By Ulda Revollo and Terry Lee Marzell, Co-Presidents

As has been the practice since shelter-in-place orders were issued last March, the regular monthly meeting of Division 80 was held via Zoom on Fri., Dec. 4. Several important topics were discussed at the meeting. Co-President Ulda Revollo announced that she has been working with Peter Paolino in Sacramento to make some changes in the wording of the Bylaws and the Standing Rules for all Divisions. The topic will be discussed further in the January meeting.

Ulda announced her intention to step down from her position as Co-President at the end of her term, and members who are interested in filling the vacancy are invited to apply. For more information, send an email to www.calrta.org.

Following the business meeting, Division 80 members enjoyed a holiday program at the monthly meeting held on Fri., Dec. 4. The program featured a variety of stories about holiday celebrations from all over the world. The program began with a slide presentation from Margit Olson about the Christmas markets that are so popular in Germany during the winter season. Kathy Shepardson shared information about Christmas celebrations in France, Ulda Revollo described her childhood Christmas traditions in Brazil, and Terry Marzell shared her experience when she visited Egypt in December, 1988. Following the descriptions, members were invited to describe their own seasonal traditions.

We will continue to hold meetings via Zoom until we can safely hold in-person group meetings. The next meeting will be a Board meeting to be held on Fri., Jan. 22, at 9:30 am. All members are invited to attend. To join, use Meeting ID: 894 0110 1153. No password is required. Hope to see you there!
Teacher Outreach

By Beth Kearney

Thanks to ALL our dedicated teachers in the Corona-Norco Unified School District. In last month’s Lemon Twist, we reported our effort to lift their spirits and continue to support teachers during this crazy time of COVID-19. We are proud to announce the completion of the $10 Starbuck’s gift card program. Each school’s winner has received their card.

We have received many replies. Some are as follows: “Thanks so much”; “Wow! Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner”; “My, what a sweet and thoughtful gift at this time”; “You can’t imagine how great this was to get this reward. Today was a really stressful day for me. Again, thanks so much!”

Our teachers are the BEST! Congratulations to all the recipients and those that did not receive a card. YOU ARE ALL VERY SPECIAL! We also appreciate those at CNTA that helped us draw the names of recipients and to distribute the gift cards.

Season's Greetings

Wishing you happy holidays and a new year filled with prosperity and success!

Directory Updates

By Beverley Rouse

Here are the December updates for the new Purple 2020-2021 Division 80 Directory.

You can send your updates to Membership Chair beverleyrouse@sbcglobal.net or leave a message at (951) 689-9861.

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Macomber, Maureen
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Verdugo, Rondi
New zip code: 92878-3635
Treasurer’s Report

By Margit Olson
This is the Treasurer’s Report for December 4, 2020.

Checking account balance: $13,272.53
Savings account balance: $5,788.04
Donations received since July, 1, 2020:
$1,522.00

Scholarship donations in November received from:

Vickie Castro, in memory of Ruth Bader Ginsburg
Kathleen Takenaga, in memory of Sue Simmons
Kathleen Shepardson, in memory of Ruth Bader Ginsburg
Robin and Bill Wallace, in memory of Michael Olson

Missing Members
Are you in contact with the members listed below? Do you have any information about them? Their mail is being returned and we can’t reach them by phone or email. If you have any information to share, please send to beverleyrouse@sbcglobal.net

James McCormick of Santa Rosa, CA
Barbara Myers of Riverside, CA
Mary Lou and Roger Brown of Irvine, CA

Celebrate the holidays with a virtual experience

Are your holiday celebrations on hold this year because of shelter-in-place directives? Do you really want to travel for the holidays, but concerned about crowds? You don’t need to leave the comfort and safety of your home to enjoy these virtual seasonal experiences. Check out these stunning, feel-good holiday videos! (Hint: Be sure to view them in full screen.)

North Pole Live Train 24/7
The Wild Ride: Glacier Express
Yosemite Winter Wonders
Night of the Northern Lights
The World’s Most Magical Christmas Towns
Leavenworth: Your Winter Wonderland
Santa Claus Village in Rovaniemi Finland
Hanukkah: The Festival of Lights
Mele Kalikimaka (Merry Christmas) from Hawaii
Feliz Navidad Christmas Flashmob
Do all of your retired educator friends belong to CalRTA? We need to find and recruit all of those folks who, for one reason or another, have yet to join CalRTA. We need to become “sleuths” and discover who has “escaped” our notice. Don’t assume that this person has chosen not to join. They may never have been asked! In fact, they may not even know of CalRTA’s existence.

