By Terry Lee Marzell, Division 80 President

The next meeting of Division 80 will be held August 23, 2021, via Zoom. The gathering will serve as a planning meeting for the coming year’s activities. All members are invited to attend. To ensure security, members who have email addresses will receive the meeting ID number in an email a few days prior to the meeting. Others may receive the meeting code by emailing terrymarzell@gmail.com, or texting or calling (909) 730-3790.

Some of the topics to be discussed at the next meeting include the feasibility of planning in-person gatherings in the coming year, prospects for organizing group activities and field trips, and possible teacher grants for CNUSD classroom teachers.

Legislative Report

Legislative Chair Doris Osko shared information provided by Bob and Joyce Rittman, Area Chairs. She reports that all the pending bills that CalRTA opposed were stopped from moving forward. Of those that we supported, 17 are still moving forward. She expressed heartfelt thanks to Division 80 members for phone calls, post cards, or any other means used to give input to legislators. In addition, Doris says it is time to send another post card to the White House—to the President and Vice-President—to ask them to support CA AJR 9 in favor of the WEP/GPO repeal. Doris further reports that CalSTRS is expecting a rate of return for this fiscal year of 20% to 25%. “Sure keeps us on the road to full funding,” she says. Finally, Doris reports that the federal budget includes the addition of dental, vision, and hearing services to Medicare. “Great news for all of us seniors,” Doris concludes. Check out these related CalRTA videos at Legislative Updates.
Beth Kearney earns CalRTA Mathiesen Award

By Doris Osko

CalRTA Division 80 is proud to announce that Beth Kearney is one of the 12 recipients at the state level to garner a Martin P. Mathiesen Award for her service to educators and the community.

Beth has served as the Senior Citizen Representative for the Division for Measure GG Oversight Committee for six years. Measure GG involved $186 billion school bond, and Beth was vocal in pointing out District inconsistencies or possible misuse of funding. She was on the Corona Public Library Board of Trustees six years, a Circle City Kiwanis member and secretary six years, a Day of the Child Volunteer Secretary and Planning Advisory Committee five years, and has been involved in fundraising for scholarships.

At the Division level, Beth was Lemon Twist editor for many years, setting up new format and emailing to members. She converted the CalRTA Directory to computer and assisted the Treasurer with many tasks. She assisted in setting up teacher grants and teacher outreach during the pandemic. She also is a liaison between CalRTA and CNTA. She was secretary, vice-president, president-elect, and president of CNTA.

Beth taught in ten schools in five states—Florida, Alabama, California, Hawaii, and Tennessee, grades K-9 for a total of 31 years in education.

Beth’s ardent advocacy for students, parents, teachers, and members of the community is an outstanding characteristic that made her a worthy candidate for the Martin P. Mathiesen Award. Beth’s ability to understand a problem and propose its solution has served her in good stead in CalRTA, the Corona-Norco School District, and on various oversight committees, watchdogs for education.

Treasurer’s Report

By Margit Olson, Treasurer

This is the Treasurer’s Report for June 4, 2021.

Checking account balance: $15,014.81
Savings account balance: $4,200.02
Donations received since July 1, 2020: $5,932.51

$6,000.00 was paid out in scholarships for the 2020/2021 school year

Scholarship donations in June/July received from:

• Lorna Stoffer (in memory of Barbara McClellan and Jan Scanlon)
• Toni Sandell (in memory of Georgeanne Dominguez)
Directory Updates

By Beverley Rouse

Here are the June/July updates for the purple 2020-2021 Division 80 Directory. Send updates to Beverley Rouse, at beverleyrouse@sbcglobal.net or leave a message at (951) 689-9861.

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Daugherty, William
Kremer, Ruth

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McCormick, James

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Flint, Eileen
Hommuller, Donna
Mackey, Doug and Ada
McCormick, James
Paulson, Mary
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Contact TSA Special Services at (800) 537-8491
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I’m proud to announce that CalRTA Division 80 presented 12 scholarships in May of 2021.

A CalRTA Scholarship was awarded to Ana Calvillo at Centennial High, and another went to Kyson Thomas at JFK Middle College. In addition, the following memorial scholarships were presented: Michael Olson Memorial Scholarships to Hillary Cruz at Corona High and Meghan Gordon at Lee V. Pollard High; a Bob Kremer Scholarship to Ambar Gomez at Corona High; a Mary LaBourde-Jones Memorial Scholarship to Jasmine Concha and a Thomas Talley Scholarship to Angie Lopez, both at Eleanor Roosevelt; a Ruth Bader-Ginsburg Memorial Scholarship to Tessa Aguilar at JFK Middle College; an Erma Paloma Scholarship to Rilie Keating and a Laura Rhinehart Memorial Scholarship to Amber Nielson both at Norco High; a Jana Bigs-Tessier Scholarship to Sachin Chopra and a Sue Simmons Scholarship to Ariah Moya at Santiago. Certificates for each recipient were designed and printed by Trish Mutka, a member of CalRTA Division 80.

