CNTA President Chris Rodriguez addresses members

By Ulda Revollo and Terry Lee Marzell

CNTA President Chris Rodriguez addressed members of Division 80 at the Feb. 28 meeting. She spoke about issues currently being addressed by CNTA.

Rodriguez described the formula that the state uses to determine funding for school districts. She commented that because CNUSD does not have 55% of its students in unduplicated categories (such as ESL students, foster students, or students who qualify for free or reduced lunch), the district is not eligible for the extra funding. CNUSD is one of three districts in the area that do not received the extra funding. Nevertheless, the district is still providing comparable services. Therefore, our District is doing more with less.

Rodriguez said teachers who work for the District are going the extra mile to provide services such as tutoring, extra supervision, and make-up classes, even though they may not be getting extra pay for this. This is increasing their level of stress.
Treasurer’s Report
By Margit Olson

This is the Treasurer’s Report from Dec., 2019, to March, 2020

Checking account balance: $10,593.60

Savings account balance: $8,383.67

2019-2020 Scholarship Fund goal: $4,500.00

2019-2020 Scholarship Fund donations received to date: $4,425.00

Scholarship Fund donations received Dec. 2019-Jan. 2020 from:

• Daniel Dunderman (in memory of Walter Dunderman)
• Maggie Little (in memory of Dr. Pedro Garcia, Mary La Bourde Jones, Pat Scott, and Laura Rhinehardt
• Chris Blum (in memory of Mary La Bourde Jones)
• Elizabeth and Donald Harris
• Margit Olson (in memory of Erma Paloma)
• Doris and Gary Osko (in memory of Erma Paloma)
• Mary Knox (in memory of Diane Burkett)

Send Scholarship Fund donations to: Margit Olson
2407 S. Cota Ave.
Corona, CA 92882-5918

Volunteer hours counted

Thanks to all who have turned in their volunteer hours. We had 24 members who sent volunteer hours. The hours came to a total of 25,475. Many thanks to all that responded. Please keep track of your hours for the next year, starting with March, 2020, and total them up at the end of Feb., 2021. Thanks for all you do to be of service to others.

Members enjoy luncheon

Division 80 members enjoyed a soup and salad luncheon held at the General Meeting on Fri., Feb. 28.

Care for spot of tea?

An excursion to the Tea and Teacups Tearoom is planned for Thurs., May 14, at 11:00 am. The Tearoom is located at 18154 Imperial Hwy, Yorba Linda, CA 92886. The menu includes a pot of tea, freshly baked scone, an assortment of five tea sandwiches, and three sweet treats. The cost is $28 per person. Other menu options for an additional price are also available. For more info, check out their website, click on Tea and Teacups. To be included in the reservation, please contact Terry Marzell at terrymarzell@gmail.com.
Division readies to award Scholarships

By Kathleen Sherpardson, Scholarship Chair

In February we asked CalRTA members to sign up to interview scholarship candidates. Presently we are set to interview candidates at seven high schools: Centennial, Corona, Eleanor Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy Middle College, Lee V. Pollard, Norco, and Santiago. These interviews are very rewarding, as we meet outstanding young people who hope to enter the field of education. It is frequently hard to decide, as many of the young people are exceptional.

Our interview teams this year will include George Corwin, Melanie Murphy-Corwin, Dennis Crane, Jean Kleih, Beth Kearney, Maggie Little, Terry Marzell, Nancy Morgan, Margit Olson, Ulda Revollo, Kathy Sheppardson, and Lura Staffanson.

If you would like to contribute toward a scholarship in memory of or in honor of family, friends, or former colleagues, please send your gift to Margit Olson, our CalRTA Division 80 Treasurer, at 2407 S. Cota Ave. Corona, CA 92882. Use the memo line to designate the Scholarship Fund and any specific memorials if you wish. Your gifts to the Scholarship Fund will help us to continue the tradition of helping future educators.

Donations are greatly appreciated! Thank you!

Division 80 offers Grants to CNUSD teachers

Division 80 is excited to offer new teacher grants to local teachers this year. Four grants of $100 each will be offered to CNUSD teachers.

Applicants must work in the CNUSD. A team of more than one person, such as a teacher plus an aide or a team of two or more teachers, are allowed to apply for one grant. At least one of the applicants must hold an active California Teaching Credential. Preference will be given to teachers who have not previously received a CalRTA local or state level grant. Grant money may be used for supplies, activities, or in any way the recipients choose that will directly benefit students.

