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Thank you for making our **20th Anniversary year** one of growth, learning and fun!

We are grateful to have such an amazing group of Fellows to work with and the opportunity to expand the ways in which we engage with you and our region.

Also, this year would not have been possible without the endless support of our board and our amazing Board Chair **Nancy Brodovsky** (XIV), who entrenched herself in all things ALF; served as a tireless advocate for the organization in more ways than we could possible count; and joined just about every committee and event in 2016. Thank you so much, Nancy! And, another big thank you to our outgoing board members - **Griselda Barajas** (V), **Gary Orr** (VIII), **Tom Stallard** (VII), **Scott Syphax** (VIII) and **David Lowe** (XIII) - who have committed their time, expertise and even catering skills to making ALF successful! As we look to the New Year, we are excited to welcome our new Board Chair **Becky Johnson** (XV) and continue building on our momentum.

Next month, we will share another newsletter detailing 2016 accomplishments - such as 40 Fellows participating in the new Unconscious Bias series, 14 Fellows featured on Studio Sacramento, and the ability to impact so many of our region's nonprofits through placement of more than 60 Encore Fellows - in addition to new initiatives ALF is launching in 2017.

In the meantime, we hope you enjoy Fellows' news below and we wish you a **Happy Holidays!**

Thank you,

Bonnie Ferreira, CEO

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## Encore Fellows Program

There is a **limited time opportunity** to apply for an **Encore Fellow** if you are with a nonprofit organization. Encore Fellows are retirees who wish to explore an "encore" career in nonprofit or social purpose work. For more information and/or to apply, **contact Karen immediately** at [karen@alf-mvc.org](mailto:karen@alf-mvc.org) and [complete the online application](#).

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## To our Fellows who ran in this year's elections...

Outcome aside, you make a difference. Your commitment to taking action spurs meaningful work, encourages others to act, and makes our community the best it can be. We are honored to have the opportunity to work with and learn from you.

Darrell Steinberg (V), Ami Bera (VII), Christopher Cabaldon (VII), Tom Stallard (VII), Jim Cooper (VIII), Rene Aguilera (X), Kevin McCarty (X), Babs Sandeen (XII), Cyril Shah (XII), Cecilia Aguilar-

## ALFers in Action

### Awards & Honors

**Sandy Smoley** (II) received the Frances Wisebart Jacobs LIVE UNITED Award this month from United Way California Capital Region. The award is presented to a community trailblazer who embodies Jacobs' leadership and philanthropy, and personifies the mission of United Way. It recognizes an individual who has gone above and beyond in longevity of service, generosity of giving and passion to address pressing societal issues, thereby making our community a better place - today and tomorrow. Sandy personified! Sandy began volunteering with United Way in 1967 through the Women's Door-to-Door Campaign, where she recruited 2,400 women. She has served as board chair, campaign chair and state government campaign chair, and now serves on the board of the Capital Region Foundation, which supports United Way California Capital Region. She has been a member of United Way's Women in Philanthropy since it began 15 years ago, and is a tireless advocate and donor for the arts and UC Davis Health System. This is only the second time this award has been given and both times to an ALF Sr. Fellow (**Pam Stewart** (VIII) was last year's recipient).

**Lina Fat** (III), her husband Ken and the Fat family will be honored for their many contributions, culinary and political, to Sacramento and the broader region at the Sutter Club on Jan.27, 2017.

The Kingsley Art Club (founded 1892!) has an annual speakers series and this year's program included three ALFers - **Shelly Willis** (XVIII) spoke on September 21, **Merle Axelrad** (XII) spoke on October 19, and **William Ishmael** (XII) will speak on January 18. The lectures are held at the Crocker Art Museum and are open to the public. Find more information at [www.kingsleyartclub.org](http://www.kingsleyartclub.org).

**Carole Hayashino** (XIII), currently President and Executive Director of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i, was awarded the 2014-16 Japanese American of the Biennium in the field of Education and Humanities by the National Japanese American Citizens League. The Japanese American of the Biennium Award is the highest public award of the National JACL and has been presented to an American of Japanese ancestry at each biennial national convention since 1950. The award recognizes and honors those Americans of Japanese ancestry whose outstanding achievements in different fields of endeavor have received regional and national recognition, and whose contributions have added to the sum of human knowledge and/or enhanced the quality of life in our society.

