As has been the practice since shelter-in-place orders were issued last March, the regular monthly meeting of Division 80 has been held via Zoom. For your convenience, we’ve been publishing meeting ID numbers in the Lemon Twist; however, due to security concerns we’ll be making a change in that practice. In the future, members who have email addresses will receive the meeting ID number in an email a few days prior to the meeting. All others can contact Terry Lee Marzell at terrymarzell@gmail.com or text or call (909) 730-3790 for the information.

The next meeting will be held via Zoom on Feb. 26, 2021. The Board will meet at 9:30 am and the General Meeting will be at 10:30 am. This month, the By-Laws Committee will discuss proposed changes to the by-laws. The Committee consists of Ulda Revollo, Maureen Macomber, and Beverley Rouse. We will also hear about organization activities planned for the upcoming Advocacy Day, which will be conducted virtually this year.

Our featured speaker at the Feb. meeting will be Ed Brouwer, who will deliver a presentation about his childhood experiences in Operation Peter Pan. Ed was one of more than 14,000 unaccompanied minors who were brought to the United States from Cuba between 1960 and 1962 to escape the repressive regime of Fidel Castro. Hope to see you there!

We are still seeking energetic members to fill some positions within the Division that may be opening up in the spring. It’s always a great idea to infuse new ideas and new energy into the group. Please consider getting more involved in planning the virtual activities and programs we offer our members now, and the in-person offerings that we will be able to offer in the future.
Treasurer’s Report

By Margit Olson

This is the Treasurer’s Report for Jan. 22, 2021.

Checking account balance: $14,018.70
Savings account balance: $7,038.43
Donations received since July 1, 2020: $2,772.39

Scholarship donations in December/January received from:

- Pamela Schilling (in memory of Joyce Peet)
- Bettie Rikansrud (in memory of Sue Simmons)
- Jean Kleih (in memory of Helen Perry Mathews)
- Patty Johnson (in memory of Clyde Johnson, Pat Scott, and Sue Simmons)
- Margit and Larry Olson (in memory of Michael Olson)
- Cathy Blankenbeker (in memory of Bob Kremer)
- Nancy Fay (in memory of Sue Simmons)
- Maggie Little (in memory of Sue Simmons, Garland Mc Collum, and Neil Lillibridge)

Opportunities to get more involved in Division 80

The end of this school year marks the expiration of terms for many of Division 80’s Board members. We’re looking for members to fill those positions, and we issue a hearty invitation to all those interested in becoming more involved in the organization. In this and upcoming issues, we’ll describe the responsibilities of division leadership.

We’ll start with division president. Among other duties, the division president sets goals for the year; attends the Fall Leadership Conference and Area Fall Workshop; plans activities for Retired Teacher Week, Teacher Appreciation Week, and Day of the Teacher; participates in Advocacy Day, assists with recruitment activities, helps plan the annual budget, organizes the annual financial audit, and conducts elections of new officers.

Interested in volunteering to shadow a board member to learn more about the work these division leaders do? If so, contact Terry Marzell at terrymarzell@gmail.com for more information.

We also have the following standing committees which could use new members: Legislation, Publicity, Resources and Services, Communications, Membership, Insurance, and Scholarship.

Seeking information about Covid-19 vaccinations in California? Click on this link: https://covid19.ca.gov
IN MEMORIAM

Neil Lillibridge

Sadly, we report that CalRTA member Neil Lillibridge passed away on Dec. 14, 2020. Neil was born in Corona on Sept. 16, 1930. He graduated from Corona High in 1948. While there, he earned five varsity letters and was the captain of the track team. Neil attended Chaffey College for two years before enlisting in the US Navy at the outbreak of the Korean War. When he was discharged, Neil earned his Bachelor’s degree from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in 1958 and his Master’s degree from Pepperdine in 1965. He began his teaching career in 1959 in the Chino School District, and transferred to the Corona Norco Unified District in 1960. In his 32-year career, Neil taught at Norco High, Norco Jr. High, and Auburndale Jr. High. He retired in 1992 as a counselor at Norco High School.

Bob Kremer

With great sadness we report the passing of Robert "Bob" Kremer on Jan. 8, 2021. He was 84 years old. Bob was born in 1936 in Jesup, Iowa, the youngest of twelve children. He graduated from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, in 1959 and later earned a Master’s degree in School Administration from Chapman College. He began his career in education by teaching Latin, history, and driver’s education at Corona High. Bob worked for the Corona Norco Unified School District a total of 45 years in various roles, including teacher, school counselor, psychologist, and administrator.

Directory Updates

By Beverley Rouse

Here are the January/February updates for the new purple 2020-2021 Division 80 Directory.

Send updates to Beverley Rouse, Membership Chair, beverleyrouse@sbcglobal.net or leave a message at (951) 689-9861.

