



## WE MOURN THE PASSING OF JOHN KANALEY, OUR C.E.O., COLLEAGUE, AND FRIEND

### John Kanaley Biography

John T. Kanaley was appointed Executive Administrator of Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center in 2004. He had 28 years of health care experience in hospital operations, construction, and start-up. He spent 14 years as a senior manager specializing in the planning, construction and opening of new healthcare facilities in Northern California, including the past four years as the C.E.O. of Laguna Honda.

John served for ten years in the facilities management division at San Francisco General Hospital overseeing capital projects including the AIDS Research Center and the Mental Health Rehabilitation Facility. He then spent 10 years with Kaiser Permanente managing the operations divisions during the construction and start-up of its acute care hospital in Fresno and a clinic in Oakhurst. Following his tenure at Kaiser, he returned to San Francisco General Hospital as chief of operations for four years before being appointed to Laguna Honda.

John was a marine engineer by training. He managed the operations of commercial shipping vessels, going to sea for nine years before entering the health care field. His combined healthcare and engineering experience made him uniquely qualified to guide healthcare construction projects from inception to completion.

John was an advisor to San Francisco mayor Gavin Newsom on healthcare issues as a member of the mayor's Long Term Care Coordinating Council. He was regarded as a turn-around agent at Laguna Honda, which saw dramatic improvements in state licensing surveys under his tenure as well as award-winning recognition for its initiatives in culturally effective healthcare and employee training and advancement.

John held a bachelor's degree in marine engineering from the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo and a master's degree in public health from California State University, Fresno. He was the proud father of three children, ages 24, 16, and 13.



### IN MEMORIAM JOHN T. KANALEY 1957 - 2009

John, thank you for your friendship and your leadership. Laguna Honda made great progress in the last four years. We will all miss you.

**SERVICES:** There will be a viewing on Wednesday, March 25 at 5 PM at the Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First Street in Pleasanton, CA 94566. Phone: 925-846-5624. The funeral will be on Thursday, March 26 at 10 AM, also at the Graham-Hitch Mortuary. Internment will be at Lone Tree Cemetery Association, 24591 Fairview Avenue, Hayward, CA 94592

**LAGUNA HONDA MEMORIAL:** Friday, March 27, 1:00 - 2:00 PM, Moran Hall (3rd Floor), 375 Laguna Honda Blvd., San Francisco, CA 94116. A reception will follow hosted by family and friends.

**DONATIONS:** John Kanaley's Children Education Trust Fund, c/o James Napoli, Hanson Bridgett LLP, 425 Market St. 26th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105. You may mail a check or bring it to the Administration Office.

**CARDS AND PHOTOGRAPHS:** Please stop by the Administration or Nursing Offices to sign cards for John's family. Anyone with digital photos to contribute for a collage depicting John's tenure at Laguna Honda can email them to [rowena.tran@sfdph.org](mailto:rowena.tran@sfdph.org)

**INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR:** Dr. Katz has appointed Mivic Hirose as interim Executive Administrator. Debbie Tam will assume Mivic's duties as interim Chief Nursing Officer.