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This month's Division 80 news

By Ulda Revollo and Terry Lee Marzell, Co-Presidents

Welcome to Autumn! As always, we wish you continued physical and emotional good health!

Retired Teachers Week will be celebrated this year during the week of Nov. 1-7. The annual observance celebrates CalRTA members throughout the state, and is an opportunity to express boundless appreciation for our retired teachers. Retired teachers provide a vital force of volunteers that keeps communities strong, even during the challenges of a pandemic.

Guest speakers at the Sept. 25 meeting were CNTA President Chris Rodriguez and CNUSD Deputy Superintendent Sam Buenrostro. The speakers discussed the challenges faced by teachers and students this academic school year. The discussion included possible ways retired teachers could help with these challenges. For more about this, see page 2.

In Remembrance. With sadness we report the unexpected passing in September of CalRTA President-Elect Rich Gipson. He passed following a brief illness. Rich lived in the Modesto area. State leaders are working to fill the vacant position.

Outreach. During the month of September, Division 80 volunteers continued to reach out by phone or mail to members for whom we do not have an email address. Please let us know if you have an email address you would like to share with us in order to receive communications more easily and more often.

Meetings will be held via Zoom until we can safely hold in-person group meetings. The next Board meeting will be held on Fri., Oct. 23, at 9:30 am. All members are invited to attend. To join the meetings, use Meeting ID 875 1577 0020 and Passcode 962812. See you there!

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Division 80 organizes support for CNUSD teachers

One of the goals of CalRTA is to provide support for teachers currently serving in the classroom. At the Sept. 25 General Meeting, members of Division 80 asked CNUSD Deputy Superintendent Sam Buenrostro and CNTA President Chris Rodriguez what assistance CalRTA members could offer to CNUSD classroom teachers during the difficult times presented by the pandemic.

During the discussion a number of constructive ideas were discussed. The following is a summary of the discussion.

The need for morale boosters

The point was made that right now, overworked and highly-stressed classroom teachers need morale-boosters.

Last year, the Division 80 Board approved a budget expenditure of \$400 to be spent on grants for classroom teachers. Due to the unexpected Covid-related closures, the grant program was suspended, and the money was not spent.

On Sept. 30, Board members voted to use a portion of the previously-approved money to buy morale-boosters for CNUSD teachers. The amount of \$290 will be used to purchase 29 \$10 gift cards to be given to district elementary teachers in a random drawing, one at each elementary school in the district. The gift cards would serve as an expression of support and appreciation for the teachers' dedication and hard work during these especially difficult times. The approved motion also included postage to mail the gift cards to the recipients.



The Board plans is to approve additional funds to purchase gifts cards for secondary teachers at the Oct. monthly meeting.

Organizing instructional assistance

The group is looking into the possibility of organizing distance instructional assistance. (Can we read a book aloud to students via Zoom? Is there internet research we can do to help a teacher find a relevant resource for a lesson? Can we help grade papers?)

Ideally, CalRTA would like to set up an online system where the classroom teacher could register a need which could then be matched with a CalRTA member willing to assist with that specific need.

Tutoring through the Parent Center

Looking for ways to help needy students safely during the pandemic? The CNUSD Parent Center is seeking volunteers to help students with online tutoring. Currently, the tutoring assistance is being offered to K-6 students, with a priority being given to the District's homeless children.

If you are interested, you can provide one-on-one tutoring via Zoom from the comfort and safety of your home. The District will provide technology and other resources to the students.

To become involved, [click here to register](#). Parent Center staff will direct you to an online orientation. If you have any questions, contact the CNUSD Parent Center at (951) 273-3132, or email Rosa Vilella at rvillela@cnusd.k12.ca.us.

Measure GG Report

Beth Kearney, Senior Citizens Representative

My time as your Senior Citizens Representative on the Measure GG Committee will come to an end in Feb. 2021.

The Board of Education makes these appointments. One of the requirements in Measure GG was the establishment of a Citizens’ Oversight Committee with one member being a senior citizen affiliated with a seniors’ organization. This committee communicates its findings to the School Board and the public to ensure that funds are spent only for the purposes described in the bond as approved by voters. It is crucial to have an educator on this committee that knows CNUSD, and we do not want to lose our voice on this committee.

We need help filling this position. The application process is easy and those interested in being considered should apply. The two options for the application are found on the CNUSD Website under Measure GG Oversight Committee, Notice of Vacancy/Application. Please submit only one of the following:

1. Citizens’ Oversight Committee online fillable PDF Application, which can be emailed to: vdingler@cnusd.k12.ca.us.

2. Citizens’ Oversight Committee handwritten submission Application to: Business Services Department, 2820 Clark Avenue, Norco, California 92860-1903.

Meetings are about every three months and are not long, about 1-2 hours. If you, a relative, or a neighbor would like to serve as the Senior Representative, please encourage them to do so. If you or they have more questions, please call me at (951) 255-9771 or email me at bakearney21@att.net.

