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By Ulda Revollo and Terry Lee Marzell, Co-Presidents

As Co-Presidents of CalRTA Division 80, we hope this issue of the Lemon Twist finds you physically and emotionally healthy, and coping with pandemic conditions successfully.

The Division 80 Board met via Zoom on Fri., Aug. 28, to plan programming for the upcoming year. We are continuing to hold meetings via Zoom until the state lifts restrictions on in-person group meetings. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Fri., Sept. 25. The Board meeting will be held at 9:30 am and the General Meeting will be held at 10:30 am. All members are invited to attend both meetings. To join the meetings, use Meeting ID 890 5874 4699 and Passcode 071247.

At the September meeting, we have invited two guest speakers. One is CNTA President Chris Rodriguez, to discuss current teaching conditions for Corona Norco teachers. The second is CNUSD Assistant Superintendent Sam Buenrostro, to share information about how the District is organizing instructional activities for the current school year. Following the presentations, each speaker will be given some time for a question and answer period. To manage time most efficiently, we ask that members submit their questions before the meeting. Send your questions to terrymarzell@gmail.com.

Planning for Spring has been postponed to a later date in the hope that in-person restrictions will be lifted and face-to-face programs can be planned. Members are invited to submit suggestions for future programming to terrymarzell@gmail.com.
It's time for Social Security fairness!
Help us fight for seniors during this crisis

We're in the final weeks of our BIG SUMMER Advocacy Effort. Support for repeal of the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO) is growing! Last week we gained three additional co-sponsors for the House repeal bill (HR-141). CalRTA state leadership is asking for the repeal as part of the next COVID-19 legislation. Together we can make a difference!

EASY EMAILS - Today please send emails to the following legislators (their staff and email are listed below). Click on the staff contact's name and your email program should launch with email address, subject line, and message preloaded. Just add your name to the bottom of the message and click "send." The email message is also listed below to manually add to an email if needed.

Senator Rand Paul .......... Staff Contact - William Henderson
Senator Chris Van Hollen ........ Staff Contact - Tricia Russell
Senator Deb Fischer .......... Staff Contact - Joe Hack
Senator Ben Sasse .......... Staff Contact - Raymond Sass
Senator Richard Burr .......... Staff Contact - Natasha Hickman
Senator Thom Tillis .......... Staff Contact - Ted Lehman
Senator Tim Scott .......... Staff Contact - Jennifer Decasper
Senator Kevin Cramer .......... Staff Contact - Mark Gruman
Senator Sherrod Brown ........ Staff Contact - Sarah Benzing
Senator James Lankford .......... Staff Contact - Michelle Altman
Senator Pat Toomey .......... Staff Contact - Daniel Brandt
Senator Sheldon Whitehouse .......... Staff Contact - Sam Goodstein

MESSAGE TO COPY AND PASTE INTO AN EMAIL

I am writing you today to urge you to add H.R. 141 and S 521 (companion bill) to the next stimulus plan or to suspend the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO).

Retired seniors in all states are not only facing harsher health-related issues due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but also our economic security is becoming more dire. H.R. 141 (Social Security Fairness Act of 2019) is a bi-partisan bill introduced by Congressman Rodney Davis (R-IL) and S 521 (companion bill) introduced by Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) repeal the WEP and GPO. These unfair Social Security penalties are applied to EARNED benefits. They are drastic and cause financial hardship to many public servants and private sector employees who worked in specific public sector jobs. These penalties need to be repealed now to ensure that public servants do not continue to be penalized financially during this economic crisis.

Please add this important legislation to the next stimulus plan or suspend the WEP and GPO penalties. Thank you.
**Measure GG Report**

Beth Kearney, Seniors Citizens’ Representative

Our last meeting was held on Aug. 24, 2020. It was our first since Feb. 3, 2020.

Tim Carty from Piper Sandler & Co. gave a presentation showing how the refinancing of part of Measure GG, Series A Bonds would save CNUSD a total of $6,964,090 over the next 24 years without extending the terms of the loan. The loan interest rate was cut from 5% to 2 ¼%. Those General Obligation Bonds were sold on July 16, 2020 and closed on Aug. 5, 2020. If anyone is interested in hearing the complete presentation to the CNUSD Board, that has been scheduled for Oct. 20, 2020. Please check the CNUSD web site for more information on that Board meeting/study session.

This was a meeting to review the purpose and composition of the Oversight Committee. One vacancy has been filled with Amber Pelland, PTA & Parent Representative.

As far as any updates on legal matters, there were none.

Our meetings scheduled for the year are as follows: Nov. 30, 2020, Feb. 22, 2021, and May 24, 2021. An additional October meeting will be scheduled since no financials have been presented since February. That date is to be assigned.

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**Treasurer’s Report**

By Margit Olson

This is the Treasurer’s Report for August 28, 2020.