I would like to thank again the CalRTA members who helped to choose our award winners: George Corwin, Melanie Murphy-Corwin, Dennis Crane, Linda Linville, Maggie Little, Hal Marzell, Terry Marzell, Nancy Morgan, Margit Olson, Ulda Revollo, Kathy Shepardson, and Lura Staffanson. Even though we were not able to have in-person interviews again this year due to the pandemic, we were pleased by the high caliber of the candidates. We can be proud of the teachers of CNUSD and the perseverance and talent of our students!

Gifts to the Division 80 Scholarship Fund can be given at any time and will provide money for awards to next year’s candidates. Please consider a gift to honor someone who valued education, or someone who still does.

By Kathleen Shepardson, Scholarship Chair

Gifts to the Division 80 Scholarship Fund can be given at any time and will provide money for awards to next year’s candidates. Please consider a gift to honor someone who valued education, or someone who still does.
Dear CA Retired Teachers Assoc. Division #80:

My name is Ana Calvillo and I am a recipient of your 2021 Scholarship in the amount of $500.

I am writing to thank you for our generosity in funding my education. Growing up in a home where money was scarce, my goal has always been to not incur any college debt, therefore I am beyond grateful for your generosity as it is helping me achieve that dream…

My high school journey has been an obstacle course of its own, however, it is these challenges and circumstances that have kept me humble and hungry for more. Being a low-income, first-generation student comes with its own hurdles; however high school was more than that as I faced personal medical complications, financial lows, and loss of loved ones…Although tough, I learned the value of hard work, and it has all come to fruition as I now exit high school full of empathy, resilience, and gratitude…

Now, I am headed to the University of California, Irvine, where I will pursue a degree in Business Administration and Psychology, with the goal of working with disadvantaged youth through the nonprofit sector.

Again, thank you for your scholarship. I promise you, it will not go to waste as I will continue forward with integrity and determination throughout my college years and life. To express my gratitude, I would like to ask if there are any volunteer opportunities or events through which I could give back to your organization. Please let me know if this is a possibility.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Ana Calvillo
(Centennial High School)

Dear California RTA Committee,

Robert F. Kennedy once said, “Some see things as they are, and ask why. I dream of things that never were, and ask why not?” Thanks to the CalRTA, I can finally pursue the “why not?” in my education.

I would like to thank you tremendously for choosing me as a scholarship recipient. It means more than the financial award to me; it means being proud of past accomplishments and knowing that my efforts to change the community does not go unnoticed. I thank the scholarship committee donors, as well as all of the retired teachers’ association. With your funds, I’ll be able to begin research and look into studying abroad next semester! I wish you all the best, and I’ll make sure to keep you all updated!

Best regards,
Tessa Aguilar
In Memoriam…

Ruth Kremer
April 27, 1939—May 9, 2021

Ruth Kremer, retired CNUSD teacher and CalRTA member, passed away on May 9, 2021 in Corona. She was 82 years old. Ruth was born in 1939 in Waterbury, Connecticut. She graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1961 and later earned a Master's Degree in Special Education from the University of La Verne. She worked for 26 years for the CNUSD as a teacher in various roles from elementary to high school. After retiring from teaching, she worked for Weight Watchers, led communion services at the Chino prison, served on the board for the Epilepsy Foundation, served on the Corona Interfaith Council, was a member of the American Association of University Women, and helped mentor and empower at-risk girls at Orange Grove High School.

Our sincere condolences to Ruth’s family and friends

Have You Heard?

BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLIES
BY WAYNE HAYASHIBARA

TO THE PERSON
WHO CAN HEAR
THE SWEET SINGING
IN A CHILD’S NEWBORN CRY.

OR APPRECIATES
THE COLORS
OF THE MAPLE TREE
WHEN THE SEASONS CHANGE.

THEN I BID YOU COME
AND WATCH OUR CHILDREN GROW
THEY ARE LEAVING THEIR COCOONS
TO BECOME BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLIES.

Staffansons celebrate 56th anniversary

Division 80 member Lura Staffanson and her husband John celebrated 56 years of marriage on July 9. Happy Anniversary, Staffansons!
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Watch for our weekly legislative alerts:
Take Action Tuesday
Wake Up Wednesday
Tell Your Representative Thursday
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.

August 23, 2021
Planning Meeting

September 24, 2021
Board, General Meeting

October 22, 2021
Board Meeting

December 3, 2021
Board, General Meeting

January 28, 2022
Board Meeting

February 25, 2022
Board, General Meeting

March 25, 2022
Board Meeting

April 22, 2022
Board, General Meeting

June 3, 2022
Board, General Meeting

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.

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