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Celebrating Retired Teachers Week

November 4-10

By Ulda Revollo

Co-President, CalRTA Division 80

Retired teachers have no class! True, they no longer have classrooms of their own, but the entire community is their classroom. In 2017, retired teachers in California, as a group, donated nearly 2 million volunteer hours to their community.

In the Corona, Norco, and Eastvale areas, retired teachers give back to the community by supporting literacy programs at the their local public libraries; speech, drama and debate programs, specifically known as Friends of Forensics through RCC; art festivals in conjunction with CNUSD; and art programs through the Art Association of Corona. We also participated in the Day of the Child event and volunteered in several churches’ neighborhood events. Lastly, we hosted events for current teachers and raised money for scholarships. Last year alone, we gave eight scholarships to college-bound high school seniors.

Yes, they have no classroom of their own, but a whole community to serve.



Measure GG Bond Update

Citizens Oversight Committee

Beth Kearney, Senior Citizens Representative

Our committee last met on Sept. 10, 2018. Unfortunately, we did not have a quorum of members, so we couldn't make any business decisions or votes.

At the meeting, Mr. Alan Giles, CNUSD Business Office, said, "any additional funds received in 2019 and 2020 from the State for modernization and Prop 51 State Bond money will be used to cover additional cost for Measure GG projects." (Meeting Minutes, June 4, 2018) However, in the Measure GG's presentation to the CNUSD School Board on Oct. 2, 2018, this statement was included, "The allocation of bond proceeds used to fund projects listed on the scope of projects may be affected by the District's receipt of State matching funds and the final cost of each project. In the absence of State matching funds, which the District will aggressively pursue to reduce the District's share of the costs of the projects, the District may not be able to complete some of the projects listed. The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids are awarded and projects are completed. Based on the final cost of each project, certain projects listed on the

scope of projects may be delayed or may not be completed."

The next projects should be Norco Intermediate School, new admin building, new library, new multi-purpose room and gym, covered walkways and center entrance point to campus (Sept. 2019-Summer 2021); Jefferson Elementary School, new admin building, new library, new computer lab, and classrooms (Summer 2019-Summer 2021); continue working on eSTEM High School (Aug. 2019), Rondo Elementary (2021) and Garretson Elementary (completion Dec. 2018). Another \$15,000,000 will be allocated for finishing technology installation at sites not finished in the Series A.

We were told that any changes to the list of projects would be brought to the committee before beginning for more transparency. Our next meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2018.



Entertainment, cookies for December meeting

Just a reminder that the Corona High School Madrigals Singers will be singing for us on Friday, Dec. 7, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. at the CNTA office building. We invite you to enjoy their performance and bring a friend. Also, you can donate cookies to fill goodie bags for them, which we will assemble on the day before the performance. If you want to donate goodies and also help us assemble the goodie bags, please bring the cookies to the CNTA office on Thursday, Dec. 6, at 10 a.m. We probably will be done in less than an hour. Thank you!

Treasurer's Report

By Erma Paloma

The following is the financial report for CalRTA, Division 80, as of October 26, 2018:

Checking Account Balance: \$10,407.05

Savings Account Balance: \$7,822.54

So far, four scholarships awarded last spring have been funded, for a total of \$2,000.00.

The Division's scholarship goal for 2018-2019 is \$3,500.00. So far, in the 2018-2019 academic year, donations for the scholarship fund have totaled \$361.00.

Scholarship Fund donors:

- Jean Kleih
- Mary Fields
- Carol Freeman

Melissa Klarr, in memory and honor of Corona High School friends Judy Hadcox, Terry Phillips, and more.

Cash from 9/28/2018 meeting

Many teachers are also veterans



Thank you for your service!

We Need You to Apply!

By Beth Kearney

Since Feb., 2014, I have been serving as the Senior Citizens' Representative on Measure GG Citizens' Oversight Committee. My tenure is over in Feb., 2019. This is a very important committee because it affects YOUR TAXES and how bond tax money is spent. With the approval of a bond measure under Proposition 39, school district boards are required to establish an independent oversight committee for bonds in that district. The committee keeps the public informed about bond expenditures by providing oversight to make sure bond money is spent for construction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities. This committee meets 4-6 times per year. Once per year we take a district tour of projects underway, and once per year we make an open presentation to the CNUSD School Board. Meetings are held at the District Office from 6:00-8:00 pm, with dinner included. If you are interested, apply on the CNUSD website, Measure GG.

Record number of educators run for office

By Terry Marzell

A record number of educators ran for political office in the mid-term elections this year, according to an article published online by *Education Week* (originally published July 17, 2018; updated Nov. 8, 2018). At least 177 teachers, retired teachers, and administrators nationwide threw their hats into the political ring. Of these candidates, at least 42 were elected to the offices they sought on Tues., Nov. 7.

Many of these educators mounted campaigns as a result of teacher activism in states where school funding and teacher pay are hotly-contested issues. Of the 177 candidates, a whopping 67 of them were from Oklahoma and 20 were from Kentucky. The states of Arizona, West Virginia, and Colorado also saw an uptick in teacher candidates.



"Educators are already leaders in their communities and are often the first to respond to challenges and opportunities faced by their students and families," commented Carrie Pugh, Political Director of the National Education Association. "In many cases, educators are running after seeing years of legislative neglect and the chronic underfunding of public education," she continued. "Educators now are demanding more for their students. They are taking matters into their own hands and running for office. They are ready to step up for their students, their communities, and public education," she concluded.

