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What did we accomplish this year?

By Terry Lee Marzell, Division 80 President

Well, we have all made it to the end of another school year, and despite the continued challenges of the pandemic, we have continued to function very well. We have been able to stay in touch with our members through Zoom meetings, our newsletter, email, phone calls, and social media.

In addition, this year we were able to host two safe and entertaining in-person meetings—one in December and another in March. We arranged for speakers to talk about topics of interest, and we planned excursions when safely possible. We were even able to host the Madrigals from Corona High School to come and perform for us once again. Furthermore, we have been able to sustain our scholarship program for CNUSD students and support our colleagues in the classroom with teacher grants. This year we even sponsored our first community service project by collecting gift cards and gently-used clothing to donate to the CNUSD Parent Center. At the state level, the first in-person Convention and Delegate Assembly to be held since Covid-19 forced quarantine measures was a rousing success. The event was held in Sacramento on May13-15.

In the year to come, let’s continue to move forward and accomplish even more in working to support public education and protect teacher pensions!

The next Division 80 meeting, a planning session, will be held on Fri., Aug. 26, at 9:30 am, via Zoom. Members will receive an email with the link a few days prior to the meeting. If you do not receive the link, send a request for it to terrymarzell@gmail.com.



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May Convention and Delegate Assembly Recap



CalRTA State President Ron Breyer addresses a group of members who attended an informational session held during the Annual Convention and Delegate Assembly at the Hyatt-Regency hotel in Sacramento May 13-15.

More than 200 delegates from throughout California met from May 13-15 at the Hyatt-Regency hotel in Sacramento for the CalRTA Annual Convention and Delegate Assembly. Those who attended completed the business of the association, including the approval of the state budget, and participated in three days of meetings and workshops.

Numerous education sessions on topics such as Medicare, online scams, CalSTRS resources, and various workshops designed for CalRTA leaders and volunteers.

Though much has changed in California since CalRTA was formed in 1929, the focus on retirement security remains firmly in place. This year CalRTA is sponsoring two bills that will protect you and your earned pension benefit. The

first, SB 868 (Cortese), will increase the financial assistance our oldest retired educators receive from the Supplemental Benefit Maintenance Account (SMBA). The second, AB 1667 (Cooper), will ensure retired educators are not held liable for prior overpayments that weren't their fault.

In addition, several honors were presented. The recipient of the Ruth Q. DePrida Award was Frank Stevens of Division 15. The recipient of the Ed Ely Communications Award was Sue Breyer of Division 33. Our own Beverley Rouse garnered a Martin Mathiesen Award.

The convention wrap-up can be found online on the CalRTA state website. You can access these resources by clicking on <https://calrta.org/2022annualconvention/>.

Treasurer's Report

By Margit Olson, Treasurer

This is the Treasurer's Report for June 3, 2022.

Checking account balance: \$16,518.85

Savings account balance: \$ 4,622.66

Total donations received since July 1, 2021:
\$4,222.12

Scholarship donations received in April/
May, 2022:

- Mary Fields (in memory of David DiPaolo)
- Terry Lee Marzell (in memory of Frank Schlesinger)
- Christine Blum (in memory of M. La Bourd Jones and J. Briggs-Tessier)



July Birthdays

Dorothy Reichard, July 9

Christine Whitelock, July 24

Maureen Macomber, July 27

If you would like to see your birthday recognized in the *Lemon Twist*, please send your name and your birth date (month and day only) to terrymarzell@gmail.com.

Beverley Rouse garners Martin Mathiesen Award

Congratulations to Division 80 member Beverley Rouse, who has garnered a 2022 Martin Mathiesen Award. The honor is given at the state level to CalRTA members who have served the community with



distinction, dedication, and devotion as an educator and community leader; have served CalRTA with diligence; and who exemplify 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, and was named in honor of Martin Mathiesen, who served as the President of CalRTA from 1987 to 1989. He was a long-time teacher and coach in Fremont, California.

In memoriam...



James Reed

Oct. 13, 1939—May 9, 2022

Former CNUSD teacher James Reed succumbed to kidney cancer on May 9, 2022. In a career that spanned 35 years, he taught Social Studies, photography, and yearbook at Corona High and Norco High. He retired in June, 2001. Sincerest condolences go to family and friends.

