At the General Meeting held on June 7, 2019, ten CalRTA members were recognized for their contributions of 1,000 or more volunteer hours last year. They are Doris Osko, Mary Lou Wallace, Ulda Revollo, Nancy Berry, Kathy Shepardson, Jean Kleih, Mary Knox, Erma Paloma, Carol Freeman, and Christine Blum. Our community is indeed fortunate for all the many hours of volunteer work donated by all of our CalRTA members.

This month Division 80’s Executive Board is concentrating on improving our outreach to members, and to publicize local division news and all the numerous community service events and activities that local CalRTA members participate in. We encourage everyone to check out the Division 80 Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100008048237659. Or you can search Facebook for “CalRTA Corona Norco.” Remember to friend the page! Also, feel free to check out the state-level Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/CalRTA/. In addition, we suggest you examine the treasure trove of information available on the state-level website at https://calrta.org. Finally, if you would like to send an email to the local division, you can do so at www.calrtacn.org.

CalRTA yearly dues will be increased to $66 effective Jan. 1, 2020. This amount reflects a modest increase of only $1 per month. If you renew your membership before Jan. 1 you only have to pay the current amount of $54, so get those renewals in!
New slate of officers installed

The new slate of officers for Division 80 were formally installed at the General Meeting on Friday, June 7. Standing from left to right are Ron Breyer, Area IX Director, with newly installed Division 80 slate of officers (left to right) Ulda Revollo, Dennis Crane, Beverley Rouse, Rondi Verdugo, Terry Marzell, Maureen Macomber, and Erma Paloma.

Treasurer’s Report

By Erma Paloma

This is the Treasurer’s Report for June 7, 2019:

Checking account balance: $9,802.11

Savings account balance: $3,784.93

2018-2019 scholarships goal: $3,500.00

2018-2019 Scholarships donations to date: $1,319.00

Scholarship donations received since last newsletter:
• CalRTA Division 80 memorial for Anne Tibbet

Awarded 7 scholarships: $3,500.00

CORRECTION!

The May issue of the Lemon Twist incorrectly stated that Barbara Rikensrud had made a donation to the CalRTA Division 80 Scholarship Fund in honor of Dorothea Wilson. The credit for the donation should have been reported as Bettie Rikansrud.

Entertainment for the June 7 meeting was provided by Fred Pease, a retired Corona Norco teacher. Fred played the guitar and sang a selection of popular songs.

Division 80 members Mary Knox and Hattie Lomayesva were present at the July 7 meeting. Mary received an award for her many hours of volunteer work. Following the meeting, Mary and Hattie enjoyed a delicious lunch and entertainment.
Good news shared in Legislative Report

The following is the legislative update for June, 2019. There is good news to share about the state budget, say CalRTA Regional Legislative Chairs Bob and Joyce Rittman.

The Rittmans report that the California State Legislature and the governor made the full contribution to the Teachers’ Retirement Fund and the Supplemental Benefit Maintenance Account.

In addition, the legislature and the governor also provided supplemental payments to the Teachers’ Retirement Fund to reduce a portion of the employer contribution rate increases required by the CalSTRS full-funding act. The supplemental contributions keep CalSTRS on the path to full-funding in 2046, while also providing some additional discretionary funding for schools.

Furthermore, included in the budget actions were significant increases for early childhood education (pre-school and childcare) and special education.

CalRTA thanks Governor Newsom and the California Legislature for protecting pensions and supporting public education in the 2019-2020 state budget.

Directory Updates

Here are the June, 2019, updates for the yellow 2018-2019 directory:

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Scholarships presented; gratitude expressed

By Kathleen Shepardson, Scholarship Chair

Our scholarship interview teams selected seven students for awards this year. Each award was $500.00, for a total of $3,500. These impressive students have expressed a desire to work in education.

As Scholarship Chairman, and on behalf of Division 80, I would like to thank all those who generously donated to our scholarship funds. If we are to continue our support of young people in our district who wish to have a career in education, I encourage you to send a donation to the scholarship fund of CalRTA Division 80 to our treasurer, Erma Paloma. Honor the birthday of a family member or a colleague by sending a donation. Honor the memory of a former colleague in the same way. These funds will provide help to future teachers, counselors, administrators, and support personnel.

In addition, I would like to say how much I appreciate the CalRTA members who interviewed candidates and those who presented awards at the high school awards ceremonies. Our presenters consisted of George Corwin at Santiago High School; Dennis Crane at Lee Pollard High School; Hal Marzell at Eleanor Roosevelt High School; Terry Marzell at JFK Middle College High School; Margit Olson at Corona High School; Kathy Shepardson at Centennial High School; and Rondi Verdugo at Norco High School. Thank you!

We extend special gratitude to Trish Mutka who printed certificates for each of the students selected for an award. Ulda Revollo contacted our Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes who provided additional congratulatory certificates to each of the CalRTA Division 80 award winners.

