, Minnesota (2001-2007); Janesville, Minnesota (1999-2001) and Sherburn, Minnesota (1996-1999). Dean earned a BA from the University of Wisconsin and a Masters from Mankato State University. He received a 20-year ICMA Service Award in 2016. Simi Valley Interim City Manager **Brian Gabler**, who has served as the Interim City Manager since April, 2019, has been offered the permanent City Manager appointment. Brian filled in behind City Manager **Eric Levitt's** resignation to become the Alameda City Manager after he served as the Simi Valley City Manager for 6-years. Brian has worked for Simi Valley for more than 30-years, most recently the Assistant City Manager and Director of Economic Development. Redwood City's Assistant City Manager **Kimbra McCarthy** will be the new City Manager in Mountain View starting in March. Kimbra previously served as the Mountain View Deputy City Manager until 2016 when she went to Redwood City. She will replace retired City Manager **Dan Rich**. Kimbra began her public service career in 2007 as a fiscal analyst for the Kansas Legislature. She then came to California to work with the County of Santa Barbara where she held various posts. In 2014 Kimbra joined the Mountain View city staff as Deputy City Manager. Kimbra earned a BA from Washburn University, and a Master's of Law from the University of Limerick in Ireland. She also earned a Juris Doctorate in Law from Washburn University after returning from Ireland. Fillmore City Manager **David W. Rowlands** served as the Clayton City Manager from January, 2001 until August, 2013, when he joined the City of Fillmore as City Manager. David began his public service career in 1990 as an Administrative Assistant Intern in Ventura, and in Waterford. He then served as an Administrative Assistant in Mason, Ohio (1993-1995) and Assistant City Manager in West Carrollton, Ohio (1995-1998). David then served as the Deputy City Manager in Novato (1998-2001). He earned a BA from California Lutheran University, and an MPA from California State University, Stanislaus. He earned a 25-year ICMA Service Award in 2016. David served as President of the Ohio City/County Management Association in 2010-2011.



"Yesterday's home runs don't win today's games."

Babe Ruth

Inaugural Northern California "Proof of Life" lunch

The first Proof-of-Life Lunch in the north was held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at the Fairfield Mimi's Restaurant at 1650 Gateway Boulevard, Fairfield.

HdL's Lloyd de Llamas, who has attended many of the original "Proof of Life" lunches in Southern California reports: "**Rod Wood** did a great job and had a fantastic turnout."

Here is the final RSVP list for the inaugural Northern California "Proof of Life" Lunch:

Paul Berlant, David Biggs, Mark Brannigan, Gary Broad, Joe Coomes, Arnie Croce, Ted Gabler, Mike Garvey, Joe Goeden, Rod Gould, Ron Kiedrowski, Chris McKenzie, Bob Murray, Jerry Newfarmer, Kevin O'Rourke, Marcia Raines, Jim Robinson, Glen Rojas, Michael Sakamoto, John Shirey, Dwight Stenbakken, Ron Stock, Joe Tanner, Pat Thompson, Dr. Carlos A. Urrutia, Rod Wood, Stefan Chatwin, Lloyd de Llamas and Rich Ramirez was listed as a "maybe."

SHORTS: ***Jennifer Ekblad**, former Deputy City Clerk in Escondido, is the new Coronado City Clerk. *Fairfield's new City Manager **Stefan Chatwin** is a U.S. Air Force veteran. *In 2014 former Pico Rivera City Manager **Ron Bates** was the recipient of the National Public Service Award presented by the American Society for Public Administration. *Former Long Beach City Manager **Jerry Miller** received the 2011 Small Business Advocate of the Year Award presented by the California Chamber of Commerce. ***Chris Constantin** has been the Assistant City Manager in the City of Chico since April, 2013. *Former Parks and Recreation Director **Sharon Ranals** was promoted to the South San Francisco Assistant City Manager and Chief Sustainability Officer in August, 2019. ***Alan Tandy**, the retired Bakersfield City Manager, served as the President of the Great Open Spaces City Management Association in 1986-1987. ***Jena Cassidy Jensen**, who lives in Justin, is the Chief Government Relations Officer at the Children's Hospital of Orange County. *Retired Montclair City Manager **Lee C. McDougal** is on the March 2020 ballot for re-election to the Chaffey Community College District Board. **Wade McKinney** reports that **Ken Pulskamp** was amazing conducting the funeral for his friend and mentor **George Caravalho**. ***