Applications must be received by March 31, 2020. Recipients will receive their grants by no later than May 31, 2020. Teachers who garner the grants can then use the funds to support their classroom projects for the upcoming school year.

In addition to the new local grants, the state level of CalRTA also supports educators by providing grants to enrich their classroom instruction.

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In Remembrance

Robert Kroese

Our sincerest sympathies go to his family and friends.

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Have You Heard?

Marzells Volunteer to Work at the Polls

Teachers make significant contributions to their community, even after they retire. For example, retired teacher Terry Marzell (below, left) and her husband, Hal Marzell (right), both CalRTA members, volunteered to work the election polls for the California Primary held on Tues., March 3. It was a long day, beginning at 6:00 am and not ending until all election materials were packed up and on their way to the County Registrar of Voters at 8:30 pm. Working the polls is a favorite form of community service for many retired teachers.

Share your exciting news! Tell us about your recent vacations, latest adventures, anniversaries, special occasions, or any new additions to your family. You can recommend a good book or movie, or share a great recipe, work of art, or poem. Feel free to share photos, too. Send your news to Lemon Twist editor Terry Marzell at this following email: terrymarzell@gmail.com.

Children Are the Greatest Perk

By Wayne Hayashibara

It's tough
Being the parent
And knowing
What to do

I wish
There was a book
That had answers
To the situations
I've gone through

When children
Are little
And they come to you
With hurts

A little hug
A word of praise
Almost
Always works

As they get
A little older
And their identity
Ebbs and flows

The answers
To their problems
Often rattle
The parents’ nerves

Though
I wish it were simpler
The answers
In a book

I'd never change
The simple fact
That children
Are our greatest perk
Directory Updates

By Beverley Rouse

Here are the March updates for the Lime 2019-2020 Directory.

New member

Carol Cornell
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Lake Elsinore, CA
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(951) 259-5145
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Changes

Change Lynda Archer’s phone to (951) 675-3005

Deceased Members

Robert Kroeze
Erma Paloma

Send updates to beverleyrouse@sbcglobal.net
or 951-689-9861

Advocacy Day plans

CalRTA representatives are planning this year’s Advocacy Day for March 17, 2020. Organization members will meet with the state legislators in Sacramento to discuss issues that are of importance to retired teachers.

A significant push will be made to encourage the repeal of the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO). To read the more about this, click on this link Advocacy Day Platform.

In addition to the above actions, CalRTA leadership is calling for members to contribute to the push with emails and calls to their representatives in Sacramento and Washington, DC. See the contact information on page 7 for how to contact your elected representatives.

CalRTA plans Convention, Leadership Conference

State level officials of CalRTA are planning the annual Convention and Delegate Assembly to take place June 11-14, 2020, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Sacramento. Scheduled events will include an issues forum, advocacy direction, SamartPhone tips, and the future of learning.

In addition, CalRTA is planning their annual Leadership Conference which will take place Sept. 13-17, 2020, during a cruise onboard the Carnival Imagination departing from the port of Long Beach. Participants will include division presidents, government relations committee members, membership recruitment and resource committee members, communications and technology committee members, and the State Board of Directors.

Why I Belong to CalRTA . . .

View this three-minute YouTube video showing CalRTA members from around the state. They tell why they joined, what CalRTA is all about, and why the organization is so critical for their future – and to public education. Click on this link: https://tinyurl.com/y5sbm43g.

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U.S. Senator Kamala Harris (D)
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Congressman Ken Calvert (R-42)
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“Tell Your Rep Thursdays”

“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.

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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.

Beverley Rouse, Membership
Corona Norco, Area IX, Division 80
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Calendar of Meetings

Here is the calendar for Division 80 upcoming meetings for the remainder of this year. All Board Meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. All General Meetings begin at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

March 27, 2020  Board  CNTA
April 24, 2020  Board, General  CNTA
June 5, 2020  Board, General  Graziano’s

CNTA is located at 1189 Mountain Ave., Suite 100, Norco, CA 92860. Graziano’s Pizza is located at 3300 Magnolia Ave., Corona, CA 92879.

View our web page at https://div80.calrta.org
Contact the Corona Norco

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