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Speakers scheduled for Feb. meeting

By Terry Lee Marzell, Division 80 President

The February meeting will be held on Zoom on Fri., Feb. 25, at 10:30 am. Members will receive the link a few days prior to the meeting. If you do not receive the link, feel free to send a request to terrymarzell@gmail.com or you can call or send a text to (909) 730-3790.

The first scheduled speaker for the General Meeting will be Khalif Rasshan, founder and curator of The African American Museum of Beginnings (TAAMB) in Pomona (See page 2 for more information.) The second scheduled speaker will be Sam Buenrostro, CNUSD Superintendent. He will speak about District efforts to cope with current Covid-19 conditions.

This year's Area IX Leadership Conference is scheduled for Thurs., Feb. 24, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The keynote speaker will be Ron Breyer, CalRTA President. There will also be presentations by State Membership Chair Lorraine Martinez; State Communications Chair Sue Breyer; Communications Vice Chair Marilynn Smith; Area IX Communications Rep. Jeff Cooper; Area IX GRC Reps Bob and Joyce Rittman; Div. 33 President Gayle Mattson; and Div. 43 Vice President Susan Golden. Everyone is invited to attend. The event will be held via Zoom. If you are interested, click [here](#) to register and the link will be sent to you.

This year's Advocacy Day will be observed on March 23. The event will be a combination of small, in-person meetings and virtual appointments. The State Government Relations Committee (GRC) is finalizing details now. If you'd like to be involved, please contact [Joyce Rittman](#), our GRC Area Representative. Space is limited.

Khalif Rasshan to share info about Museum

The scheduled speaker for the Division 80 General Meeting on Fri., Feb. 25 will be Khalif Rasshan, founder and curator of The African American Museum of Beginnings (TAAMB) in Pomona.

TAAMB offers exhibits, programs, and community engagement for local students. The museum was founded in 2011 by Khalif and his wife, Victoria Rasshan. Both are retired teachers from the Pomona Unified School District.

TAAMB is located at 1460 E. Holt Ave, Suite 188, Pomona, CA. 91767. The facility is normally open Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, and on other days by appointment; however, the facility is currently closed to the public due to health concerns caused by Covid. Fortunately, Mr. Rasshan has agreed to share information about his work with the museum and with students with Division 80 members via Zoom.

Members will receive the link a few days prior to the meeting. If you do not receive the link, feel free to contact Terry Marzell at terrymarzell@gmail.com or call (909) 730-3790.

To visit the museum website, click on this link to www.taamb.org.



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Submit stories to CONTACT

CalRTA boasts over 35,000 members from 58 California counties, 12 Areas, and 55 Divisions. We are a diverse group. CalRTA wants to celebrate this—our different ethnicities and origins, highlight our unique abilities, and share our stories with others. CalRTA encourages you to share your stories, opinions, and unique experiences by submitting articles for publication in the *CONTACT* magazine or by writing a short column for your Division newsletter.

Submit articles for *CONTACT* to Debbie Pate-Newberry at Debbie@commsbydesign.com. If you have any questions, contact CTC Chair Sue Breyer at calrta.ctc@gmail.com.

Legislative Report

CalRTA sponsors SB 868

CalRTA is sponsoring SB 868. If passed, the bill will increase the financial assistance our oldest retirees receive from the Supplemental Benefit Maintenance Account (SMBA). To learn more, click on one of the links below:

- [Press Release](#)
- [CalRTA Sponsor Support Letter](#)
- [Fact Sheet](#)
- [Official Bill Language](#)

CalRTA sponsors AB 1667

CalRTA is sponsoring AB 1667. If passed, this bill will ensure retired members are not held liable for prior overpayments, except in cases of “member error.” For more info, see links below:

- [Fact Sheet](#)
- [CalRTA Sponsor Support Letter](#)
- [CalRTA’s CalSTRS Letter Addressing Issue](#)
- [Official Bill Language](#)

Treasurer’s Report

By Margit Olson, Treasurer

This is the Treasurer’s Report for Jan. 28, 2022.

Checking account balance: \$16,311.34

Savings account balance: \$ 6,767.40

Total donations received since July 1, 2021: \$2,367.40

Scholarship donations in December/January, 2022, received from:

- Hattie Lomayesva (scholarship)
- Mary Knox (scholarship)
- Doris Osko (in memory of Gary Osko)
- Pam Shilling (in memory of R. Kramer, D. Hendrix)
- Maggie Little (in memory of D. Hendrix, Guy Parks)
- Larry Nugent and Laura Rhinehart
- Larry and Barbara McGraw (in memory of Jon Shepardson)
- Larry and Margit Olson (in memory of Michael Olson)



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Winter 2022**

40 \$100 Grants
30-Second Signup

Enter by 3/9/22

www.calrta.org/teacher-grants




Additional funding by the
CalRTA Educational Foundation



Scholarship Committee readies for 2022 awards

By Kathleen Shepardson, Scholarship Committee Chair

During the months of February and March, the CalRTA Division 80 Scholarship Committee is preparing to select seven or more award recipients from among the candidates at our Corona-Norco high schools.

As Scholarship Chair, I have already contacted scholarship coordinators at the school sites as they organize their local scholarship applications. The scholarship coordinators sometimes change from year to year, so the first step is to contact the schools to determine who will be in charge for the 2022 awards and ask for packets from candidates for our awards. The next step is to ask for volunteers to review the packets submitted by our candidates. Please contact me at kshepardson737@gmail.com if you are interested in serving on the Scholarship Committee. Interviews with the students will not be scheduled in person this year due to concerns about the

pandemic. Committee members will select recipients through a review of their applications.