How to report a death to CalSTRS, other tasks

When a member passes away, CalSTRS should be notified as soon as possible (within 45 days). To do this, write CalSTRS at PO Box 15275-C, Sacramento, CA 95851, or call toll-free at (800) 228-5453.

CalSTRS will need the name, Social Security Number, and date of death of the deceased, and the individual's status (retired, disabled, actively teaching, option beneficiary, etc.), a certified death certificate (photocopies are not accepted), and any CalSTRS checks issued to the person after date of death. In addition, the name, address, and telephone number of a contact person should be provided.

A lump sum death benefit is payable to the beneficiary. This is not automatic; the beneficiary must apply for it and it will be taxed. CalSTRS will provide further information on how to proceed once they are contacted.

Below are some additional actions that need to be taken. Try to do them within 30 days:

- Change joint tenancy accounts to your name
- Locate documents such as wills, trusts, letters of instruction, insurance policies, durable power of attorney and deeds to real estate
- Notify the deceased's state's inheritance tax office to obtain a release to receive company and insurance benefits
- File claims with insurance companies, IRA's, tax sheltered annuities, investment companies
- Notify trustees, custodians, and beneficiaries, if needed and check professional organizations to which the deceased belonged for possible benefits
- Select a tax advisor and an attorney to review the decedent's will and/or trust and discuss with them the possible taxes required by the state and IRS
- Transfer title on jointly held automobiles, credit cards, etc.
- Change name on utility listings, telephone directory, etc.

Scholarship Gift

CalRTA Corona Norco Div. 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 at
 2407 S. Cota Ave. Corona, CA 92882-5918



Directory updates

By Beverley Rouse
Vice President, Membership

These are the June updates for the blue 2021-2022 CalRTA Division 80 Directory. Please send updates to the Membership Chair at beverleyrouse@sbcglobal.net or leave a message at (951) 689-9861.

Information
blocked to protect
members' privacy

Division 80 has 316 paid members as of June 1, 2022, according to the state CalRTA spreadsheet. As of June 1, 2022, eight members have lifetime memberships, 155 members pay by check, and 153 members use dues deduction, in which the dues are subtracted monthly from the CalSTRS retirement amount. As a courtesy, the Corona-Norco Division usually keeps members on our local list for several months after the membership expires.

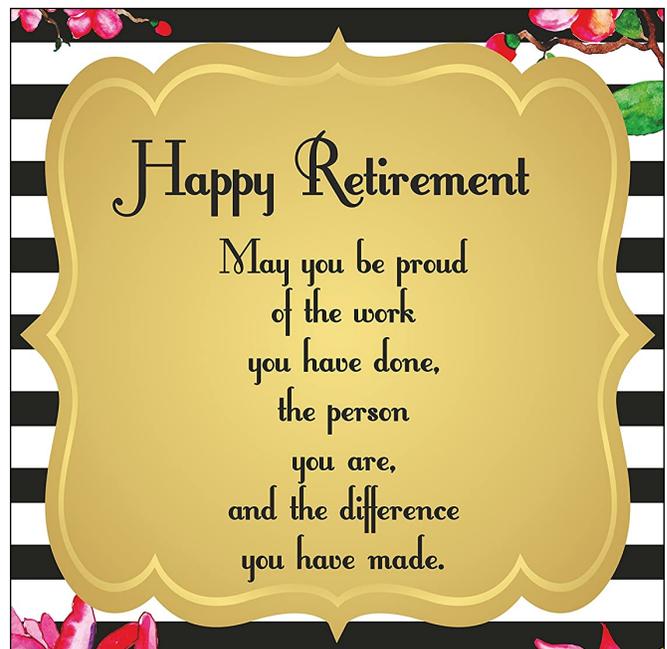
Kathy Shepardson logs 1,000 volunteer hours



CalRTA member Kathy Shepardson has earned appreciation for contributing 1,000 hours or more of volunteer work during 2021. She is the only division member who was able to log that

many hours, despite the obstacles the pandemic presented to those who wished to serve this past year. As a thank you, Kathy has received a gift card to Target from Division 80.

Volunteer hours are submitted once a year to the state office to create a statewide total. This total is used in reports to government officials and the public to illustrate how much community service CalRTA members provide. Please keep track of your volunteer hours, including preparation and travel time. We will ask for your totals shortly after the end of the year.



