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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City Where You Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contest Rules:** Only current ACMS employees are eligible to enter. Winners will be chosen at the 2010 ACMS Employee Appreciation Picnic and must be present at the time of drawing to win. Air travel prizes must be booked within 12 months. All entries must be on an "Official Entry" form, no copies or duplicates allowed. Limit one entry per employee. Please mail your completed entry form by May 1, 2010.



# ACMS EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION PICNIC



### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Saturday, May 8, 2010  
Alameda County Fairgrounds  
4501 Pleasanton Avenue  
Pleasanton, CA 94566  
12 NOON - 4:30

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

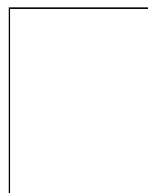
Saturday, May 22, 2010  
Whittier Narrows Park  
823 Lexington/Gallation Road  
South El Monte, CA 91733  
12 NOON - 4:30

## CROSSTALK

### Newsletter

#### News and Safety Information

All City Management Services, Inc.  
1749 South La Cienega Boulevard  
Los Angeles, California 90035



# CROSSTALK

ISSUE 7

News and safety information from "The Crossing Guard Company"



## BELFLOWER STEPS AHEAD IN PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Located about 15 miles southeast of Los Angeles, the City of Bellflower is a community that has, throughout its history, understood the importance of providing its citizens with an enriched quality of life. From the earliest days at the turn of the century when the very

was their position turned over to then be permanently staffed by ACMS.



first public building in the 100-person community was a school, community leaders have made school children and their safety a priority.

All City Management Services (ACMS) began its partnership with Bellflower in 1995 as a result of the city's effort to provide the most cost-effective way to meet the demands for student safety. The decision was made to contract for School Crossing Guard services and the City entered into an agreement with ACMS to supply "relief only" staffing. This allowed the dedicated employees working as Crossing Guards at that time to maintain their positions with the City. Only when those long-term employees ended their service



In the last few years, the demands on city and school district budgets throughout the State and Nation have increased significantly. Joel Hockman, Director of Public Works for the City of Bellflower, was the first to join with ACMS in a cooperative project to determine a way to best apply limited resources to the issue of student pedestrian safety. Surveys were conducted throughout the City with an emphasis on identifying and providing protec-

tion for unaccompanied students walking to and from school. Working with the Public Safety Review Committee, the Department of Public Safety was able to make recommendations to the Bellflower City Council for reductions which resulted in savings that responded to the changing needs yet continued to provide for the safety of the students.

In yet another safety related project, the City has recently teamed with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and is one of the first communities in Southern California to develop a walking/bicycle trail within the Metro right-of-way. The West Branch Greenway Multimodal Transportation Corridor Project has created a bike route and separate pedestrian path for a 2.5 mile stretch along the abandoned rail formerly used by the Union Pacific Red Car. This protected corridor is an invaluable asset to the citizens who will benefit from this forward-thinking project for years to come.

All City Management Services is proud to recognize the City of Bellflower for their pioneering approach in meeting the challenges associated with providing the highest level of safety for the walking and bicycling public.





# WE HONOR THE SERVICE OF RETIREES

We extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to each of you for the commitment you have made to this important work through the years and the dedication you have shown to the children and the communities you serve. Our entire family of Crossing Guards and staff join in wishing you many years of happy and well-deserved retirement!



**Larry Fairfield**  
Redlands, 15 years

Larry devoted 15 years to ACMS after retiring from a 32 year career as an electrician. Prior to working for us, Larry served as a Crossing Guard for the City of Redlands. An avid woodworker, he plans to spend his new free time doing just that. When asked what he'll miss the most, Larry said "Getting out on the corner with the children of Crafton Elementary. I won't, however, miss getting up early."



**Bill Romero**  
Temple City, 4 years

Bill started his service with ACMS in 2004, following 5 years of retirement. A gym enthusiast, he plans to travel and enjoy his 22 grandchildren! Bill says he will miss the relationships with the children he protected the most.



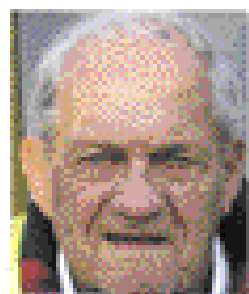
**Catherine Morrow**  
Pasadena, 8 years

Catherine started working with ACMS after 29 years with Baxter Health Care as a Quality Control Plasma Inspector. She plans to spend her time taking care of her grandsons and walking around the Rose Bowl to stay fit. When asked what she'll miss most... "My Children, I'll miss my children" she replied.



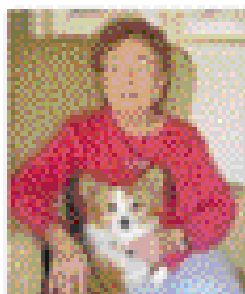
**Myra Willis**  
Rincon Valley, 4 years

Myra began as an ACMS Crossing Guard following a rewarding career in the restaurant business. Passionate about animals, she made lots of furry friends while assigned to Madrone Elementary School. Myra says she'll miss the children but will also miss the K-9s and their owners. She plans on using her new free time to catch up on yard work.



**Larry Hamilton**  
Santa Rosa, 5 years

Larry's service with ACMS may have begun in 2002, but he has been a Crossing Guard for the City of Santa Rosa for 27 years! This World War II Navy vet, known for riding his three-wheeled scooter to work, has dedicated himself to the safety of generations of children and parents. Larry says he will miss teaching the children but he is looking forward to relaxing and watching more television.