Treasurer’s Report

By Margit Olson

This is the Treasurer’s Report for September 25, 2020.

Checking account balance: \$13,401.90

Savings account balance: \$4,666.92

2020-2021 Scholarship donations received since July 1, 2020: \$400.00

Scholarship donations received from Sandra Fielding, in memory of Michael Olson

Celebrating
Retired Teachers Week

RETIREMENT TEACHERS

November 1-7, 2020

Donate to Scholarship Fund in RBG's name

By Kathleen Shepardson, Scholarship Chair

October is here already. Despite the difficulties of coping with a pandemic, we continue to support our goals. Our scholarship award checks have been much appreciated by the recipients. I thank each of you who were able to donate to help them.

Yet another new school year has begun, a difficult one for both students and teachers. It is my hope that our Scholarship Committee will be able to award at least one scholarship at each of our comprehensive high schools.

If there is someone who values education among your friends, you might want to honor his or her birthday with a donation to the scholarship fund. We encourage a memorial gift for colleagues or family members who have passed away.

I have a proposal for those who admired **Ruth Bader Ginsburg**. I would suggest that we honor her contributions to equality and justice by donating to the scholarship fund in her memory.

As a college student and graduate in the 60s, I had to face much discrimination because of my gender. A scholarship committee deciding between me and a male candidate chose the young man

because I might get married and the scholarship would be wasted in their eyes. I, too, had a professor question why I would take a class in foreign relations, since he preferred to teach men who would use the information. Three companies refused to hire me for administrative positions, as they only hired men for those positions. They recommended that I learn shorthand.

When I was a young married woman, I could not get a credit card or sign up for utility payments. These had to be in a husband's name. There were many roadblocks along the way.

Justice Ginsburg, as the leading court advocate for gender equality, argued a series of discrimination cases before the Supreme Court that established that the equal protection guarantee of the Constitution extends to women. **All** women in the United States today benefit from her decades of work for equality.

Please consider a donation to the CalRTA Division 80 Scholarship Fund in honor of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.



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

Have You Heard?

Scholarship recipient sends thanks

Gabrielle Cameron, 2019 graduate from Norco High School, was one of our scholarship recipients from last spring. She sent this thoughtful note to Division 80. Her note reads:

Hello! Thank you so much for picking and awarding me with your scholarship! I feel so blessed and it will help me so much! I will finally be able to pay off my housing freshman year & get a laptop! I am so grateful for your generosity towards someone you don't even know! You are helping me and my family out so much! Thank you again!

Sincerely,
Gabrielle Cameron

Recipe for Teaching

By Kathy Shepardson, CalRTA

Blend diversity with fraternity to
Create community.

Mix curiosity and creativity
To foster individuality.

Add expectations and inspiration
To build aspirations.

Layer alternately with knowledge and
A sense of the Beauty of Life.

Sift reason with kindness and compassion.
Sprinkle liberally with praise, respect, humor,
and Encouragement.

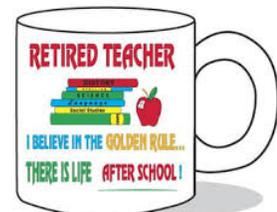
Let rise until well matured.

Turn out into society to serve Mankind.



Division 80 members Hal and Terry Marzell enjoyed a short vacation in San Diego in September. They spent a day at the San Diego Zoo, visited the San Diego Safari Park, and went to Balboa Park's Japanese Friendship Garden. The couple took a San Diego trolley tour, enjoyed a Seal harbor tour, went kayaking in La Jolla, and spent a day at Coronado Beach. Hal and Terry were careful to observe all Covid precautions, including masking, sanitizing, social distancing, and frequent hand washing.

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 October UPDATES for the Lime 2019-2020 Directory. I have sent the 2020-2021 Directory to the District print shop. You will probably receive it in mid to late October. It will be violet or magenta. Send your updates to me at beverleyrouse@sbcglobal.net or call (951) 689-9861.

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Insurance Report

By Margit Olson, Insurance Chair

If you are enrolled in CNUSD insurance plans, open enrollment is coming up this October. According to the CNUSD Benefits Department, insurance plans and enrollment information will be sent out to you during the first week of October. The insurance plans will stay the same, but check your rates for any increase. If you need to make any changes, you can do that via computer or by phone. Please check your mail.

For all of you who are not on the CNUSD plan, but are on Medicare or Medicare Advantage, open enrollment for Medicare 2020 will start Nov. 1 and end Dec. 15. Please review your current Medicare health plan. Many plans are always changing their coverage, particularly their drug coverage. Check with an insurance agent if your current plan is still right for you. Also, medicare.gov is an excellent resource to check out various plan options.

Wear your mask, keep your social distance, and stay healthy. To contact me, email at margito@aol.com. If you text, you can reach me at: (951) 236-7118. Call CNUSD Benefits Department: Lisa Hatfield at (951) 736-5026.



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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 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 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.

October 23, 2020	Board
December 4, 2020	Board, General
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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