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June meeting info and other news

By Terry Lee Marzell, Division 80 President

I am happy to report that last month's in-person General Meeting held at Rodrigo's was a rousing success! To read more about it, see the story on page 2. We look forward to planning another in-person get-together in a few months. Meanwhile, the General Meeting scheduled for June 3 at 10:30 am will be held via Zoom. At that meeting we will recognize those Division 80 members who completed 1,000 hours or more of volunteer work in 2021, and acknowledge the CNUSD teacher who received a CalRTA teacher grant. 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.

During this year's annual observance of Teacher Appreciation Week, CalRTA recognized the dedication and hard work of teachers still serving in the classroom. This year, Teacher Appreciation Week was celebrated May 2-6. Thanks, teachers!

CalRTA state leadership has organized the annual CalRTA Convention and Delegate Assembly to take place at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Sacramento on May 13-15. This is the first in-person convention held since 2019. Speakers for the event will include Karen Yamamoto and Cassandra Lichnock from CalSTRS; Edna Kane Williams from AARP; and motivational speaker Keith Hawkins. In addition, 21 specialty sessions have been scheduled throughout the Convention program that will inform members about how CalRTA has worked hard, not only for you personally, but also for the rest of our retirement community of educators. Also to be held will be the Delegate Assembly, area caucuses, and the presentation of CalRTA Special awards.

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Members enjoy luncheon, Madrigals performance



Division 80 members enjoyed a fun-filled luncheon at Rodrigo's Mexican Grill in Corona for the April General Meeting held on Fri., April 22, 2022. This was the second in-person meeting the Division has been able to host this fiscal year, both of them at Rodrigo's.

The Corona High School Madrigals provided entertainment, and they even sang *Happy Birthday* to member Shirley Sessions, whose 90th birthday we were celebrating. At the conclusion of the performance, Rondi Verdugo presented CHS Choir Director Amy Eden with a gift, and each student received a goodie bag as a thank you. In honor of her birthday, Shirley was presented with a framed, signed photo, a birthday

card, a lovely plant donated by Maureen Macomber, and a birthday cake.

The meal was covered by the Division. The festive decorations were organized by Hospitality Chair Lura Staffanson. Maureen Macomber donated lovely potted plants to grace the tables.

Three gift baskets were given away in an opportunity drawing to raise money for the Scholarship Fund. The recipients of the gift baskets were Audrey Morton, Larry Olson, and Kathy Shepardson. Approximately \$90 was raised for the Scholarship Fund.

Lastly, members participated in our second-ever book exchange.

Scholarship awards ceremonies nearing

By Kathleen Shepardson, Scholarship Chair

May is a time for awards ceremonies at our high schools. At those ceremonies students will be honored for all their hard work and talented contributions. Where volunteers were available, awards will be presented by our members. This year, named scholarships will be granted in memory of Ruth Kremer, Gary Osko, Jon Shepardson, and Thomas Talley.

I would like to give special thanks to our interview teams which consisted of Dorthy Cooper-Logan, George Corwin, Melanie Murphy-Corwin, Dennis Crane, Maggie Little, Hal

Marzell, Terry Marzell, Nancy Morgan, Margit Olson, Susan Perez, Kathy Shepardson, and Lura Staffanson.

Trish Mutka will again create printed certificates to be presented with the checks this May. Ulda Revollo has contacted the office of Assemblywoman Sabrina Cervantes. Her staff has promised to send certificates to our scholarship recipients as well.

I know that each award will help a deserving future educator! As always, thank you all for your contributions.

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



May Birthdays

Terry Lee Marzell, May 9
 Mary Lou Wallace, May 10
 Alan Combs, May 28
 Kathy Shepardson, May 31

June Birthdays

Mary Cabral, June 11

Correction: In the last issue, the birthday of Mary Lou Wallace was incorrectly reported as March 15. The correct birthdate is May 10. Many apologies for the error.

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.

Treasurer's Report

By Margit Olson, Treasurer

This is the Treasurer's Report for April 22, 2022.

Checking account balance: \$17,188.32

Savings account balance: \$ 7,892.5

Total donations received since July 1, 2021:
\$3,492.12

Scholarship donations received in March, 2022:

- Doris Osko (in memory of Gary Osko)
- Robert Morgan (scholarship donation)
- Ulda Revollo (in memory of Bill Daugherty, Mary Lou Watts, Ken Thompson and BarbaraGibson)
- John McCawley (in memory of Linda Allen)

Encourage friends, family to join and support CalRTA

Membership in CalRTA is open to anyone who wants to support Retired Teacher Pensions. Active teachers, counselors, administrators, friends, and family are welcome to join, in addition to retired teachers. Let's do all we can to encourage educators and supporters to join CalRTA. It is the only organization in the state that monitors legislation, both state and federal, that tries to weaken, challenge, and/or cancel Retired Teacher Benefits. Dues are just \$66 per year. Interested parties can go to calrta.org/join-us/ for directions on how to join.



Division 80 volunteers (from left to right) Kathy Shepardson, Hal Marzell, Terry Marzell, and Doris Osko, chat with Corona Mayor Wesley Speake and Riverside County Supervisor Karen Spiegel at the Day of the Child event. Mayor Speake was a student of Doris when she taught at Raney Junior High School in the 1980s.