To view a list of the individual candidates, click on the link at www.edweek.org.

Governor Brown supports changes to "California Rule"

CalRTA reports that during his press conference for the state budget, Governor Jerry Brown restated his support to amend the "California Rule," which gives the governor more flexibility when making decisions about preserving pension benefits that were promised to state employees. The issue will ultimately be decided by the California Supreme Court.

CalRTA supports the California Rule and the protections it provides. Recently, state CalRTA

leaders issued an OpEd to statewide media voicing the organization's support. CalRTA has declared their intention to continue to monitor the issue as the court case moves forward. For now, they say it is important to remember that the court has not authorized any changes to the "California Rule" protecting pensions.

You can learn more about this issue by clicking on the link: [CalRTA OpEd California Rule](#).

Some basic information about CalRTA

While very active on issues affecting teachers, retirement, and public education, CalRTA is a nonpartisan organization. The State Board of Directors takes positions on ballot issues but does not endorse candidates for political office. CalRTA is characterized by grassroots activism. Volunteerism is at the core of the Association. All officers serve without pay, and

leadership grows from the local level. CalRTA is a tireless watchdog over the California State Teachers Retirement System (CalSTRS). The Association helps ensure that the state honors its commitment to teachers and supports fiscally prudent measures to improve the financial security of retired educators. Learn more at www.calrta.org.

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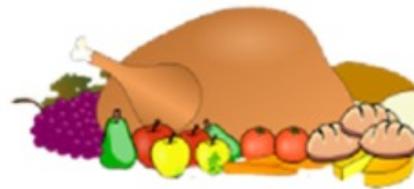
Many thanks
to Carol Conway



For your years of service as
the editor of the Lemon Twist

A THANKSGIVING POEM

May your stuffing be tasty,
May your turkey plump,
May your potatoes and gravy
have nary a lump.
May your yams be delicious
and your pies take the prize,
and may your
Thanksgiving dinner
stay off your thighs!



The importance of Advance Directives

An Advance Directive is a document that specifies how you want things to be handled if for any reason you cannot make decisions for yourself. Advance Directives are important for everyone, but especially for retired individuals.

There are two types: medical and financial. The AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) urges you to have both. These documents can be a godsend for you and your family.

Medical Advance Directives

A medical Advance Directive may be called a Living Will, a Health Care Power of Attorney, or a Health Care Proxy. This document states your wishes regarding medical treatment, but it is not the normal will used to distribute property at the time of death.

To complete this Advance Directive, you select someone to make critical health decisions for you if you cannot. Choose

someone strong who knows you well and that you trust to carry out your wishes.

Most states don't require a specific form, but the document must be notarized and there are conditions for signatures. It would be best to consult your attorney. Once you have completed the document, ensure your doctors and family members have copies, and save a copy for yourself. Review this document every two years, because situations change.

Financial Advance Directives

A Financial Advance Directive names someone you trust to handle your financial affairs in the event you become unable to do so. Your Financial Advance Directive should detail your directions for paying your bills. With your wishes clearly spelled out, your relatives won't have the responsibility of making financial decisions for you or appointing a guardian for you if you become incapacitated.

Have you heard?

Division 80 invites you to share your exciting news with your fellow CalRTA members. Tell us about your vacations, adventures, special occasions, or any new additions to your family. You could also recommend a good book 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 *Lemon Twist*. Send your news to Terry Marzell at terrymarzell@gmail.com.

In Remembrance



Nancy Wojton

Our deepest sympathies go to
Nancy's family and friends

2018-2019 Directory Updates

Add new members:

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Roster of Officers: Change the Newsletter Editor to Terry Marzell

Joanna Haspels: Change her phone number to (928) 718-5887; change her zip code to 86401-6484

Jean Kleih: Remove her email address

John McCawley: Change his phone number to (951) 733-6836; add "Lincoln" as his school

Susan Gregg Perez: Change her phone number to (951) 818-4166

Robert Pucci: Change his phone number to (909) 392-7982. Change his email to robertpucci@twc.com

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CalRTA
Mission
Statement

The mission of CalRTA 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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Calendar of Meetings

Dec. 7, 2018	General Meeting	10:30 a.m.	CNTA
Entertainment: Corona High School Madrigals. Cookies and punch.			
Jan. 25, 2019	Board Meeting	9:00 a.m.	CNTA
Feb. 22, 2019	General Meeting	10:30 a.m.	CNTA
Melanie Murphy-Corwin will give a presentation about ancestry.			
March 22, 2019	Board Meeting	9:00 a.m.	CNTA
April 26, 2019	General Meeting	10:30 a.m.	CNTA
Presentation: Deputy Superintendent Dr. Sam Buenrostro from CNUSD and Chris Rodriguez, President of CNTA. Election of officers. Catered lunch.			
June 7, 2019	General Meeting	10:30 a.m.	Graziano's
Recognition of volunteers. Installation of new officers.			
Aug. 23, 2019	Board Meeting	9:00 a.m.	CNTA
Planning Meeting			

All members are welcome to attend Board Meetings.
CNTA is at 1189 Mountain Ave., Suite 100 Norco, CA 92860
Graziano's Pizza is at 3300 Magnolia Ave., Corona CA 92879



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Time Dated Materials
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