Checking account balance: $12,445.76

Savings account balance: $4,566.55

2020-2021 Scholarship donations received since July 1, 2020: $300.00

Scholarship donations received from:
- Larry and Barbara McGraw, in memory of Michael Olson
- Betty Andrews, for Michael Olson
- Karen Seidel, for Michael Olson
- Kathy Shepardson, in memory of Michael Olson

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**got questions**

Need answers? Don’t know who to contact? Here’s where any CalRTA member can get answers to questions ranging from registration for CalRTA events to discounts on See’s Candies to handling spam email. Use this email address anytime and a Communications and Technology Committee specialist will respond.

questions4calrta@gmail.com
Fall Leadership Conference held via Zoom this year

This year’s Fall Leadership Conference organized by CalRTA state leadership was held in September via Zoom. The major theme of this year’s conference was how to successfully navigate the challenges presented by the pandemic.

The Kick-Off Meeting for the conference was held on Tues., Sept. 1. Following the Kick-Off, three special “huddle” sessions were scheduled.

On Fri., Sept. 11, Lorraine Martinez from the Membership Recruitment and Resources Committee gave the first “huddle” presentation. Her topic was dealing with the difficulties of recruiting new members in spite of current covid-19 restrictions.

On Mon., Sept. 14, Suzie Dixon from the Government Relations Committee offered the second session. She spoke about the current challenges with legislative issues.

Finally, on Tues., Sept. 15, Jim Sterling from the Communications and Technology Committee gave the third presentation. His topic was the challenges in communication that must be overcome during the pandemic.

For something fun to do, visit Chino Creek Wetlands

Looking for something fun to do during stay-at-home restrictions? Why not consider a visit to the Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park?

The 22-acre park is situated at 6075-D Kimball Ave. in Chino, at the corner of El Prado Road and Kimball Ave. This facility is open to the public throughout the year during daylight hours. There is no charge for admission or parking. While a mask is required, social distancing is easy, as visitors are few.

Chino Creek Wetlands was established in 2007 to restore native habitats and natural drainage to the nearby Prado Basin. The park has been landscaped with a wide variety of climate-appropriate and low-water plants. The facility features 1.7 miles of hiking trails, ponds filled with turtles, ducks, and other wildlife, running streams, and wooden bridges.

One caution: Be sure to wear sturdy shoes with thick soles, as the trails are composed of large chunks of gravel that can be hard on the feet and difficult for those who need walkers or wheelchairs, or strollers for grandchildren.

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
Scholarship recipient sends thanks

CNUSD graduate Kimberly Roa of JFK Middle College High School was one of our scholarship recipients from last spring. She sent a thoughtful thank you note to Division 80. Her note reads:

Thank you so much for the scholarship money. It means so much to me. I am currently a sophomore at BYU. I took summer classes and loved it! The classes were challenging but I earned so much from them. During the summer I started an Etsy shop. It has been fun doing that. I sell hair accessories, since I love hair. :)  

—Kimberly Roa

Haspells expresses thanks

Member Joanna Haspells earned a gift card from Division 80 for her volunteer work last year. She completed over 1,000 hours of service to others during 2019. In response, she sent this note:

Thanks a bunch! What a surprisingly nice gift card from Target and from our group there. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness and kindness.  

—Joanna Haspells

Olive Oil Mediterranean Pasta

**Ingredients**

- 1 lb thin spaghetti or angel hair
- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 4 garlic cloves, sliced
- 1 cup baby spinach, torn
- 12 oz. cherry tomatoes, halved
- 3 green onions, chopped
- 6 oz. artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
- 1/3 cup feta cheese, crumbled
- 1/4 cup pine nuts
- Zest of 1 lemon
- 3/4 cup fresh basil, torn
- Crushed red pepper flakes (optional)
- Kosher salt and black pepper, to taste

**Directions**

In a large pot of salted boiling water, cook pasta according to package directions. When pasta is almost cooked, heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Lower heat and add garlic and add a pinch of salt. Cook for a few seconds, stirring frequently. Add spinach, tomatoes, and green onions. Cook until just warmed through, about 30 seconds. Pour over drained pasta and toss to coat. Add artichokes, olives, feta, pine nuts, lemon zest, basil, red pepper flakes, salt, and pepper. Toss again. Enjoy!

Share your exciting news! Tell us about your vacations, adventures, anniversaries, special occasions, or any new additions to your family. Recommend a good book or movie, or share a great recipe, work of art, or poem. Share photos, too. Send your news to *Lemon Twist* editor Terry Marzell at terrymarzell@gmail.com.
Directory Updates

By Beverley Rouse

Here are the August/September UPDATES for Lime 2019-2020 Directory.

I am planning to publish the 2020-2021 Directory in October. If you want changes to your entry, if you want to add your school or assignment, or if you know of errors, please let me know.