Division 80 participates in Day of the Child event

Volunteers from Division 80 participated in the 28th Annual Day of the Child event held on April 23, 2022, at City Park on 6th St. in Corona. The Division sponsored an activity booth for the children that featured a bean bag toss.

Those who volunteered were Doris Osko, Kathy Shepardson, Terry Marzell, Hal Marzell, Maureen Macomber, and Margit Olson. A special thank you also goes to Corona Norco Unified teacher Susan Miller Bain, who made a major contribution to manning the booth.

The annual Day of the Child celebration provides a free day of fun, activities, entertainment, and resources to young children and their families who live in the Corona/Norco area.

Directory updates

By Beverley Rouse, Vice President,
Membership

These are the May 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.

Deceased Member:

David DiPaolo

No changes were reported by members, the State CalRTA Office, or the US Post Office.

Membership totals as of April 1, 2022:

CalRTA Corona-Norco has 315 paid members as of April 1, 2022, according to the State CalRTA spreadsheet. The spreadsheet from the state comes out each month after articles are due to our *Lemon Twist* editor, so these totals are always a month behind. As a courtesy, the Corona-Norco Division usually keeps members on our local list for several months after their membership expires.

As of April 1, 2022, we have 154 members who pay by check and 153 members who use dues deduction, in which the dues are subtracted monthly from the CalSTRS retirement amount. The remaining eight members have lifetime memberships, which is no longer available as an option.

In Memoriam...

David DiPaolo
Sept. 1, 1943 - April 10, 2022



Sadly, we report that Division 80 member David DiPaolo passed away in Corona on April 10, 2022, from a heart attack. David worked as a teacher and administrator in the CNUSD for 38 years. For many years, he served as a high school Athletic Director. For this work, he was inducted into the Hall of Fame for the Citrus Belt Area Athletic Directors Association. He was also inducted into the Corona High School Athletic Hall of Fame and the Norco High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

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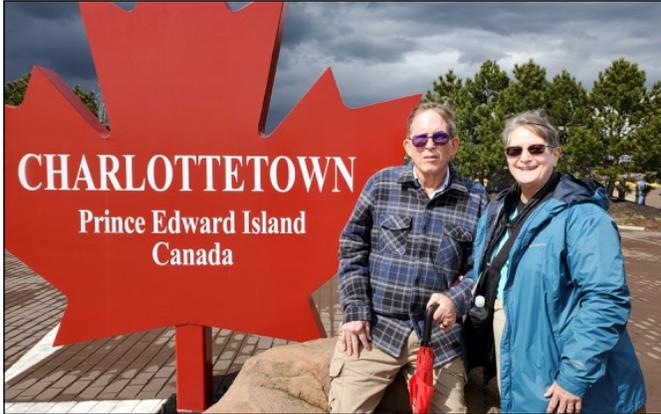
Want to help a teacher but can't volunteer in the classroom right now? The Donors Choose program may be an option for you. The CalRTA Educational Foundation recommends Donors Choose for individual or division support.

Simply search for a teacher's name, school, district, or subject area to help find a classroom project you'd like to support. Projects have been vetted before posting on the site. The materials you choose to donate to are sent directly to the teacher at his/her school.

This is a wonderful way to help and great morale booster for our teaching colleagues.

Have You Heard?

Rouses go on first cruise in two years



In April, Beverley and Ivan Rouse cruised from New York City to Toronto, Canada, on the brand new Viking Octantis expedition ship that combines passenger cruising with real scientific research onboard. The several scientists on board were doing research and presenting lectures in their areas of expertise, which included marine mammals, undersea geology, and Antarctic glaciers/ice sheets. The Viking ships have living rooms with libraries, along with live classical and popular music playing in several venues in the evening.

Having always lived on the West Coast, Beverley and Ivan wanted to experience the Maritime Provinces and the St. Lawrence Seaway. They went to Prince Edward Island and several stops along the St. Lawrence River, but because of bad weather, they had to miss ports in Nova Scotia and Les Iles De La Madeleine. Their favorite place was Quebec City, where they enjoyed many points throughout the area. Beverley toured the wildlife preserve at Trois-Rivieres in a Zodiac.

They felt safe on the cruise because numerous Covid safety precautions were put in place.

Government to reimburse for Covid-related funerals

The government may reimburse families for funeral expenses for individuals who succumbed to Covid, reports the *New York Times* in a recent article.

The US government will reimburse up to \$9,000, says the article. Any US citizen, noncitizen national, or qualified alien is eligible. The deceased person only needed to have passed away in the US or in a US territory. There are no income limitations and no deadline; however, applicants may not qualify if burial insurance has already paid the entire bill or if there were an existing contract with the funeral home which has already been paid. In those instances, individuals can apply for the difference between the actual costs and what was covered by insurance or the contract amount.

Before applying, make sure that the death certificate clearly states Covid was a direct or indirect cause, and that all the names on the FEMA application match those on the receipts.

Interested parties can check out the information available on the FEMA website at www.fema.gov or apply by phone at (844) 684-6333.

Share your exciting news

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, or work of art, or submit an original poem. Send your submissions to the *Lemon Twist* 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 2021—2022 year. Meetings will take place on Zoom unless otherwise announced. Everyone is welcome to attend all 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.

Fri., June 3, 2022	9:30 am	Board Meeting
Fri., June 3, 2022	10:30 am	General Meeting



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