



## **CFALA Names William L. Krantz, CFA, Volunteer of the Month for May**



Although Bill Krantz is being honored as volunteer of the month, his service to CFALA goes back many years.

Krantz and USC's Dr. Larry Harris are co-directors of the USC/CFALA CFA Review Program, a highly regarded course of instruction that prepares candidates for the CFA exams. Krantz and Harris are responsible for all aspects of the program. Before assuming that role in 2007, Krantz spent 15 years in the program as an instructor in portfolio management. He also served for 12 years as lead coordinator for Level Three, where his responsibilities included scheduling and instructor recruiting.

“I have always enjoyed working as a volunteer with the society because I felt like I needed to give something back to the profession and especially to the CFA Charter,” Krantz said. “My background as an instructor and coordinator provided me with valuable experience that I have been able to bring to my responsibilities as a co-director of the review program.” With about 250 candidates going through the review program every year, it's no exaggeration to say that several thousand people in the investment industry have benefited from the many hours Krantz has devoted as a volunteer.

Krantz, who served as CFALA President in 1985-86, retired in 2005 after 36 years in the investment management business in Los Angeles, most recently as a principal with Boston Partners Asset Management. His interest in investing began early, when he used to watch his grandfather “light up a big cigar and go through the Wall Street Journal page by page.” Stanley D. Ryals, CFA, was Krantz's professional mentor and encouraged him to get involved with the Los Angeles Society of Financial Analysts as a volunteer in the early 1970s. Krantz's dedication was recognized with an Outstanding Lifetime Contribution award in 2005 and an Outstanding Member award in 1996. These awards are given only occasionally – for exceptional service.

Krantz received his BA and MBA from USC, and became a CFA charterholder in 1976. He remains an active volunteer in retirement, working not only with CFALA but also as a member of the Board of Regents at California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, where he has served as chair of the investment committee for the past seven years.