New Members:

(Last summer, the state CalRTA office inadvertently sent Vickie’s information with Virginia Castro’s name)

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Corona, CA 92883-9391
(951) 318-7586
agsmv.castro@gmail.com
Centennial

Update the following information:

(Last summer, the state CalRTA office inadvertently updated Virginia Castro with Vickie Castro’s information)

Castro, Virginia
3588 Belvedere Circle
Corona, CA 92882-6327
(562) 301-9986
cis3949@aol.com
Centennial

Brown, Roger (Mary Lou is in memory care)
22122 Padova St.
Laguna Hills, CA 92653

Crawford, Amelia
(951) 898-8517

Staffanson, Lura
(951) 741-2415

Deceased Members:

Robert “Bob” Kremer
Neil Lillibridge
State Leaders share latest news about WEP/GO

CalRTA’s Government Relations Committee shared the latest news about efforts to repeal the unfair WEP/GO legislation in a memo sent out in mid-January. The memo is signed by CalRTA state leaders Sue Dixon, David Walwrath, and Jennifer Baker.

The WEP/GO legislation is deemed detrimental to many retired California teachers. CalRTA has been working diligently to repeal the law. On Jan. 4, 2021, US Rep. Rodney Davis from Illinois introduced HR 82, the Social Security Fairness Act. CalRTA continues to push our California representatives to sign on as co-sponsors. To find out if your representative has signed as a co-sponsor for HR 82, go to https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/82?s=1&r=4. If your representative has co-sponsored, please thank her/him and ask that they urge others to co-sponsor. If your representative has not signed on as a co-sponsor, please urge her/him to do so now. It is important that we contact and advocate on a regular basis and do so in large numbers in order to be effective.

CalRTA continues to monitor state or federal legislation that could affect our member’s retirement security. To do so effectively, it is important to remember that CalRTA is a non-partisan group which does not endorse candidates; rather, we work with elected officials from both parties to develop relationships and educate them on our members’ needs based on the CalRTA Advocacy Platform.

Celebrating three great American leaders

During the months of January and February we celebrate three great American leaders: President George Washington, President Abraham Lincoln, and Civil Rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Each one of these men is honored with impressive monuments in Washington, DC. These monuments are closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but we can still visit them at the National Parks Service websites listed below. Each website includes spectacular photographs and informative historical notes.

Washington: https://www.nps.gov/wamo/index.htm
Lincoln: https://www.nps.gov/linc/index.htm
King: https://www.nps.gov/mlkm/index.htm
Have You Heard?

Thank You Note Received

Hello and good afternoon,

My name is Caroline Valencia and last year I received a CalRT Scholarship; I’m writing to express my thanks for the help since it was very much needed. I used the money to help me buy a laptop and with school being online this year it was very helpful in allowing me to engage with my courses and since I also got an internship the updated laptop allowed me to learn new apps and softwares that will improve my skills. Thank you again for all the help.

—Caroline Valencia

Book Review

The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes

I heartily recommend the fiction book The Giver of Stars by best-selling author Jojo Moyes (Viking, 2019, 388 pgs.) This novel, set during the Great Depression, tells the story of five forward-thinking women who become packhorse librarians in Kentucky. The story of the literacy program was based on the traveling library program promoted by Eleanor Roosevelt. You’ll find this book well-written, action-packed, absorbing, and sprinkled with delightful lines of poetry and literary references. Actress Reese Witherspoon even selected it for her book club. You can order this book through amazon.

—Terry Lee Marzell

TEACHER’S SUCCESS
By Wayne Hayashibara

WE HOLD THESE WORDS TO BE SELF EVIDENT THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL

THOUGH THE WORDS ARE SIMPLE THE REALITY IS DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE

EACH PERSON BRINGS THEIR OWN REALITY TO THEIR WORLD AND TO OURS

CHILDREN ARE THE MOST LIKELY TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER SIT BESIDE ONE ANOTHER AND TALK TO ONE ANOTHER

GROWING UP OFTEN BRINGS WITH IT BARRIERS TO BEING ONE WITH ONE ANOTHER

I ENJOYED BEING A TEACHER HAVING STUDENTS WHO LISTENED TO MY TEACHINGS

SOME MAY HAVE IGNORED WHAT I SAID BUT IF THEY WERE NICE TO EACH OTHER I TOOK THIS AS SUCCESS

Tell us about your vacations or special occasions, recommend a book or movie, or share a great recipe or poem. Send your news to Lemon Twist editor Terry Marzell at terrymarzell@gmail.com.
Scholarship Committee Report

By Kathy Shepardson, Scholarship Chair

As usual, January is the month in which the CalRTA Division 80 Scholarship Committee prepares to select award recipients from among the candidates at our Corona-Norco comprehensive high schools. This year we have received enough donations to award seven scholarships, so that as Scholarship Chair, I will be able to contact scholarship coordinators as they plan for their local scholarship applications.

The scholarship coordinators frequently change from year to year, so the first step is to contact the schools to determine who will be in charge for the 2021 awards. I have been leaving messages and hope to receive replies soon. The next step is to ask for volunteers to review the packets submitted by our candidates. We will then contact the coordinators to arrange a time to pick up the packets and distribute them to the teams for the selection process.

For the 2021-2022 school year we are planning to give named scholarships in memory of Erma Paloma and Michael Olson. As of this printing, we are just short of an award in memory of Sue Simmons. We hope to receive funds for additional named awards. If you would like to contribute toward scholarships, below is a form to send with 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. I sometimes donate to honor the birthday of a fellow educator. There is always a good reason to do a good deed. Thank you for all 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

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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.

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. 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.

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

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