It has been our experience that most people are happy to join CalRTA once they understand who we are and what we do. Why don’t you ask that person if they know about all the benefits and protections offered by CalRTA? Help them to see that the best way they can assure their own future well-being is by joining CalRTA now.

Paying membership dues places you on the first level of a continuum defined by a marketing consultant as “consumer.” From there, the continuum then progresses to “participant,” then “supporter,” “helper,” and then “leader.” The first level of commitment (paying dues) must never be undervalued, for it is the skeleton on which the whole body hangs. A skeleton alone, however, cannot function; it needs the muscles and tendons of participants and supporters, and the heart and head of helpers and leaders.

Each of us must evaluate our position on this continuum and consider how we can move to the next level. No one suggests a wild leap from level one to level five! But if you belong to CalRTA and don’t attend meetings, you could start by attending a few. That would move you to the level of Participant; you would enjoy the experience, and you’d make the folks who planned the event very happy. They work hard to find interesting and varied programs to please their members.

If you’re already a Participant, you could move up to Supporter by donating something to the scholarship fund or... well, you know better what needs your help because you go to the meetings and can see where you can make a difference. Where are we going with this? Just by stepping up your involvement a bit, you are strengthening CalRTA by adding just a touch more muscle to its skeleton, and you have the added bonus of having some fun while you’re at it!

Now is a good time to consider what you can contribute to CalRTA’s health – you’ll be glad you did.

**Check out these Webinars**

Here are some informative recordings of CalRTA webinars you might find of interest:

- Zoom Tips for Attendees
- Zooming with Your Smartphone
- Hosting a Zoom Meeting
- Discovering Your Division Website
Marzells visit Jack London cabin

In November, members Hal and Terry Marzell visited the primitive log cabin once inhabited by author Jack London in Alaska. The cabin was disassembled and moved to Oakland, California, where it was re-assembled in Jack London Square. London wrote the novels *The Call of the Wild, White Fang*, and *Sea Wolf*. These works are commemorated by the bronze wolf statue placed in front of the cabin.

Lura Staffanson bakes Christmas Goodies

Earlier this month, member Lura Staffanson continued her annual tradition of baking homemade cookies she later delivered to family and friends. “Some of my favorite Christmas memories were making goody plates with my mom, then with my kids,” Lura declares.

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.
Ron Breyer to replace Rich Gipson as President-Elect

CalRTA Board members have selected Ron Breyer to fill the vacant position of President-Elect, it was announced following the Nov. 18 meeting. Ron will serve the term of Rich Gipson, who passed away unexpectedly last summer. Ron has a great deal of experience working for CalRTA. For the past several years, he has served on the CalRTA State Board as the Area IX Director. Ron will perform the duties of the President-Elect through early May 2021, and then serve as State President for two years beginning in mid-May 2021. The Divisions in Area IX, which include Division 80, will now elect a new Director for the State Board.

Winter
By Barbara Vance

When the geese are flying south
And the sky is grey, my dears,
Close your eyes and lift your nose;
Listen with your careful ears.

Feel the winter coming on;
Hear it in the crackling trees;
Note the crisp, quivering wind
Sharply snapping at their leaves.

Feel it on the windowpanes—
Chilly glass on fingertips—
Mark the biting of the air,
Heated breath on numbing lips.

See it in the early eves,
In the glowing sunset where
Shadows of the naked trees
Rattle in the biting air.

Watch the nuthatch and the wren;
They know it is time once more
To abandon careful nests,
As they’ve done each year before.

Let the frost rest on your face;
Sense a shiver on your skin.
See how pretty nature is
When she ushers winter in.

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
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“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
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 2020—2021 year. Meetings will take place on Zoom unless otherwise announced. See page 1 for the Meeting ID number and password for 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.

January 22, 2021 | Board
February 26, 2021 | Board, General
March 26, 2021 | Board
April 23, 2021 | Board, General
June 4, 2021 | Board, General

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