For the 2021-2022 school year we are planning to give named scholarships in memory of both Gary Osko and Thomas Talley. We hope to receive funds for additional named awards. If you would like to contribute toward scholarships, use the form below to send in your donation.

Our scholarships are mostly funded by donations from members and others, usually to honor the memory of fine educators who contributed much to the lives of thousands of students in our district, but also to honor those who valued education and wanted to help worthy young people achieve their dreams. Some people donate to honor the birthday or the contributions of a fellow educator. There is always a good reason to do a good deed.

Thank you for all the good you do!

Scholarship Gift

CALRTA Corona Norco Division 80 Scholarship Donation Form

Donor's Name: _____ Date _____ Amount _____

Donor's Address: _____

In Memory of: _____

Please check one: You may use my name in the newsletter under Scholarship Donations.
 Yes No

Make check payable to CalRTA Div. 80 Scholarship Fund
 Mail to Margit Olson, 2407 S. Cota Ave. Corona, CA 92882-5918

Directory updates

By Beverley Rouse, Vice President,
Membership

The following changes should be noted in the blue 2021-2022 CalRTA Directory. You can send your updates to Membership Chair beverleyrouse@sbcglobal.net or leave a message at (951) 689-9861.

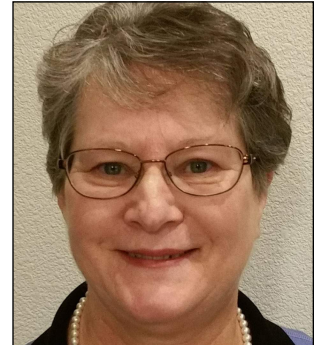
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Beverley Rouse nominated for coveted De Prida Award

Division 80's own Beverley Rouse has been nominated for CalRTA's coveted Ruth Q. De Prida Award.



The award honors an individual who has served the community with distinction, dedication, and devotion as an educator and community leader; has served CalRTA with diligence; and exemplifies the qualities of unselfish readiness to further the cause of the organization. This award is the most prestigious honor that CalRTA offers to its members.

Beverley worked for CNUSD for 20 years, from August, 1996, until June, 2016, all of them at Lincoln Alternative School, which is now called Lincoln Fundamental School.

In addition to her work in the classroom, Beverley has a distinguished record of community service. She once served as the Chapter President of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), and as a leader and teacher for children's classes at her church.

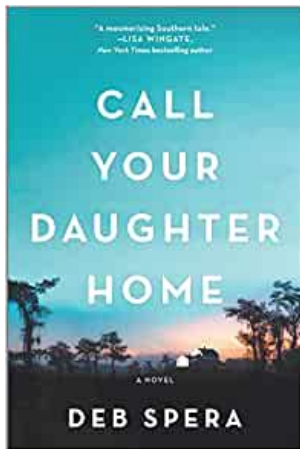
Within CalRTA, Beverley has served as a Co-Vice President and Membership Chair, Vice President, and Directory Editor. She has also served on the Scholarship Committee.

Beverley's nomination for the De Prida Award is not the only recognition she has earned. She garnered the CTA "Who" Award in 2007 and the Zapara Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1991.

Beverley earned her Bachelor's degree in Sociology in 1972, and her Master's degree in Child Development in 1973, both from Washington State University.

Book Review

Call Your Daughter Home



Call Your Daughter Home by Deb Spera (Park Row Books, 2019) is an expertly-told novel about life in a small Southern town in South Carolina in the 1920s, prior to the Depression.

The storyline is advanced through first-person narratives of three narrators: Gertrude, who must take drastic actions to protect herself and her four daughters; Retta, a kind-hearted first-generation freed slave who comes to Gertrude’s aid, despite objections from within her community; and Annie, the wife of the most influential man in town, but a man who hides a sickening secret.

The author weaves the stories of these three women together all the way to an unexpected and shocking conclusion. The reader will appreciate the book’s themes of women’s empowerment, motherhood, marriage, and rough justice.

Although this is a debut novel, the story is written so well it earned acclaim from *O Magazine* in 2019.

IT'S BEEN A WHILE

By Wayne Hayashibara

IT'S BEEN A WHILE
SINCE MY DAD DIED
TIME TO REFLECT
ON WHO HE WAS

HE NEVER SEEMED TO CARE
IF OTHER KIDS CAME ALONG
WHEN WE WENT TO THE MOUNTAINS,
OR THE BEACH,
OR WENT FOR A SANDWICH

I LEARNED TO WORK
FROM WATCHING MY DAD
HE WORKED A LOT
AND NEVER SEEMED TO TIRE

KIDS LIKED MY DAD
AND HE LIKED THEM
IT SHOWED WHEN HE PICKED TEAMS
AND IT SEEMED EVERYONE WON

I AM OLDER NOW
AND SEE THE WORLD
AS A PRETTY COMPETITIVE PLACE

THERE ARE PEOPLE LIVING
IN PLACES THAT HAVE CARDBOARD WALLS
AND LITTLE HOPE
THAT TOMORROW WILL CHANGE
THEIR LIVES

IT'S BEEN A WHILE
SINCE MY DAD DIED
TIME TO REFLECT
ON WHO HE WAS
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View our web page at <https://div80.calrta.org>
Contact the Corona Norco Division 80 at calrtacn@gmail.com

Calendar of Meetings

Below you will find the schedule of Division 80 meetings for the 2021—2022 year. Meetings will take place on Zoom unless otherwise announced. Everyone is welcome to attend all Zoom meetings. Board Meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. General Meetings begin at 10:30 a.m. See page 1 for more about how to attend.

Wed., Feb. 23, 2022	Board Meeting
Fri., Feb. 25, 2022	General Meeting
Fri., March 25, 2022	Board Meeting
Fri., April 22, 2022	Board, General Meeting
Fri., June 3, 2022	Board, General Meeting



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