Send updates to Beverley Rouse at beverleyrouse@sbcglobal.net or call (951) 689-9861.

Deceased former (not current) members:

- Marilyn Muncie
- Joyce Peet

Update the following information:

Brown, Mary Lou & Roger
33 Creek Rd Side (Atria Golden Cr)
Irvine, CA 92604-4792
(949) 387-6621

Peterson, Teresa
5674 S. Trevino Way
Fort Mohave, AZ 86426-9417

Castro, Virginia
24064 Steelhead Dr.
Corona, CA 92883-9391
(951) 549-0906
agsmv.castro@gmail.com

Membership Report

By Beverley Rouse

CalRTA Corona-Norco Membership VP

We currently have 342 members and recently lapsed members. We usually keep recently lapsed members on our lists for about six months. That way we can send them the Lemon Twist and other notifications in case their renewals are being processed by the state.

We mail the Lemon Twist to 196 addresses, which includes 12 member couples who share a paper copy of the Lemon Twist (and save a stamp). That’s a total of 208 who get the paper Lemon Twist. On the email list, we have 134 members and recently lapsed members. Two members in Memory Care do not receive emailed or mailed Lemon Twists.

Ten memberships lapsed in April through July of this year, but are still receiving the Lemon Twist because we hope they will renew their memberships soon. Eighteen memberships lapsed in 2019 and in the first two months of 2020.

We have eight Life Members. Twelve current members joined in 2017, seven in 2018, ten in 2019, and seven in 2020.

We have lost 25 members to death in the past three years.

Looking for the closest place to return your mail-in ballot? Here is a link that could help you locate an official ballot drop-off box near you. No lines, no postage required, and no worry about your ballot getting to the Register of Voters on time. Check it out!

https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voters-choice-act/vca-voting-locations/
## Contact Your Elected Representatives

### State Officials

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| **Governor Gavin Newsom** | 1st Floor State Capitol, Suite 1173  \nSacramento, CA 95814  
Phone: (916) 445-2841  
FAX: (916) 558-3160  
[https://govapps.gov.ca.gov/gov40mail/](https://govapps.gov.ca.gov/gov40mail/) |
| **Senator Richard Roth (D-31)** | Capitol Building, Room 4032  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Phone: (916) 651-4031  
[https://sd31.senate.ca.gov/send-e-mail](https://sd31.senate.ca.gov/send-e-mail) |
| **Assemblywoman Sabrina Cervantes (D-60)** | Capitol Office, PO Box 942849, Room 2016  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Phone: (916) 319-2060  
FAX: (916) 319-2160  
4740 Green River Rd., Suite 310  
Corona, CA 92882  
Phone: (951) 371-6860  
[https://lcmspubcontact.lc.ca.gov](https://lcmspubcontact.lc.ca.gov) |
| **Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez (R-67)** | Capitol Office, PO Box 942849, Room 4009  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Phone: (916) 319-2067  
[https://lcmspubcontact.lc.ca.gov](https://lcmspubcontact.lc.ca.gov) |

### Federal Officials

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| **President Donald Trump** | The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20500  
Comments: (202) 456-1111  
FAX: (202) 456-2461  
[https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/](https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/) |
| **U.S. Senator Diane Feinstein (D)** | Hart Building #331  
Washington, DC 20515  
Phone: (202) 224-3841  
[https://www.feinstein.senate.gov](https://www.feinstein.senate.gov) |
| **U.S. Senator Kamala Harris (D)** | Hard Building #112  
Washington, DC 20515  
Phone: (202) 224-3553  
FAX: (202) 224-2200  
[https://www.harris.senate.gov/contact/email](https://www.harris.senate.gov/contact/email) |
| **Congressman Ken Calvert (R-42)** | Rayburn Building #2201  
Washington, DC 20515  
Phone: (202) 225-1986  
400 S. Vicentia Ave., Suite 125  
Corona, CA 92882  
Phone: (951) 277-0042  
[https://calvert.house.gov/contact](https://calvert.house.gov/contact) |

“Tell Your Rep Thursdays” are the fourth Thursday of each month. But you don’t have to wait until Thursday to contact your elected officials; you can communicate your concerns to your elected representatives any day.
**MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the California Retired Teachers Association is to mobilize retired teachers to advocate for an independent, financially secure, and fulfilling life, and to provide all educators with the tools to achieve a secure retirement.

View our web page at [https://div80.calrta.org](https://div80.calrta.org)

Contact the Corona Norco Division at calrtacn@gmail.com

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### Calendar of Meetings

Below you will find the schedule of Division 80 meetings for the 2020—2021 year. Meetings will take place on Zoom unless otherwise announced. See page 1 for the Meeting ID number and password of the next meeting.

Everyone is welcome to attend all Zoom meetings. Board Meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. General Meetings begin at 10:30 a.m.

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