**Kim Tucker** (XX) was one of eight female leaders highlighted in Sacramento Magazine's Powered by Women feature for her work as executive director of 3fold Connect and The Impact Foundry. Kim led the relaunch and rebranding of The Impact Foundry - formerly the Nonprofit Resource Center - which provides comprehensive services and support to nonprofit organizations in the Sacramento region. The organization focuses on helping nonprofits become more effective, creating measurable results and financial sustainability. The Impact Foundry also hosted the What If Conference in October, bringing together 500+ nonprofit professionals and board volunteers for a day of learning and networking. Read the article [here](#).

The **Sacramento Region Community Foundation** was given the 2016 Outstanding Organization by the Association of Fundraising Professionals for its incredible work put into this year's BIG Day of Giving. As many know, the online giving platform crashed seven hours into the event but because of SRCF's work in previous BIG Days and proactive steps, the community responded and gave \$7.1 million, exceeding this year's goal by \$1 million. It was an amazing accomplishment and one that will continue to help power the region's nonprofits in meaningful ways. Read more [here](#).

### ALFers on the Move

**Cass Sylvia** (VIII) is retiring at the end of the year after 20 years with Yolo County government, serving as the elected Public Guardian/Public Administrator for over 17 years. As an advocate for the most severely mentally ill, frail elderly, developmentally disabled, dementia-afflicted and brain-injured, Sylvia's job has been one of advocacy with the responsibility of keeping those populations safe and properly cared for. The caseload has averaged 180 people placed on conservatorship through the Superior Court of Yolo County. The job fit Sylvia's passion for serving disadvantaged

members of the community and she leaves with the satisfaction and sense of honor to have served so many in Yolo County.

**Jim Williams** (VIII) was elected to serve as First Vice Chair of the Placer Community Foundation starting in January 2017. He will also commence another four-year term as a member of the Board of Directors for South Placer Municipal Utility District.

**Paul Curtis** (XII) is excited to announce that he is moving to a new job as Executive Director of the California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies. He starts on January 11 and his new offices will be located on Capitol Mall downtown.

**Mary Lou Lackey** (XIII), VP and Secretary to the Board of Regents for University of the Pacific, is retiring at the end of this year. Before taking that position in 2010, Mary Lou served as Executive Assistant Dean for Administrative Affairs for McGeorge School of Law. Upon retirement, she is moving to Napa full-time. Congratulations, Mary Lou!

**Karen Zamarripa** (XV) launched her own consulting firm, K-Zamarripa Consulting, earlier this year. After 25 years at the CSU system and almost two decades in education policy, state budgeting and legislative experience, she is focused on bringing her advocacy, strategy development and communications expertise to organizations who need help to achieve their goals at the state and local levels.

**Tony Lopez** (XVII), VP of Operations at PRIDE Industries, is leading the acquisition of 180,000 sq. feet of prime warehousing space in Lincoln to support current growth as well as future business opportunities for its Manufacturing & Logistics Services division. The facility will store 15,000+ pallets of products, employ 150 full- and part-time employees, and house some of PRIDE's newest contracts including, Hewlett Packard's 3D service parts business for N. and S. America, and position PRIDE to support customer growth in the Electronics and Consumer Product Goods markets. Lopez commented, "This is phase one of our overall strategies to enhance distribution and logistics services and ultimately create additional value to our supply chain customers across the globe. This building acquisition opens the door for courting new business relationships where PRIDE Industries can provide fulfillment-related activities and contract packaging services."

Demolition is complete and Placer SPCA, headed by CEO **Leilani Fratis** (XIX), has officially begun construction at their new Animal Care and Adoption Center after several months of planning and preparation. The new, modern animal care center at 99 Yosemite Street in Roseville will eventually house the organization's administration offices, education center, and adoption kennels. Read more [here](#).