Have You Heard?

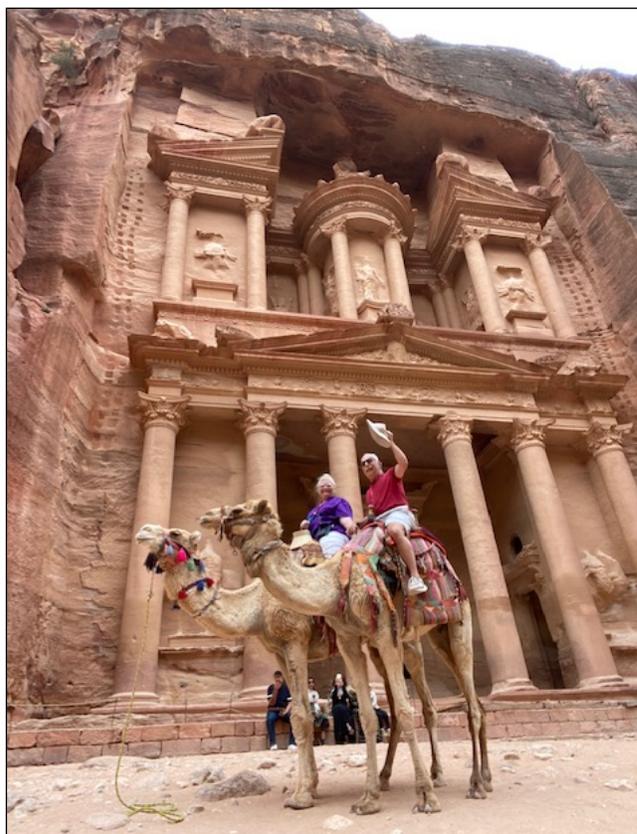


Boyles face devastating fire

Bridget Boyle and husband Tom had a scare recently when the devastating Hermits Peak/Calf Canyon fire came alarmingly close to their home, the Nickel and Dime Ranch in northern New Mexico. After nearly a month of being in the line of fire, so to speak, during which time the retired teachers were packed in readiness to evacuate on a minute's notice, the couple was assisted by fire fighters in clearing brush, trimming their trees of low-hanging branches, and using a bulldozer to clear a fire break. Bridget reported that for three weeks they were marooned with no way in or out of the fire area, but, "Our losses to the fire were minimal compared to so many others," she says.

Marzells travel to Israel, Jordan

Division 80 members Hal and Terry Marzell were finally able to take their trip to Israel and Jordan after three years of postponement due to the pandemic. While there, they toured the Israeli Parliament; visited Bethlehem, Nazareth, and a kibbutz; enjoyed a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee; made a visit to the Dead Sea; slept in a Bedouin tent; and rode camels at the UNESCO World Heritage site of Petra, pictured below.



Share your exciting news and photos with fellow members! Tell us about your vacations, adventures, special occasions, or new additions to your family. Recommend a great vacation spot, an exceptional book or movie, a great recipe, work of art, or poem. Send your news to the *Lemon Twist* editor Terry Lee Marzell at terrymarzell@gmail.com.



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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 2022—2023 year. Meetings will take place on Zoom unless otherwise announced. Everyone is welcome to attend all meetings.

Fri., Aug. 26, 2022	9:30 am	Planning Meeting
Thurs., Sept. 22, 2022	9:30 am	Board Meeting
Fri., Sept. 23, 2022	10:30 am	General Meeting
Fri., Oct. 28, 2022	9:30 am	Board Meeting
Thurs., Dec. 1, 2022	9:30 am	Board Meeting
Fri., Dec. 2, 2022	10:30 am	General Meeting
Fri., Jan., 27, 2023	9:30 am	Board Meeting
Thurs., Feb. 23, 2023	9:30 am	Board Meeting
Fri., Feb. 24, 2023	10:30 am	General Meeting
Fri., March 24, 2023	9:30 am	Board Meeting
Thurs., April 27, 2023	9:30 am	Board Meeting
Fri., April 28, 2023	10:30 am	General Meeting
Thurs., June 1, 2023	9:30 am	Board Meeting
Fri., June 2, 2023	10:30 am	General Meeting



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