May 20, 2019

I just wanted to say I’m so thankful. I didn’t think I was going to get this scholarship but I’m so happy. Honestly this has taken a huge weight off my back due to it will cover some of my college expenses. Hopefully I (will) become a successful teacher and when I receive my diploma I’ll look back and will have to thank you guys once again for believing in me. Thank you so much. You guys are angels.

Saira Cabrera Gonzalez
Scholarship Recipient
Centennial High School

Congratulations to all our CalRTA scholarship recipients!
Lemon Twist Delivery

By Lynda Archer

We currently offer two ways of newsletter delivery. The first is by traditional USPS mail, and the second is via email. We automatically mail the Lemon Twist unless you sign up for email delivery. So, if you do not currently receive your newsletter via email, but would prefer to, please notify me by phone or email. See the contact information below. Email delivery saves CRTA postage and printing costs, so we encourage you to consider this method.

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Have You Heard?

Hayashibaras welcome first grandchild

CalRTA members Wayne and Shirlene Hayashibara announce the birth of their first grandchild. His name is Kai, born to their daughter Shannon. The new baby boy weighed 6 lbs., 11 oz. “Shirlene and I are very happy!” says Wayne.

Marzell earns award from State Assembly

Division 80 member Terry Marzell received a Certificate of Recognition from the California State Legislature on May 9, 2019. The award was given "In Honor of Your Leadership and Service" in the 55th District. Assemblyman Phillip Chen sponsored the recognition.

Share your exciting news with your fellow CalRTA members. Tell us about your recent vacations, latest adventures, special occasions, or any new additions to your family. You could also recommend a good book or movie, or share a great recipe. Feel free to send photos, too. We’ll print as many submissions as we can fit in an upcoming issue of the Division 80 newsletter. Send your news to Lemon Twist editor Terry Lee Marzell at terrymarzell@gmail.com.
Measure GG Bond plans, expenditures described

By Beth Kearney, Senior Citizens Representative

On June 10, 2019, the Citizens’ Oversight Committee (COC) held our last meeting. We have new members and were able to have an official meeting. New members are Bryan Graves, Corona Business Rep; Nilo Ambriz, Corona Parent; Raul Gomez, Eastvale Parent; Amanda Wade, Norco Parent; and Jennifer Jones, Eastvale Parent & PTA Rep. We still have one opening for a Corona Parent & PTA Rep. If you are interested, please visit the CNUSD Website, Measure GG Oversight Committee, to apply. We need that position filled ASAP.

Projects completed, nearing completion, and future projects were presented. Money is being spent at an alarming rate, so much that Measure GG Bonds scheduled to be sold through the year 2031 will be complete before 2025. The District’s rationale for selling bonds earlier is the increasing cost of construction. So, their rationale is sell bonds and spend now while costs are lower. The buying power of the $396M has dropped about $100M.

The original bond had a disclaimer that stated if the District does not receive matching funding for projects from the state of California and if project costs rise, all projects on the Master Plan of Projects scheduled for Measure GG may not be completed. That’s what is happening. The District has been waiting for matching bond funds from Prop 51 which have only begun to be released. Our paperwork is “in-line” at the State Department, Sacramento, for matching funds when, and if, they release bond money for school construction projects. However, just because our paperwork is in, doesn’t mean our projects will be approved or for requested amounts. Only time will tell. In the meantime, our “wish list” for funds is stalled in Sacramento.

Since the beginning, I have been lobbying the money must be spent as close to classrooms as possible. To date with Series A, B, and C, only 38 classrooms (mostly kindergarten) have been or will be added to improve existing schools, along with mainly common areas used by students, technology updates, fencing/security systems, and school office complexes. We also have spent $75.5M on the new eSTEM Academy and Rondo Elementary. While offices needed updating, I have been urging common sense use of money and NOT lavish office spaces. That has not happened so far. The District has assured our committee they will do so with Series C and D. Time will tell.

I also have been constantly reminding our Committee and the District that the Bond percentage by cities MUST be followed. As of today, those percentages are NOT aligned correctly. The District says the percentages will be correct upon bond completion. We shall wait to see if this can be accomplished.

Our next meeting will be August 26, 2019. The public is welcome. Agendas and minutes are posted on the District website.
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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.
Here are the dates of upcoming meetings. 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. More details to follow.

Aug. 23, 2019  Board Meeting  9:30 a.m.  CNTA
Planning meeting. All members are welcome to attend.

Sept. 27, 2019  Board, General  Graziano’s
Oct. 25, 2019  Board  CNTA
Dec. 6, 2019  Board, General  CNTA
Jan. 24, 2020  Board  CNTA
Feb. 28, 2020  Board, General  CNTA
March 27, 2020  Board  CNTA
April 24, 2020  Board, General  CNTA
June 5, 2020  Board, General  Graziano’s

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