**Marie Jennings**  
Lake Forest, 3 years

Marie retired from a career in health care before joining ACMS as a Crossing Guard. At 89 years young and feeling great, Marie looks forward to participating at the senior center where she resides. "I didn't want to retire but it's time" says Marie, "I'll miss the kids. The kids are my friends that I will remember forever."

### ADDITIONAL RETIREES

Benny Danisi, Santa Rosa, 4 yrs   Ichiro Hamagiwa, San Marino, 4 yrs   Margret Iqbal, El Monte, 5 yrs   Pete Valles, El Monte, 4 yrs



**Sal Bonello**  
Placentia, Brea

After 12 years of service as Area Supervisor in the Placentia and Brea areas, Long Island native Sal Bonello has retired. Sal began his service as a Crossing Guard in 1997, after 53 years in the newspaper business. He and his wife Rose Ann (who also works for ACMS as an alternate Crossing

Guard) have been married for 48 wonderful years. They are the parents of three children and take great pride in them and their beautiful grandchildren. Sal plans to devote his retirement to spending more time with his family as well as relaxing by working in his garden.

### Fondly remembered and missed by all . . .

**Burleigh Hines**, a dedicated Crossing Guard at Hoover High School in Glendale, passed away in November 2009, following a brief illness.  
**Linda Dixon**, loved by those she served at Carmen Dragon Elementary School in Antioch, passed away unexpectedly in September 2009.

# 2010 Crossing Guards of the Year

ACMS honors these dedicated individuals who have been chosen as recipients of the 2009-2010 Crossing Guard of the Year award in their community.

<b>Gregory Burrell</b> Adelanto SD	<b>Paul Archer</b> Calabasas	<b>Roberta Montoya</b> El Segundo	<b>Virginia Almanza</b> LACOE	<b>Maria Ordaz</b> Lowell Joint SD	<b>Lawrence Winrow</b> Paramount	<b>Geraldine James</b> San Bruno
<b>Carol Herndon</b> Anaheim	<b>Danielle Lively</b> Chino Hills	<b>Annie Lewis</b> Fontana	<b>Sandra Parker</b> LACOE	<b>Stephanie Ann Davis</b> Manhattan Beach	<b>Tom Lister</b> Piedmont	<b>Maria Leal</b> San Juan Capistrano
<b>Linnea Miguel</b> Antioch SD	<b>Marjorie Bornholdt</b> Colton SD	<b>Juanita Nerkowski</b> Fontana	<b>Tamra Ramirez</b> LACOE	<b>Maria Thomas</b> Menlo School	<b>James Swygert</b> Pittsburg USD	<b>Marcos Schulz</b> Santa Ana
<b>Will Smith</b> Antioch SD	<b>Hal Whiteman</b> Concord	<b>Barbara Johnson</b> Fullerton	<b>Maria Sandoval</b> LACOE	<b>Susan Mescher</b> Mission Viejo	<b>Louie Solorzano</b> Placentia	<b>Jacqueline Hicks</b> Signal Hill
<b>Lynda Kreinbring</b> Arcadia	<b>Veronica Hernandez</b> Contra Costa County	<b>William Foster</b> Garden Grove	<b>Abigail Silva</b> LACOE	<b>Maria Escobar</b> Montclair	<b>William Strelow</b> Pleasant Hill	<b>Eneida Villanueva</b> South Gate
<b>Anil Desai</b> Artesia	<b>Debra Baldwin</b> Corona	<b>Miguel Salas Cruz</b> Garden Grove	<b>Agustina Velasco</b> LACOE	<b>Priscilla Chostner</b> New Haven USD	<b>Lori DeCosta</b> Rancho Cucamonga	<b>German Gonzalez</b> Temple City
<b>Robert Byerly</b> Azusa	<b>Cheron Collins</b> Covina	<b>Avelino Fernandez</b> Glendale	<b>Jeanenne Wong</b> LACOE	<b>Mary Grange</b> Newark	<b>Mary Blanchard</b> Rancho Palos Verdes	<b>Margaret Nauman</b> Tracy
<b>Liduvina Buchen</b> Baldwin Park	<b>Donna Irvine</b> Cupertino	<b>Thomas Jackson</b> Hermosa Beach	<b>Debbie Suttle</b> Laguna Niguel	<b>Mike Ordaz</b> Newport Beach	<b>Angelica Roman</b> Rancho Santa Margarita	<b>Zenon Diaz</b> Tustin
<b>Dora Perez</b> Bell Gardens	<b>Wayne Reynolds</b> Cypress	<b>Monica Liang</b> Huntington Beach	<b>Beverly Paplia</b> Lake Forest	<b>Gabriela Cervera</b> Novato USD	<b>Robert Shockley</b> Redlands	<b>Charlotte Ellison</b> Ventura
<b>Bary Gouveia</b> Belmont Redwood Shores SD	<b>Donald Robertson</b> Diamond Bar	<b>Julia Bash</b> Huntington Beach	<b>Tanisha Crawford</b> Lawndale	<b>Jenel Jourdan</b> Ontario	<b>Sharon Enbom</b> Redwood City	<b>Sandra Gallardo</b> Walnut Creek
<b>Elisha Williams</b> Beverly Hills USD	<b>Rosa Garcia</b> Downey	<b>Rory Fischer</b> Kensington	<b>Audrey Sherwood</b> Livermore	<b>Michael Saterfield</b> Palo Alto	<b>Brad Fisher</b> Ross SD	<b>Anthony Pera</b> Wright Elementary SD
	<b>Elizabeth Contreras</b> El Monte		<b>Tom Parker</b> Los Altos			