**Stacy McAfee** (XIX) has been named the second Vice Chair for the Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce's 47th annual Capitol to Capitol Program. She will also join the Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce's Executive Board of Directors. University of the Pacific also continues its expansion of programs at its Sacramento campus in Oak Park. Beginning in January 2017, graduate programs in Analytics and Physician Assistant Studies will commence along with an undergraduate program in Organizational Behavior for community college transfer students. These programs will complement the other degrees currently offered at the Sacramento campus which include graduate programs in business, education, policy, administration and law.

**Saori Choulos** (XX), VSP-PAC Board Vice Chairperson, was named President of the Board of Directors for Asian Resources Inc. (ARI). ARI is a community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering disenfranchised communities by assisting them in becoming proactive citizens and achieving self-sufficiency, through a wide spectrum of social services to the low-income and limited English speaking youth, immigrant and refugee communities in Sacramento.

**Johnathan Porteus**, PhD (XX), CEO of WellSpace Health, announced the organization's 12th full-time Health Center - the Alhambra Community Health Center at Broadway / Alhambra in Sacramento. With 28 exam rooms, the site offers adult primary and behavioral health care as well as an Immediate Care walk-in clinic for non-urgent doctor visits operating 6am - 10pm, 7 days per week (including holidays). Fifteen other sites provide primary care for the entire family, pediatric dental, behavioral health and women's health services. Additional services include care transition programs, emergency department and other navigation services, as well as the region's Suicide Prevention hotline (916-737-5555). More information is available at [www.wellspacehealth.org](http://www.wellspacehealth.org).

## Fun and Miscellaneous

**David Hosley** (VII) served on the dissertation committee for ALF Great Valley Chapter Senior Fellow Sondra Roëuny, who successfully defended her study of the network built in the northern

San Joaquin Valley during the first six years of Great Valley ALF. She will receive her Ed.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in May.

**David Lowe** (XIII) attended an official visit with his daughter Victoria to Long Island University-Brooklyn. She signed her National Letter of Intent on her birthday on November 9 and will be playing Division 1 softball in the Northeast Conference on athletic and academic scholarship.



Update from Los Angeles:  
**Seth Merewitz** (XIV) and his family keep growing! His kids are now 2, 3 and 4.

**Lynne Cannady** (XVII) was heading over to Peet's in midtown the other day for an informal coffee meeting with **Stephanie Bray** (XIX). Lynne often sees ALF Fellows there from all over and for some, it's a satellite office. On the way to Peet's, Lynne bumped into two Sr. Fellows and exchanged high fives and hugs. While inside Peet's, they ran into another Fellow. And, based on the content of the meeting, Lynne recommended that Stephanie reach out to two other Fellows to discuss some mutual interests. In the space of 90 minutes, seven ALF Fellows intersected over coffee, business, and social relations. Lynne said, "I just thought this anecdote sort of summed up the intrinsic value of being an ALF fellow, about the relationships we develop and nurture, and how we make things happen in our community together."



The latest addition to Class XX has arrived! **Le Ondra Clark Harvey** gave birth to Edison William Anthony Harvey on Nov. 27. He weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces and was 19 inches long. Mom, dad and baby are doing well!

## **ALFers on Studio Sacramento**

In November, Studio Sacramento welcomed 2016 ALF board chair **Nancy Brodovsky** (XIV) and former chair **Larry Garcia** (VI) to share their perspectives on leadership and the 20 years of American Leadership Forum. Watch the episode [here](#).



This month's episode features a powerful discussion of the work of the Sacramento Family Justice Center, featuring Executive Director Rev. **Faith Whitmore** (II) and Former Sacramento County DA Jan Scully. The Family Justice Center exists for families and individuals affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse, child abuse, and human trafficking. The episode discusses the prevalence of domestic violence and what can be done to protect those in crisis. Watch the episode [here](#).

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OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS



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Mark Friedman (VII)  
Larry Greene (XV)  
Becky Johnson (XV)  
Martha Lofgren (IX)

Garry Maisel (IX)  
Dennis Mangers (I)  
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